

## 19TH CONSTITUENCY MEETING, BAKU, 16-18 APRIL 2019

### DRAFT AGENDA

<b>TUESDAY APRIL 16, 2019</b>	<b>HYATT REGENCY HOTEL, NIZAMI ROOM, 1033 IZMIR STREET, BAKU</b>
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>Session 1: Opening Session</b> Welcoming remarks by His Excellency Minister Mukhtar Babayev, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources from Azerbaijan Welcoming remarks by Simone Haeberli, Chargée d’Affaires a.i. Embassy of Switzerland Welcoming remarks by Stefan Schwager, GEF Council Member Adoption of the Agenda, Election of Rapporteur Comments by GEFSEC
<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Session 2: Report back from the 55th GEF Council Meeting</b> ( <i>chaired by Council Member</i> ) Short input from the GEFSEC and/or GEF Council Member, followed by a question and answer session
<b>10:00 – 10:45</b>	<b>Session 3: Items to be discussed at the 56th GEF Council Meeting</b> ( <i>chaired by Council Member</i> ) Short introduction by GEFSEC and/or GEF Council Member, each followed by discussion. Proposed items to be dealt with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Budget</li> <li>○ Proposed Procedure for Non-Compliance with Minimum Standards contained in the Policy on Environmental and Social Safeguards</li> <li>○ Report of Working Group on Harmonization</li> </ul>
<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	<i>Coffee Break in the Foyer</i>
<b>11:15 – 12:30</b>	<b>Continued Session 3: Items to be discussed at the 56th GEF Council Meeting</b> ( <i>chaired by Council Member</i> ) Short introduction by GEFSEC and/or GEF Council Member, each followed by discussion. Proposed items to be dealt with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Action Plan on AML/CFT and Compilation of Certificates</li> <li>○ Proposed Strategy on Private Sector Engagement</li> <li>○ Update of the Working Group on Governance</li> </ul>
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<i>Lunch in the Amirov Room at the Hyatt Regency Hotel</i>



<b>14:00 – 15:00</b>	<b>Session 4: Update on the implementation of the Impact Programs</b> <i>(chaired by Alternate Council Member)</i> Presentation of the GEF Secretariat followed by a discussion
<b>15:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Session 5: Projects and Programs of the Constituency in the upcoming Work Programme</b> <i>(chaired by Alternate Council Member)</i> Presentation of each Project/Program from the Constituency in the Work Programme by the Constituency Member in charge, followed by a question and answer session
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<i>Coffee break in the Foyer</i>
<b>16:30 – 17:30</b>	<b>Session 6: Discussion on the interaction with the agencies and the GEF Secretariat</b> <i>(chaired by Alternate Council Member)</i> Closed session for constituency members only
<b>17:30 – 18:00</b>	<b>Session 7: Summary of the first day</b> <i>(chaired by Alternate Council Member)</i> Wrap-up and summary of the first day by the Alternate GEF Council Member Konrad Specker, followed by a discussion
<b>18:45 – 19:15</b>	<i>Transfer to the dinner location</i>
<b>19:15</b>	<b>Dinner at Shirvanshah Museum Restaurant hosted by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan</b>

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<b>WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, 2019</b>	<b>HYATT REGENCY HOTEL,</b> <b>NIZAMI ROOM, 1033 IZMIR STREET, BAKU</b>
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Session 8: GEF-7 programming strategies of the Constituency Members</b> <i>(chaired by Alternate Council Member)</i> Presentation of the programming strategy of each Constituency Member (10-15 min) followed by a discussion (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Azerbaijan</li> <li>○ Kazakhstan</li> <li>○ Kyrgyz Republic</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<i>Coffee Break in the Foyer</i>
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Continued Session 8: GEF-7 programming strategies of the Constituency Members</b> <i>(chaired by Alternate Council Member)</i> Presentation of the programming strategy of each Constituency Member (10-15 min) followed by a discussion (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tajikistan</li> <li>○ Turkmenistan</li> <li>○ Uzbekistan</li> </ul>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<i>Lunch Break in the Amirov Room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel</i>



<b>13:30 – 14:15</b>	<b>Session 9: CAREC and its potential synergies with GEF</b> <i>(chaired by Council Member)</i> Presentation by Iskandar Abdullaev, Executive Director CAREC, followed by a discussion
<b>14:15 – 15:15</b>	<b>Session 10: Swiss bilateral development projects and programs with a focus on environment in the member countries of the Constituency</b> <i>(chaired by Council Member)</i> Presentation by Simone Haerberli, Deputy Regional Director of the Swiss Cooperation Office for the South Caucasus / Deputy Head of Mission, followed by a discussion
<b>15:15 – 16:00</b>	<b>Session 11: Regional and National Initiatives and Conferences</b> <i>(chaired by Council Member)</i> Information / Update of all constituency members about regional and national strategic environmental initiatives and / or conferences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Information / update from Uzbekistan</li> <li>○ Information / update from Turkmenistan</li> <li>○ Information / update from Tajikistan</li> </ul>
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<b>17:30 – 18:00</b>	<b>Session 12: Discussion of open issues with the constituency members</b> <i>(chaired by Council Member)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Next constituency meeting: location and focus</li> <li>○ Feedback on the constituency meeting</li> <li>○ Other items as suggested by participants</li> </ul>
<b>18:00 – 18:30</b>	<b>Session 13: Closing Remarks</b> <i>(chaired by Council Member)</i> Closing Remarks of the GEF Council Member Stefan Schwager and the participants of the Constituency Meeting
<b>18:30 – 19:00</b>	<i>Transfer to the Baku Conference Center</i>
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Participation at the launch of a dedicated movie on the Shadagh National Parks</b>

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**THURSDAY APRIL 18, 2019**

**SITE VISIT TO GIZIL-AGAJ NATIONAL PARK AT THE CASPIAN SEA**

07:00 – 10:00

*Pick-up at the hotel and transfer to Gizil-Agaj National Park*

**10:00 – 12:00**

**Excursion to the National Park**

Lead by Mr. Hikmat Alizadeh, Director of Biodiversity department and Mr. Chingiz Mammadov Senior Programme Adviser/Programme Analyst UNDP Azerbaijan

Presentation of the GEF/UNDP financed project on “Increasing representation of effectively managed marine ecosystems in the protected area system”

**12:00 – 13:00**

**Lunch at Gizil-Agaj National Park**

13:00 – 16:00

Transfer to Baku and excursion at Heydar Aliyev Center / Old city

Lead by Tural Mammadov, Head of Protocol Sector, International Cooperation Division

19:00 – 20:00

*Transfer to the hotel in Baku and Farewell (end of 19<sup>th</sup> Constituency Meeting)*

