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PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

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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	
Guatemala	Yemen Arab Republic	Equatorial Guinea	FYR Macedonia	Mongolia	Pacific Islands	
Haiti		Gabon	Georgia	Myanmar	Palau	
Honduras		Gambia	Hungary	Nepal	Papua New Guinea	
Jamaica		Ghana	Kazakhstan	Pakistan	Philippines	
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

2011

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

Requests Received from Implementing/Executing Agencies

February 7 - 11, 2011

GEF ID	IA ID	Type	Focal Area	Decision Sought	Proponent	Country	Project Title	Program Manager	Date Received
FAO									
3619		FP	International Waters	CEO endorsement of FSP	FAO	Regional (Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam)	CTI Strategies for Fisheries Bycatch Management	Nicole Glineur	27-Jan-11
3979		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	FAO	Mali	Integrating Climate Resilience into Agricultural Production for Food Security in Rural Areas	Lars Christiansen	4-Feb-11
3450		FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO endorsement of FSP	FAO	Iran	SFM Rehabilitation of Forest Landscapes and Degraded Land with Particular Attention to Saline Soils and Areas Prone to Wind Erosion	Aziza Akhatova	8-Feb-11
IADB									
3889		FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	IADB	Panama	Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation through low-impact ecotourism in the SINAP	Mark Zimsky	2-Feb-11
IFAD									
3932		MSP	Biodiversity	CEO MSP Approval	IFAD	Jordan	Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Silvo-Pastoral and Rangeland Landscapes in the Pockets of Poverty of Jordan	Mohamed Bakarr	9-Feb-11

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UNDP									
4374	4462	FP	Climate Change	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Belarus	Removing Barriers to Wind Power Development in Belarus	Dimitrios Zevgolis	3-Feb-11
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4466	4019	MSP	Climate Change	CEO PIF Approval	UNDP	Pakistan	Promoting Energy Conservation and Efficiency in Public and Commercial Buildings	David Elrie Rodgers	3-Feb-11
4341	3772	FP	Climate Change	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Indonesia	Biomass for Rural Electrification Application Development (BREAD)	David Elrie Rodgers	3-Feb-11
4341	3772	FP	Climate Change	CEO PPG approval	UNDP	Indonesia	Biomass for Rural Electrification Application Development (BREAD)	David Elrie Rodgers	3-Feb-11
3930		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Colombia	Energy Efficiency Standards and Labels in Colombia (S&L Colombia)	David Elrie Rodgers	7-Feb-11
2692	3277	FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	South Africa	Market Transformation through Energy Efficiency Standards and Labelling of Appliances in South Africa	David Elrie Rodgers	7-Feb-11
4413		FP	Climate Change	CEO PPG approval	UNDP	Bangladesh	Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change through Participative Coastal Afforestation and Water Security	Lars Christiansen	8-Feb-11
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4423	4457	MSP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PIF Approval	UNDP	Kazakhstan	Economic Valuation for Improved Decision-making and Management of the Global Environment	Danielius Pivoriunas	9-Feb-11
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4383	4515	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	India	Fifth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in India	Danielius Pivoriunas	10-Feb-11
4375	4518	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Ecuador	Fifth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Program in Ecuador	Danielius Pivoriunas	10-Feb-11
4362	4520	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Kenya	Fifth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Program in Kenya	Danielius Pivoriunas	10-Feb-11
4382	4560	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Costa Rica	Fifth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme	Danielius Pivoriunas	10-Feb-11
4216	4318	FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Samoa	Integration of Climate Change Risk and Resilience into Forestry Management (ICCRIFS)	Lars Christiansen	10-Feb-11
3936	4257	FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	India	IND-BD Mainstreaming Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Conservation into Production Sectors in the Godavari River Estuary in Andhra Pradesh State	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy	11-Feb-11

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4412		MSP	POPs	CEO MSP Approval	UNEP	Global	Establishing the tools and methods to include the nine new POPs into the Global Monitoring Plan	Ibrahima Sow	9-Feb-11
3968		FP	POPs	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP, UNIDO	Regional (Burundi, Djibouti, Rwanda, Sudan, Congo DR, Ethiopia, Uganda)	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	10-Feb-11

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UNIDO									
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	14-Jan-11
3803		FP	POPs	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNIDO	India	Environmentally Sound Management of Medical Wastes in India	Jie Pan	3-Feb-11
4410		MSP	POPs	CEO MSP Approval	UNIDO	Global	Development of the Guidelines for updating of National Implementation Plans (NIPs) under the Stockholm Convention taking into account the new POPs added to the Convention	Ibrahima Sow	7-Feb-11
3968		FP	POPs	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP, UNIDO	Regional (Burundi, Djibouti, Rwanda, Sudan, Congo DR, Ethiopia, Uganda)	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	10-Feb-11

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World Bank									
4129		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	World Bank	Global (China)	TT-Pilot (GEF-4)- Green Truck Demonstration Project	Osamu Mizuno	3-Feb-11
4210	121162	MSP	Climate Change	CEO MSP Approval	World Bank	Thailand	Sustainable Urban Transport in Chiang Mai	Osamu Mizuno	3-Feb-11
4133	117225	FP	Climate Change	CEO Approval for Milestone Extension	World Bank	Burundi	SPWA-CC Energy Efficiency Project	David Elrie Rodgers	3-Feb-11
4331		FP	International Waters	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	World Bank	Regional (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Malta, Tunisia)	Western Mediterranean Marine Highway Development and Coastal and Marine Contamination Prevention Project	Ivan Zavadsky	4-Feb-11
4280		FP	International Waters	CEO endorsement of FSP	World Bank	Guinea-Bissau (Ghana, Guinea-Bissau)	West Africa Regional Fisheries Program APL B1	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy	9-Feb-11
3998		MSP	Biodiversity	CEO MSP Approval	World Bank	Chile	Design and Implementation of a Biodiversity Management System in the Ministry of Public Works	Mark Zimsky	10-Feb-11
4075	115963	FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	World Bank	Benin	SPWA-BD Support to Protected Areas Management	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy	11-Feb-11

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ADB										
3641		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	ADB	Regional (Cook Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, Samoa)	PAS: Promoting Energy Efficiency in the Pacific	Osamu Mizuno	10-Feb-11	FSP endorsed by CEO
FAO										
3266		FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	FAO	Ecuador	Management of Chimborazo's Natural Resources	Mark Zimsky	11-Jan-11	FSP endorsed by CEO
3987		FP	POPs	CEO endorsement of FSP	FAO	Eritrea	Prevention and Disposal of POPs and Obsolete Pesticides	Ibrahima Sow	7-Feb-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
4447		FP	Climate Change	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	FAO	Haiti	Strengthening climate resilience and reducing disaster risk in agriculture to improve food security in Haiti post earthquake	Bonizella Biagini	11-Feb-11	PIF cleared for WPI by CEO
UNDP										
4013	3757	FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Kazakhstan	Sustainable Transport in the City Of Almaty	Osamu Mizuno	7-Feb-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
3555	4043	FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	India	IND Energy Efficiency Improvements in Commercial Buildings - under the Programmatic Framework for Energy Efficiency	David Elrie Rodgers	8-Feb-11	FSP circulated to Council before CEO endorsement

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3965	3253	FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Tanzania	Strengthening the Protected Area Network in Southern Tanzania: Improving the Effectiveness of National Parks in Addressing Threats to Biodiversity	Jaime Cavelier	9-Feb-11	FSP endorsed by CEO
4456	4592	FP	Biodiversity	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Uganda	Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Threatened Savanna Woodland in the Kidepo Critical Landscape in North Eastern Uganda	Jaime Cavelier	9-Feb-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for PIF revision (Review Sheet Completed)
4012	3875	MSP	POPs	CEO MSP Approval	UNDP	Georgia	Disposal of POPs Pesticides and Initial Steps for Containment of Dumped POPs Pesticides	Anil Sookdeo	9-Feb-11	MSP approved by CEO
4329	4561	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Global	5th Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme	Danielius Pivoriunas	11-Feb-11	FSP circulated to Council before CEO endorsement (Due date March 4 - Rev doc webposted)

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4010		MSP	Biodiversity	CEO MSP Approval	UNEP	Mongolia	BS Capacity Building for Biosafety Implementation	Jaime Cavelier	7-Feb-11	MSP sent to Agency for revision (Email sent to Agency for further clarification on budget lines)
3890		MSP	Climate Change	CEO MSP Approval	UNEP	Cambodia	Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Programme for Climate Change in the Coastal Zone of Cambodia Considering Livelihood Improvement and Ecosystems	Lars Christiansen	8-Feb-11	MSP circulated to Council before CEO approval

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UNIDO										
3976		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNIDO	Cambodia	Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Improved Energy Efficiency in the Industrial Sector	David Elrie Rodgers	8-Feb-11	FSP circulated to Council before CEO endorsement
World Bank										
4441	125528	FP	POPs	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	World Bank	China	Minimizing Formation and Releases of Unintentionally Produced POPs (UPOPs) from China's Pulp and Paper Sector	Anil Sookdeo	7-Feb-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for PIF revision
4280		FP	International Waters	CEO endorsement of FSP	World Bank	Guinea-Bissau (Ghana, Guinea-Bissau)	West Africa Regional Fisheries Program APL B1	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy	7-Feb-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
4280		FP	International Waters	CEO endorsement of FSP	World Bank	Guinea-Bissau (Ghana, Guinea-Bissau)	West Africa Regional Fisheries Program APL B1	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy	9-Feb-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
4075	115963	FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	World Bank	Benin	SPWA-BD Support to Protected Areas Management	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy	9-Feb-11	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision

INTRODUCING GEFSEC'S NEW STAFF



Minna Kononen, a Finnish national has joined the GEF External Affairs team as a Country Officer.

Prior to joining the GEF, Minna worked as a consultant at the World Bank for almost three years in the areas of climate change and social development, focusing on the community based adaptation studies and operations in Latin America, Africa and Middle-East regions. Specifically, she has supported World Bank teams working on the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) and Forest Investment Program (FIP) under the Climate Investment Funds in Yemen, Niger and Burkina Faso.

Minna has had broad work experience with GEF supported projects during her assignment as a Program Officer for Energy and Climate Change at the UNDP country office in Honduras, where she was engaged in national and regional projects in the areas of climate change, biodiversity conservation and disaster risk management.

Minna holds a Licentiate of Social Sciences degree from the University of Helsinki, with her major in Environmental Economics.



Omid P arhizkar an Iranian national has joined the GEF as a Monitoring Analyst.

Prior to joining the GEF, Omid worked as an Environmental, Climate Change, and Forestry consultant at the IFC for over two years where he was involved in several projects and team activities. Specifically, he supported IFC's climate change and forestry strategy and helped address climate dimensions (both Adaptation and mitigation) in projects, capacity building, and necessary GHG analytical tools.

At IFC, Omid has had extensive traveling experience and has been actively involved in various regional assignments in Southern Europe and Central Asia. Prior to joining the IFC, he was engaged in projects in Latin America (Mexico and Dominican Republic) in the area of international development and environmental management working with stakeholders and governmental officials both in the US and in other regions.

Omid holds a PhD from Natural Resources and Environmental school at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Ian Gray, a British national, joined the GEF's Natural Resources team on January 24 as a Sr Environmental Specialist. He will be focusing on SFM/REDD+.

Prior to joining the GEF, Ian was a SFM advisor in WWF's Global Forest & Trade Network, helping companies implement improved forest management.

Before WWF, he worked in the carbon sector, leading the environment unit at carbon trader EcoSecurities. Ian also spent a decade with a natural resources consultancy and along with forests, spent time working on other commodities like palm oil, soy sugar and rubber.

Ian's first degree was a BSc in Forestry. He also holds a MSc and a PhD on the use of environmental impact assessment.

Quynh P han, a Vietnamese national who joined the GEF on January 16, 2011 as a Financial Management Specialist for the Operations and Business Strategy Team.

Prior to joining the GEF, Quynh worked for the World Bank in Vietnam Country Office as a Financial Management Specialist and was responsible for projects in Education, Rural Development and Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Sectors.

Quynh is a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, UK (ACCA). She holds a Master in Business Administration from the French- Vietnamese Centre for Management Education (“CFVG”), Hanoi, and a Bachelor in Economics from Hanoi Foreign Trade University.

Jie PAN, a Chinese National, joined the Climate Change and Chemicals team as a Junior Professional Associate in January 2011.

Prior to joining the GEF, Jie worked for the Foreign Economic Cooperation Office of Ministry of Environmental Protection in China as a Project Officer for GEF POPs and contaminated sites projects. She was also responsible for following up on convention-related policy research, providing support for international negotiations on chemical management, and collaborating with consultants on project outputs and policy reports. Meanwhile, she was the simultaneous and consecutive interpreter for all POPs projects.

Jie holds a MA of Intercultural Communications from Shanghai International Studies University and a Bachelors’ Degree from Central South University in China. She was the second place winner of the 10th CCTV English speaking contest and had interned in International Channel of Shanghai as program editor and studio simultaneous interpreter.