



Excerpts from the Joint Summary of the Chairs & Highlights of the Council's Decisions, 45th GEF Council Meeting, November 5 -7, 2013

Joint Summary of the Chairs

Decision on Agenda Item 18 Work Program

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.45/08, *Work Program*, approves the work program comprising forty one (41) project concepts and one non-expedited enabling activity, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by November 21, 2013. In addition, Council approves five project concepts associated with a previously approved programmatic approach.
2. Total resources approved in this work program¹ amounts to \$259.84 million which include GEF project grants and Agency fees. The work program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Enabling Activity:

Biodiversity

1. **Cape Verde:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into the Tourism Sector in Synergy with a Further Strengthened Protected Areas System in Cape Verde (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,664,640)
2. **Chile:** Strengthening and Development of Instruments for the Management, Prevention and Control of Beaver (Castor Canadensis), an Invasive Alien Species in the Chilean Patagonia (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,153,882)
3. **Ecuador:** Conservation of Ecuadorian Amphibian Diversity and Sustainable Use of its Genetic Resources (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,726,908)
4. **Ethiopia:** Mainstreaming Incentives for Biodiversity Conservation in the Climate Resilient Green Economy Strategy (CRGE) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,316,455)
5. **Madagascar:** Strengthening the Network of "New Protected Areas in Madagascar" (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,905,265)
6. **Panama:** Sustainable Production Systems and Conservation of Biodiversity (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$9,589,000)

¹ The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of its policies for certain development projects, abstained from the decision on the following projects: (i) **China** : Promoting Energy Efficient Electric Motors in Chinese Industries, and (ii) **Turkmenistan** : Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for Sustainable Water Management in Turkmenistan

7. **Philippines:** “RicePlus” – Dynamic Conservation and Sustainable Use of Agro-biodiversity in Rice-based Farming Systems (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,182,631)
8. **Russian Federation:** Conservation of Big Cats² (WWF-US) (GEF Project Grant : \$12,707,550)
9. **Seychelles:** Seychelles' Protected Areas Finance Project (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,776,900)

Climate Change

10. **China:** Promoting Energy Efficient Electric Motors in Chinese Industries (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,500,000)
11. **El Salvador:** Third National Communication (TNC) and Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC3 (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$852,000)
12. **Ethiopia:** Promoting Sustainable Rural Energy Technologies (RETs) for Household and Productive Uses (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,091,781)
13. **Indonesia:** Large Enterprises Energy Efficiency Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$5,480,000)
14. **Indonesia:** Market Transformation through Design and Implementation of Appropriate Mitigation Actions in Energy Sector (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,025,000)
15. **Madagascar:** Increased Energy Access for Productive Use through Small Hydropower Development in Rural Areas (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,855,000)
16. **Morocco:** Mainstreaming Climate Change in the National Logistics Strategy and Roll-Out of Integrated Logistics Platforms (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,274,429)
17. **Nigeria:** Promoting Low Carbon Energy Solutions in Nigeria Energy/Power Supply (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,400,000)
18. **Philippines:** Development for Renewable Energy Applications Mainstreaming and Market Sustainability (DREAMS) Project (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,200,000)
19. **Russian Federation:** Green Shipping Programme for Russia (EBRD) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,000,000)
20. **Russian Federation:** Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies for Industrial Climate Change Mitigation in the Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,292,500)

² Until a Financial Procedures Agreement (FPA) is signed between Trustee and the WWF-US, the Trustee will not set-aside GEF resources for the project as well as fees for WWF-US.

³ This is a non-expedited enabling activity submitted for Council approval.

21. **South Africa:** Industrial Energy Efficiency Improvement in South Africa through Mainstreaming the Introduction of Energy Management Systems and Energy Systems Optimization (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,776,484)
22. **Thailand:** Achieving Low Carbon Growth in Cities through Sustainable Urban Systems Management in Thailand (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,150,000)
23. **Ukraine:** Removing Barriers to Increase Investment in Energy-Efficiency in Public Buildings (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,480,000)
24. **Vietnam:** Energy Efficiency Improvement in Commercial and High-Rise Residential Buildings (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,198,000)

International Waters

25. **Regional (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, South Africa, Zambia, Congo DR, Zimbabwe):** Sustainable Groundwater Management in SADC Member States (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,119,179)
26. **Regional (Angola, Botswana, Namibia):** Support to the Cubango-Okavango River Basin Strategic Action Programme Implementation (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,100,000)
27. **Regional (Antigua And Barbuda, Barbados, Brazil, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts And Nevis, St. Lucia, Mexico, Panama, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Vincent and Grenadines):** Catalysing Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of Shared Living Marine Resources in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CMLE+) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$12,500,000)
28. **Regional (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia):** West Balkans Drina River Basin Management (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,366,210)
29. **Regional (Kenya, Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania, South Africa):** Western Indian Ocean LMEs Strategic Action Programme Policy Harmonization and Institutional Reforms SAPPHIRE Project (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,976,891)

Land Degradation

30. **Gambia:** Community-Based Sustainable Dryland Forest Management (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,066,347)
31. **India:** Integrated SLEM Approaches for Reducing Land Degradation and Desertification (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,164,384)
32. **Libya** Sustainable Land Management and Conservation of Oases Ecosystems in Libya (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,972,603)
33. **Tanzania:** Securing Watershed Services Through SLM in the Ruvu and Zigi Catchments Eastern Arc Region (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,648,858)

Multi Focal Area

34. **Armenia:** Mainstreaming Sustainable Land and Forest Management in Dry Mountain Landscapes (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,977,169)
35. **Brazil:** Reversing Desertification Process in Susceptible Areas of Brazil: Sustainable Agroforestry Practices and Biodiversity Conservation (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,930,155)
36. **Colombia:** Forest Conservation and Sustainability in the Heart of the Colombian Amazon (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,400,000)
37. **Congo DR:** Community-Based Miombo Forest Management in South East Katanga (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,533,333)
38. **Turkmenistan:** Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for Sustainable Water Management in Turkmenistan (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,185,000)
39. **Venezuela:** Sustainable Forest Lands Management and Conservation under an Eco-social Approach (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,249,316)

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

40. **Regional (Antigua And Barbuda, Barbados, Bahamas, Belize, St. Kitts And Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Vincent and Grenadines):** Development and Implementation of a Sustainable Management Mechanism for POPs in the Caribbean (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,839,000)
41. **Cameroon:** PCB Reduction In Cameroon Through The Use Of Local Expertise And The Development Of National Capacities (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)
42. **China:** Contaminated Site Cleanup Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$15,000,000)

Sub-projects⁴ under the Previously Approved Programmatic Approach (with Set-Aside) - R2R Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods⁵ (Program) (GEF ID: 5395)

Multifocal Area Subprojects under the Program

43. **Kiribati:** R2R Resilient Islands, Resilient Communities (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,720,030)
44. **Micronesia:** R2R Implementing and Integrated “Ridge to Reef” Approach to Enhance Ecosystem Services to Conserve Globally Important Biodiversity and to Sustain Local Livelihoods in the FSM (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,689,815)

⁴ All sub-projects will draw their grants from their respective set-aside program allocations.

⁵ Following the procedures established for programmatic approaches applicable to all GEF Agencies, the final project documents of these sub-projects will be circulated to Council for four weeks before the CEO can endorse them (GEF/C.39/Inf.3).

45. **Papua New Guinea:** R2R Strengthening the Management Effectiveness of the National System of Protected Areas (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$10,929,358)
46. **Tuvalu:** R2R Implementing a “Ridge to Reef” Approach to Protect Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functions (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,762,844)
47. **Vanuatu:** R2R Integrated Sustainable Land and Coastal Management (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,605,680)

3. With respect to the following projects, the Council requests the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO’s endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:

1. **China:** Contaminated Site Cleanup Project
2. **India:** Integrated SLEM Approaches for Reducing Land Degradation and Desertification
3. **Indonesia:** Large Enterprises Energy Efficiency Project
4. **Kiribati:** R2R Resilient Islands, Resilient Communities
5. **Libya:** Sustainable Land Management and Conservation of Oases Ecosystems
6. **Nigeria:** Promoting Low Carbon Energy Solutions in Nigeria Energy/Power Supply
7. **Philippines:** “RicePlus” – Dynamic Conservation and Sustainable Use of Agrobiodiversity in Rice-based Farming Systems
8. **Russian Federation:** Conservation of Big Cats
9. **Russian Federation:** Green Shipping Programme for Russia
10. **Russian Federation:** Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies for Industrial Climate Change Mitigation in the Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation
11. **Ukraine:** Removing Barriers to Increase Investment in Energy-Efficiency in Public Buildings

4. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the work program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs (i) is consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council’s and the STAP reviewer’s comments on the

work program, and that the CEO confirms that with these revisions, the project is consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

5. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project scope and approach after PIF approval, the final project document will be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO considering endorsement.

6. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 45th session of the work program is part of the associated Annex 1 appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

Highlights of the Council Decisions

Agenda Item 18 Work Program

1. The Council expressed its appreciation of the strong work program and how it was constituted and presented.

2. Council Members welcomed the timely responses provided by GEF Agencies and the Secretariat on the initial comments provided by several Council Members prior to the meeting. Council Members requested the Secretariat to continue this procedure, recognizing the value of the new system in addressing questions in a timely manner. The World Bank Executive Coordinator noted that the Council is requesting for more projects to be recirculated to the Council for review prior to CEO endorsement, possibly due to the pilot harmonization scheme. The World Bank indicated its openness to using an earlier milestone to share information.

3. One Council Member highlighted the need to strengthen the financial sustainability of projects in protected areas, citing the Seychelles project as a good example, and suggested that future projects should provide this information systematically.

4. A number of Council Members and the GEF NGO Network representative, indicated that they would be providing additional written comments to the Secretariat about work program issues within two weeks after the Council meeting.

5. Several Council Members expressed their support to the first project submission by WWF-US.