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Belize	Morocco	Burkina Faso	Belarus	Cambodia	Indonesia	
Costa Rica	Tunisia	Cameroon	Bosnia & Herzegovina	China	Kiribati	
Cuba	Iran	Cape Verde	Bulgaria	India	Malaysia	
Dominica	Israel	Chad	Central African Republic	Korea DPR	Marshal Islands	
Dominican Republic	Jordan	Congo, DR	Croatia	Korea Rep.	Micronesia	
El Salvador	Lebanon	Congo, Republic of	Czech Republic	Lao	Nauru	
Grenada	Syria	Cote d'Ivoire	Estonia	Maldives	Niue	
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Mexico		Guinea	Kosovo	Sri Lanka	Salomon Islands	
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NOTIFICATION OF SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING GEF COUNCIL MEETINGS

2011

GEF Council Consultations with Civil Society Organizations and GEF Council Meeting – Week of May 23, 2011

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GEF Council Consultations with Civil Society Organizations and GEF Council Meeting – Week of November 7, 2011

MAY 2011 WORK PROGRAM

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| • April 19, 2011 | Draft Cover Note to GEFOP |
| • April 21, 2011 | GEFOP Meeting |
| • April 25, 2011 | Web posting of work program Cover Note |
| • May 23 – 26, 2011 | Council meeting |
| • May 26, 2011 | Council approval of work program |

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April 11 - 15, 2011

GEF ID	IA ID	Type	Focal Area	Decision Sought	Proponent	Country	Project Title	Program Manager	Date Received
<u>GEFSEC</u>									
4518		EA	Multi Focal Area	CEO EA Approval	GEFSEC	Cameroon	GEF National Portfolio Formulation Document	Susan Waithaka	11-Apr-11
<u>IADB</u>									
4454		FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PPG approval	IADB	Jamaica	Integrated Management of the Yallahs River and Hope River Watersheds	Mark Zimsky	14-Apr-11
4520		FP	Climate Change	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	IADB	Guyana	Sustainable Energy Program	David Elrie Rodgers	15-Apr-11
<u>IFAD</u>									
3893		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	IFAD	Mauritania	Support to the Adaptation of Vulnerable Agricultural Production Systems	Lars Christiansen	12-Apr-11

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UNDP									
4477	4600	FP	POPs	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Pakistan	Comprehensive reduction and elimination of Persistent Organic Pollutants in Pakistan	Anil Sookdeo	11-Apr-11
2251	4002	MSP	Biodiversity	CEO MSP Approval	UNDP	Jordan	Mainstreaming Marine Biodiversity Conservation into Coastal Management in the Aqaba Special Economic Zone	Mohamed Bakarr	11-Apr-11
4481	4562	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Bolivia	Fifth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Bolivia	Danielius Pivoriunas	12-Apr-11
3825	4048	FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Pakistan	Mountains and Markets: Biodiversity and Business in Northern Pakistan	Ulrich Apel	12-Apr-11
4469	4434	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PPG approval	UNDP	Turkey	Integrated Approach to Management of Forests in Turkey, with Demonstration in High Conservation Value Forests in the Mediterranean Region	Linda Heath	13-Apr-11
4102	4309	FP	Ozone Depleting Substances	CEO Approval for Milestone Extension	UNDP	Regional (Belarus, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan)	Initial Implementation of Accelerated HCFC Phase-out in the CEIT Region	Ibrahima Sow	14-Apr-11
4485	4092	FP	POPs	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Costa Rica	Integrated PCB Management in Costa Rica	Anil Sookdeo	14-Apr-11
4468	4419	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PPG approval	UNDP	Belarus	Landscape Approach to Management of Peatlands Aiming at Multiple Ecological Benefits	Dirk Gaul	15-Apr-11

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4456	4592	FP	Biodiversity	CEO PPG approval	UNDP	Uganda	Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Threatened Savanna Woodland in the Kidepo Critical Landscape in North Eastern Uganda	Jaime Cavelier	18-Apr-11

UNEP

3841		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP	Lesotho	Improvement of Early Warning System to Reduce Impacts of Climate Change and Capacity Building to Integrate Climate Change into Development Plans	Knut Sundstrom	12-Apr-11
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4391		MSP	POPs	CEO PIF Approval	UNIDO	Regional (Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Georgia, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Macedonia, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Serbia)	Regional Plan for the introduction of BAT/BEP strategies to industrial clusters of Annex C of Article 5 sectors in CEECCA region	Anil Sookdeo	8-Apr-11
3908		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNIDO	Malaysia	CF Industrial Energy Efficiency for Malaysian Manufacturing Sector (IEEMMS)	David Elrie Rodgers	11-Apr-11
4386		FP	POPs	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNIDO	Ukraine	Environmentally Sound Management and Final Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	Ibrahima Sow	12-Apr-11
3803		FP	POPs	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNIDO	India	Environmentally Sound Management of Medical Wastes in India	Jie Pan	13-Apr-11
4514		MSP	Climate Change	CEO MSP Approval	UNIDO	South Africa	Greening the COP17 in Durban	David Elrie Rodgers	15-Apr-11
4390		MSP	POPs	CEO PIF Approval	UNIDO	Cambodia	Environmentally Sound Management of PCBs	Anil Sookdeo	15-Apr-11

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3929	112419	FP	Biodiversity	CEO Approval for Milestone Extension	World Bank	Indonesia	Promoting Sustainable Production Forest Management to Secure Globally Important Biodiversity	Nicole Glineur	11-Apr-11
4515	117347	FP	Climate Change	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	World Bank	Regional (Albania, Macedonia, Serbia)	Southeastern Europe and Caucasus Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (SEEC CRIF)	Rawleston Moore	11-Apr-11
4515	117347	FP	Climate Change	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	World Bank	Regional (Albania, Macedonia, Serbia)	Southeastern Europe and Caucasus Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (SEEC CRIF)	Rawleston Moore	12-Apr-11
3611		FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO endorsement of FSP	World Bank	China	PRC-GEF Partnership: Mainstreaming Biodiversity Protection within the Production Landscapes and Protected Areas of the Lake Aibi Basin	Ulrich Apel	12-Apr-11
3886	91932	FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	World Bank	Colombia	Colombian National Protected Areas Conservation Trust Fund – Additional Financing for the Sustainability of the Macizo Regional Protected Area System (SIRAPM)	Mark Zimsky	13-Apr-11
4515	117347	FP	Climate Change	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	World Bank	Regional (Albania, Macedonia, Serbia)	Southeastern Europe and Caucasus Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (SEEC CRIF)	Rawleston Moore	13-Apr-11
4495	126141	FP	Climate Change	CEO PFD Clearance for WPI	World Bank	Regional (Burkina Faso, Burundi, Benin, Gabon, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania)	Lighting Africa Program Expansion (PROGRAM)	David Elrie Rodgers	14-Apr-11

GEF ID	IA ID	Type	Focal Area	Decision Sought	Proponent	Country	Project Title	Program Manager	Date Received
3960		MSP	Multi Focal Area	CEO MSP Approval	World Bank	Regional (Central African Republic, Congo, Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Congo DR)	CBSP-Capacity Building for Regional Coordination of Sustainable Forest Management in the Congo Basin under the GEF Program for the Congo Basin	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy	15-Apr-11
4511	125210	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PFD Clearance for WPI	World Bank	Regional (Burkina Faso, Benin, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Sudan, Senegal, Chad, Togo)	Sahel and West Africa Program in Support of the Great Green Wall Initiative	Mohamed Bakarr	15-Apr-11

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ADB										
3103		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	ADB, UNDP	Vietnam	Climate-resilient Infrastructure Planning and Coastal Zone Development	Lars Christiansen	14-Apr-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
IADB										
4454		FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PPG approval	IADB	Jamaica	Integrated Management of the Yallahs River and Hope River Watersheds	Mark Zimsky	11-Apr-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for PPG revision (Need clarification)
4454		FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	IADB	Jamaica	Integrated Management of the Yallahs River and Hope River Watersheds	Mark Zimsky	11-Apr-11	PIF cleared for WPI by CEO
4113		FP	Biodiversity	CEO Approval for Milestone Extension	IADB	Colombia	Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Palm Cropping in Colombia with an Ecosystem Approach	Mark Zimsky	12-Apr-11	Milestone Extension approved by CEO
4113		FP	Biodiversity	CEO Approval for Milestone Extension	IADB	Colombia	Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Palm Cropping in Colombia with an Ecosystem Approach	Mark Zimsky	14-Apr-11	Milestone Extension approved by CEO (Revised letter)
UNDP										
4090	2047	FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Nigeria	SPWA-BD Niger Delta Biodiversity Project	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy	7-Apr-11	FSP recommended for endorsement
4479	4637	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Guatemala	Sustainable Forest Management and Multiple Global Environmental Benefits	Ian Gray	11-Apr-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for PIF revision

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4481	4562	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Bolivia	Fifth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Bolivia	Danielius Pivoriunas	11-Apr-11	PIF clearance delayed for WPI by CEO (We found an error in the Management Costs in Table A in the cofinancing column.)
4481	4562	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Bolivia	Fifth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Bolivia	Danielius Pivoriunas	11-Apr-11	PIF cleared for WPI by CEO
4353	4519	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Mexico	Fifth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Program in Mexico	Danielius Pivoriunas	12-Apr-11	PIF cleared for WPI by CEO
4090	2047	FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Nigeria	SPWA-BD Niger Delta Biodiversity Project	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy	12-Apr-11	FSP circulated to Council before CEO endorsement
4099	4333	FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Mauritius	Removal of Barriers to Solar PV Power Generation in Mauritius, Rodrigues and the Outer Islands	Dimitrios Zevgolis	12-Apr-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
3825	4048	FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Pakistan	Mountains and Markets: Biodiversity and Business in Northern Pakistan	Ulrich Apel	13-Apr-11	FSP recommended for endorsement (Docs circulating for signature)
3955	3990	FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Cuba	Enhancing the Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species in Vulnerable Ecosystems	Mark Zimsky	14-Apr-11	FSP recommended for endorsement (Docs circulating for signature)
4102	4309	FP	Ozone Depleting Substances	CEO Approval for Milestone Extension	UNDP	Regional (Belarus, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan)	Initial Implementation of Accelerated HCFC Phase-out in the CEIT Region	Ibrahima Sow	14-Apr-11	Milestone Extension approved by CEO
3103	3741	FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	ADB, UNDP	Vietnam	Climate-resilient Infrastructure Planning and Coastal Zone Development	Lars Christiansen	14-Apr-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision

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3955	3990	FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Cuba	Enhancing the Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species in Vulnerable Ecosystems	Mark Zimsky	14-Apr-11	FSP endorsed by CEO
UNEP										
3401		FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP	Regional (Burundi, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda)	SIP-Equatorial Africa Deposition Network (EADN)	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy	12-Apr-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
3969		FP	POPs	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP, UNIDO	Regional (Burkina Faso, Benin, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Sao Tome and Principe, Chad, Togo)	AFLDC:Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the ECOWAS Subregion	Ibrahima Sow	13-Apr-11	FSP endorsed by CEO
4513		FP	Biodiversity	CEO PIF Approval	UNEP	Global	Support to GEF Eligible Parties (LDCs & SIDs) for the Revision of the NBSAPs and Development of Fifth National Report to the CBD	Mark Zimsky	14-Apr-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for PIF revision (04/14/11 Review Sheet send it to UNEP)

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3968		FP	POPs	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP, UNIDO	Regional (Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Congo DR)	AFLDC:Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the COMESA Subregion	Ibrahima Sow	14-Apr-11	FSP endorsed by CEO

UNIDO

3944		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNIDO	Liberia	SPWA-CC Installation of multi purpose mini-hydro infrastructure (for energy & irrigation)	Dimitrios Zevgolis	29-Mar-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
3959		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNIDO	Chad	SPWA-CC Promoting renewable energy based mini-grids for rural electrification and productive uses	Dimitrios Zevgolis	8-Apr-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
4184		MSP	Climate Change	CEO MSP Approval	UNIDO	Thailand	Promoting small biomass power plants in rural Thailand for sustainable renewable energy management and community involvement	Dimitrios Zevgolis	11-Apr-11	MSP sent to Agency for revision

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3969		FP	POPs	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP, UNIDO	Regional (Burkina Faso, Benin, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Sao Tome and Principe, Chad, Togo)	AFLDC:Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the ECOWAS Subregion	Ibrahima Sow	13-Apr-11	FSP endorsed by CEO
3968		FP	POPs	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP, UNIDO	Regional (Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Congo DR)	AFLDC:Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the COMESA Subregion	Ibrahima Sow	14-Apr-11	FSP endorsed by CEO
3917		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNIDO	Ukraine	Improving Energy Efficiency and Promoting Renewable Energy in the Agro-Food and other Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Ukraine	David Elrie Rodgers	14-Apr-11	FSP circulated to Council before CEO endorsement

World Bank

3967		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	World Bank	Morocco	Integrating Climate Change in Development Planning and Disaster Prevention to Increase Resilience of Agricultural and Water Sectors	Lars Christiansen	7-Apr-11	FSP circulated to Council before CEO endorsement
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4511	125210	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PFD Clearance for WPI	World Bank	Regional (Burkina Faso, Benin, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Sudan, Senegal, Chad, Togo)	Sahel and West Africa Program in Support of the Great Green Wall Initiative	Mohamed Bakarr	12-Apr-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for PFD revision (04/12/11 Review Sheet send it to WB PFD is technically cleared.)
4505		FP	Biodiversity	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	World Bank	Peru	Strengthening Sustainable Management of the Guano Islands, Islets and Capes National Reserve System (RNSIIPG)	Mark Zimsky	12-Apr-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for PIF revision
4487		FP	International Waters	CEO PFD Clearance for WPI	World Bank	Regional (Cameroon, Gabon, Comoros, Mauritania, Mozambique, Tanzania)	Strategic Partnership for Fisheries in Africa	Andrew Hume	13-Apr-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for PFD revision
3611		FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO endorsement of FSP	World Bank	China	PRC-GEF Partnership: Mainstreaming Biodiversity Protection within the Production Landscapes and Protected Areas of the Lake Aibi Basin	Ulrich Apel	13-Apr-11	FSP recommended for endorsement (Docs circulating for signature)
3611		FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO endorsement of FSP	World Bank	China	PRC-GEF Partnership: Mainstreaming Biodiversity Protection within the Production Landscapes and Protected Areas of the Lake Aibi Basin	Ulrich Apel	14-Apr-11	FSP circulated to Council before CEO endorsement (Due date May 12, 2011)
4515	117347	FP	Climate Change	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	World Bank	Regional (Albania, Macedonia, Serbia)	Southeastern Europe and Caucasus Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (SEEC CRIF)	Rawlestone Moore	14-Apr-11	PIF cleared for WPI by CEO

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MANAGEMENT OF ELAPSED TIMES IN THE GEF PROJECT CYCLE

The council has agreed on the following elapsed times, as standards for GEF project preparation:

- For full-sized projects, it will be 18 months (GEF-5) and 22 months (GEF-4), from Council approval of PIFs to CEO endorsement of final project document;
- For MSPs, it will be 12 months (GEF-4) from CEO approval of PIF to CEO approval of final project document;
- As MSPs go through a single-step approval in GEF-5, elapsed times do not matter. However, when an MSP requires a PPG, then a PIF along with the PPG request should be submitted. In this case, a 12 month elapsed time standard applies between PIF approval by CEO and CEO approval of final project document.

Any milestone extension beyond the above-mentioned norms will be based only on force majeure. GEF Agencies will get two alert messages -- 3 months, and 1 month -- before the CEO endorsement due date.

If you require additional clarity, please do not hesitate to contact Lily Uy Hale, at the GEF Secretariat.

With best regards,

Ramesh Ramankutty
Head, Operations and Business Strategy

INTRODUCING GEFSEC'S NEW STAFF



Roland Sundstrom, a Finnish national joined the Adaptation Cluster of the Climate and Chemicals team on February 28 as a Junior Professional Officer.

Prior to joining the GEF, Roland worked for the Environment and Climate Division of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), taking part in core policy work, background analysis and portfolio management as well as gaining exposure to a number of GEF projects. Roland has also interned for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Roland holds a Master of Social Sciences (M.Soc.Sc.) from the University of Helsinki, where he majored in development studies. During most part of his MA studies Roland was engaged in an international research project exploring the opportunities and constraints of participatory forest management in climate change mitigation and adaptation. In addition to adaptation, Roland has a keen interest in REDD-plus, community-based natural resource management, and common-pool resources.