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**EXCERPTS FROM THE JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS**

**Decision 07/2022***Summary of Negotiations of the 8th Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund*

1. The Council, having reviewed the Summary of Negotiations of the Eighth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (Document GEF/C.62/03), welcomes the successful conclusion of the replenishment, takes note of the Summary, and endorses the programming directions (Annex I) including the allocations of resources set forth therein, the policy recommendations (Annex II), and the Draft Replenishment Resolution (Annex III). The Council requests the CEO/Chairperson of the Facility to transmit this Summary to the World Bank with a request that the World Bank Executive Directors be invited to adopt Annex III to this Summary, Draft World Bank Resolution No. [IBRD 2022-xxxx], The Global Environment Facility Trust Fund: Eighth Replenishment of Resources, thereby authorizing the World Bank, as Trustee of the GEF Trust Fund, to manage the resources made available under GEF-8.

**Decision 08/2022***Updating the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR)*

2. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.62/04: Updating the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR), approves the STAR Policy contained in Annex I, which replaces and supersedes all relevant previous Council decisions regarding STAR.

3. The Council takes note of the STAR Index descriptions and methodologies in Annex IA, and requests the GEF Secretariat to continue to explore options to reflect vulnerability considerations in the STAR for GEF-9.

4. The Council welcomes the STAR Guidelines in Annex IB, and the operational details of the competitive window in Annex IC.

5. The Council requests the GEF Secretariat to monitor the utilization of STAR resources relative to portfolio-level targets on focal-area financing, monitor achievement of results over the GEF-8 period, and report on progress towards those targets with each Work Program of GEF-8 and in the semiannual Corporate Scorecard. The Council also requests that the Secretariat organize a mid-term review to assess portfolio performance under full flexibility, and to identify potential measures if portfolio-level focal area financing are not progressing to meet the agreed targets.

6. The Council requests that the Independent Evaluation Office evaluate STAR as part of its Eighth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS8), and that it shares its findings, conclusions, and recommendations in sufficient time to inform the negotiations on the ninth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund.

**Decision 09/2022***GEF-8 Integrated Programs Lead Agency Terms of Reference and Selection Process*

7. The Council, having considered GEF/C.62/05/Rev.01, GEF-8 Integrated Programs Lead Agency Terms of Reference and Selection Process, agrees with the proposed process for the selection of Lead Agencies and asks to be provided with a detailed report on the process at the 63rd meeting of the Council, including full transparency about the proposals received, and consideration of the potential impacts of Lead Agency selection relative to the aspirational targets on agency share for GEF-8.

**Decision 10/2022**

*Report of the Selection and Review Committee*

8. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.62/06, Report of the Selection and Review Committee (SRC), requests the SRC to present the performance evaluations of the IEO Director and the GEF CEO for the Council's review at its 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Decision 11/2022**

*Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*

9. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.62/07, Work Program for GEF Trust Fund, approves the Work Program comprising 18 projects and 1 program, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 21, 2022<sup>1234</sup>.

10. Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$165.8 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs), Program Framework Documents (PFDs), and Non-expedited Enabling Activity:

11. **Regional (Gabon, Namibia):** Enduring Earth: Accelerating Sustainable Finance Solutions to Achieve Durable Conservation, WWF-US, [GEF Program Financing: \$22,635,780] [GEF ID 11014]

12. **Turkmenistan:** Developing National Capacity of Turkmenistan through Improving Regulatory Environment towards Energy Efficient and Sustainable Building Sector, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$2,066,333] [GEF ID 10996]

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<sup>1</sup> The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments (i) are not addressing trafficking in persons; (ii) have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; or (iii) do not have in place a functioning system for reporting to civilian authorities audits of receipts and expenditures that fund activities of the armed forces and security, opposes the following project and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: GEF project 10996 in Turkmenistan.

<sup>2</sup> The United States, in light of its policies related to development projects in Zimbabwe, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 10973 in Zimbabwe.

<sup>3</sup> The United States, in light of its concerns related to project implementation risks, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 10971 in Venezuela.

<sup>4</sup> The decision with respect to project review for UNDP projects (Decision GEF/C.61/04) will apply to all UNDP projects in this WP.

13. **Brazil:** Strengthening the National Transparency System in Brazil Under the Paris Agreement (DataClima+), UNEP, [GEF Program Financing: \$3,835,616] [GEF ID 10932]
14. **Colombia:** Energy Efficiency for the Transition to Carbon Neutral Cities in Colombia, CAF/IADB, [GEF Program Financing: \$7,935,135] [GEF ID 10917]
15. **Argentina:** Comprehensive Land Management in Forestry and Agri-food Systems of Three Water Basins in Argentina to Contribute to Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) and to Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change, CAF, [GEF Program Financing: \$2,623,377] [GEF ID 10866]
16. **Costa Rica:** Strengthening the National Capacity for the Management of POPs in Costa Rica, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$4,000,000] [GEF ID 11015]
17. **Iraq:** Integrated Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Management Project, World Bank, [GEF Program Financing: \$13,487,495] [GEF ID 10972]
18. **Regional (Argentina, Bolivia):** Integrated Water Resources Management in the Transboundary Bermejo River Basin, CAF, [GEF Program Financing: \$6,350,000] [GEF ID 10995]
19. **Regional (Malawi, Mozambique, Uganda):** Groundwater for Deep Resilience in Africa (G4DR in Africa), FAO, [GEF Program Financing: \$5,786,073] [GEF ID 10970]
20. **Indonesia:** Protection of Biodiversity and Sustainable Land-use in Conservation Landscapes in South Sulawesi, Gorontalo and East Nusa Tenggara, UNEP, [GEF Program Financing: \$7,471,233] [GEF ID 10913]
21. **Djibouti:** Conserving Biodiversity and Restoring Ecosystem Functions in the Day and Mabla Mountains, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$3,269,028] [GEF ID 10874]
22. **Global (Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Comoros, Congo DR, Gabon, Ghana, Kyrgyz Republic, Lesotho, Mongolia, Niger, Pakistan, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Cote d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Eswatini, Fiji, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritius, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Sierra Leone):** Umbrella Programme for Preparation of National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), UNEP, [GEF Program Financing: \$32,131,880] [GEF ID 10973]
23. With respect to the following 6 projects, the Council requested 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.
24. **Regional:** The Selva Fund, CI, [GEF Program Financing: \$10,000,000] [GEF ID 10937]

25. **Nigeria:** Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Use of a Lowland Forest Mosaic Landscape in Ogun, Edo, Delta and Ondo States, FAO, [GEF Program Financing: \$3,502,968] [GEF ID 10990]
26. **Venezuela:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity in the Caroni river Basin of Bolivar State, FAO, [GEF Program Financing: \$8,765,418] [GEF ID 10971]
27. **Burkina Faso:** Sustainable Land Management to Strengthen Social Cohesion in the Drylands of Burkina Faso, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$3,502,968] [GEF ID 11003]
28. **Global (Ecuador, Guatemala, Mauritania, Morocco, Panama, Senegal):** Mainstreaming Sustainable Marine Fisheries Value Chains into the Blue Economy of the Canary Current and the Pacific Central American Coastal Large Marine Ecosystems, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$10,733,945] [GEF ID 11011]
29. **Chad:** Innovative Approach to Protect Ouadis through the Promotion of Non-connected Mini-grid Solar Energy in 3 Municipalities (Mao, Kekedena and Nokou) of Kanem region-Chad, UNEP, [GEF Program Financing: \$2,954,534] [GEF ID 10998]
30. With respect to the PIFs and Non-expedited Enabling Activity approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs and Non-expedited Enabling Activity (i) is, or would be, 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 the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.
31. With respect to any PIF and Non-expedited Enabling Activity 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 objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.
32. With respect to the PFDs approved as part of the Work Program, the final child project documents fully incorporating and addressing the Council's and STAP reviews shall be circulated for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval:
33. **Regional (Burundi, Congo DR, Liberia, Mali):** GEF-7 Africa Minigrids Program, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$867,045] [GEF ID 11009]

34. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.62/08/Rev.1, GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY23, takes note of the business plan, and approves an FY23 corporate budget from the GEF Trust Fund of US\$33.256 million, comprised of:

- (a)US\$26.990 million for the GEF Secretariat
- (b)US\$2.976 million for STAP; and
- (c)US\$3.290 million for the Trustee

35. The Council also approves a total FY23 administrative budget for the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) of US\$18,400, comprised of the following allocations from the NPIF to cover the Secretariat's and Trustee's expenses for NPIF administration and implementation:

- (a)US\$13,500 for the GEF Secretariat; and
- (b)US\$4,900 for the Trustee

36. The Council also approves a total FY23 administrative budget for the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) from the CBIT Trust Fund of US\$0.441 million, comprised of:

- (a)US\$0.412 million for the GEF Secretariat; and
- (b)US\$0.029 million for the Trustee

37. The Council requests the Secretariat, in consultation with STAP and the Trustee, to present a combined FY24 corporate budget and business plan for discussion at its 64<sup>th</sup> meeting.

***Decision 13/2022***                      *Work Program and Budget of the Independent Evaluation Office*

38. The Council, having reviewed the "Work Program and Budget Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: June 2022," acknowledges the progress made by the Independent Evaluation Office in the reporting period, and approves the IEO budget for FY23.

***Decision 14/2022***                      *Management response to Evaluation of GEF support to Sustainable Forest Management*

39. The Council, having considered documents GEF/E/C.62/02, Evaluation of GEF Support to Sustainable Forest Management, and GEF/C.62/14 /Rev.01, the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.

***Decision 15/2022***                      *Management response to study on resilience, climate change adaptation and climate risks in the GEF Trust Fund*

40. The Council, having considered documents GEF/E/C.62/03, Study on Climate Risk, Adaptation, and Resilience in the GEF Trust Fund, and GEF/C.62/13/Rev.01, the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.

**Decision 16/2022***Report of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Governance*

41. The Council, having considered Document GEF/C.62/09/Rev.01, Report of the Group on Governance, decides:

- 1) To extend the co-chairing arrangement pilot until the 65<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and to elect a new Co-Chairperson for the duration of one year from among the non-recipient country representatives in the Council at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting;
- 2) To consider the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedures for the GEF Council and to the Instrument for the Establishment of the restructured GEF contained in the Annex of GEF/C.62/09 and to request the Secretariat to commence consultations with the Implementing Agencies and the Trustee with a view to the GEF Council at its 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting:
  - a) taking a decision on the amendments of its Rules of Procedure;
  - b) taking a decision on recommending the amendments to the Instrument to the Assembly in accordance with paragraph 34 of the Instrument;
- 3) To request the GEF Secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the current and the previous elected co-Chairperson, a manual containing critical information for the elected co-Chairperson on the expectations and responsibilities attached with the role of the elected co-Chairperson to facilitate the handover from one co-Chairperson to the next.

**Decision 17/2022***Report of the Ethics Committee*

42. The Council, having considered Document GEF/C.62/10, Report of the Ethics Committee, decides that paragraph 4.4 of the GEF Ethics Policy will be amended to read as follows: 4.4 Covered Individuals who refuse to complete a Declaration of Interest shall lose access to GEF Council meetings and the related non-public information and documents. The Ethics Committee, immediately upon being informed by the Ethics Officer, will present a resolution to that effect to the Council whenever a Covered Individual (i) has explicitly refused to fill in a Declaration of Interest or (ii) has not filed a Declaration of Interest or (iii) has filed a manifestly incomplete or erroneous Declaration of Interest.

**Decision 18/2022***GEF'S Private Sector Advisory Group Summary Report*

43. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.62/11, GEF's Private Sector Advisory Group Summary Report, extends its deep appreciation to the members of PSAG for their contribution to the development of the Private Sector Engagement Strategy (PSES). As the PSAG ceases its operation, the Council invites the Secretariat and the wider GEF Partnership to continue to maintain close links with PSAG members and other private sector interlocutors for activities that are relevant to the implementation of the PSES.

**Decision 19/2022***Relations with conventions & other international institutions*

44. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.62/12, Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions, welcomes the report and requests the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

**Decision 20/2022**

*Other business*

45. The GEF Council requests the GEF Secretariat, in consultation with the STAP and interested Council Members and Alternates, to prepare a paper on GEF-8 programming risk framework for consideration by Council at its 64<sup>th</sup> session.