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Agenda Item 02

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 01. Opening of the Meeting

1. The meeting will be opened by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO/Chairperson of the Facility.
2. Council will recall that Mr. Dawda Badgie, Council member for Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and The Gambia, had been designated as Elected Chairperson for the calendar year 2024 by decision 29/2023 adopted on December 19, 2023.

Agenda Item 02. Adoption of the Agenda

3. The Provisional Agenda has been issued as document GEF/C.67/01/Rev.01, for consideration by the Council.
4. Additional items to be included in the agenda can be requested at this moment and will be brought up under Agenda Item 16: Other Business.
5. The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Agenda Item 03. Work Program for GEF Trust Fund

6. Document GEF/C.67/03/Rev.01, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, outlines important aspects of the proposed Work Program, including programming trends in GEF resources relative to focal area strategies and objectives, distribution by regions and GEF Agencies. It also includes status on the use of GEF-8 resources.
7. This Work Program requests a total of \$454.3 Million from the GEF trust fund and \$41.3 million in associated Agency fees for a total Work Program of \$495.6 million. It contains an indicative \$5.84 billion in co-financing, with each dollar provided by the GEF being matched by \$12.9 in co-financing provided by other sources.
8. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C6.7/03/Rev.01, Work Program for GEF Trust Fund, approves the Work Program comprising 25 projects and programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 18, 2024.*

Total GEF resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$495.6 million, including GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Program Framework Documents (PFDs): [See Annex A] With respect to the PIFs and PFDs approved as part of the Work

Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs and PFDs (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.

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 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.

Agenda Item 04. GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY25

9. Document GEF/C.67/04, *GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY25*, reports on the execution of the FY24 administrative budget approved by Council. It also provides information on the expenses and projected savings from the earlier four-year GEF-7 administrative budget overall (FY20-23), and on budgeting within the agreed four-year GEF-8 administrative budget (FY24-27). In this framework, it then sets out the FY25 administrative budget request of the Secretariat.
10. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.67/04, GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY25, takes note of the business plan, and approves an FY25 corporate budget from the GEF Trust Fund of US\$42.994 million, comprised of:*
 - (a) *US\$35.932 million for the GEF Secretariat, of which US\$2 million will be paid from GEF-7 administrative budget underruns;*
 - (b) *US\$3.138 million for STAP; and*
 - (c) *US\$3.924 million for the Trustee.*

The Council also approves a total FY25 administrative budget for the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) of \$22,200, comprised of the following allocations from the NPIF to cover the Secretariat's and Trustee's expenses for NPIF administration and implementation:

- (a) *US\$17,500 for the GEF Secretariat; and*
- (b) *US\$4,700 for the Trustee.*

The Council also approves a total FY25 administrative budget for the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) from the CBIT Trust Fund of US\$0.434 million, comprised of:

(a) US\$0.412 million for the GEF Secretariat; and

(b) US\$0.022 million for the Trustee.

The Council reiterates its decision at its 64th Session in June 2023 on the topic of indirect charge, reproduced in Annex I.

The Council requests the Secretariat, in consultation with STAP and the Trustee, to present a combined FY26 corporate budget and business plan for discussion at its June 2025 meeting.

Agenda Item 05. Streamlining the GEF Project Cycle: Report from the Working Group on the Streamlining Process

11. Document GEF/C.67/05, *Streamlining the GEF Project Cycle: Report from the Working Group on the Streamlining Process*, summarizes the outcome of work by the Council Working Group on Streamlining and outlines next steps towards identifying and considering further options to streamline the GEF project cycle.
12. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.67/05, Streamlining the GEF Project Cycle: Report from the Working Group on the Streamlining Process:*
 - a. *Appreciates the work of the Council Working Group and supports its continued work up to the next Council meeting in December 2024;*
 - b. *Endorses continued work by the Secretariat as outlined in this report, with support from Agencies and others as appropriate;*
 - c. *Encourages Agencies to also identify areas for further streamlining and efficiencies within their own processes and communicate these to the Secretariat and Working Group;*
 - d. *Endorses further development of proposals for decision in December 2024, considering advance consultation requirements for any proposals requiring changes to policy and guidelines.*

Agenda Item 06. Gap Analysis of GEF Policies and Key Social Inclusion Issues – Timetable for Policy Actions

13. Document GEF/C.67/06, *Gap Analysis of GEF Policies and Key Social Inclusion Issues – Timetable for Policy Actions*, presents the timetable

to modify policies that further promote social inclusion in the GEF, including a) preparatory work related to sexual orientation and gender identity, disability inclusion, child protection; b) preparatory work on strengthening youth engagement; c) development of GEF's Youth Strategy; and d) Modification to policies.

14. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.67/06, Gap Analysis of GEF Policies and Key Social Inclusion Issues – Timetable for Policy Actions, takes note of the timetable presented and requests the Secretariat to proceed in accordance with the timetable and approach presented.*

Agenda Item 07. Evaluation of Co-financing in the GEF and Management Response

15. Document GEF/E/C.67/01, *Evaluation of Cofinancing in the GEF*, presents a comprehensive evaluation of the GEF's cofinancing strategy by comparing it with that of other multilateral organizations; the assessment of the overall effectiveness of cofinancing in achieving its intended benefits; and an analysis of how the GEF and its partners raise and manage cofinancing, as well as the factors influencing cofinancing commitments and their realization.
16. Document GEF/C.67/10, *Management Response to the Evaluation of Cofinancing in the GEF*, will be presented by the Secretariat indicating actions to be taken by the Secretariat to make effective those recommendations.
17. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered documents GEF/E/C.67/01, Evaluation of Co-financing in the GEF, and GEF/C.67/10, the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.*

Agenda Item 08. Evaluation of the Global Wildlife Program

18. Document GEF/E/C.67/02, *Evaluation of the Global Wildlife Program*, assesses the Global Wildlife Program supported by the GEF. It examines the program's relevance, coherence, and results from ongoing and recently completed projects in supporting wildlife conservation efforts. Emphasis is placed on assessing the program's relevance in addressing illegal wildlife trade.
19. Document GEF/C.67/08, *Management Response to the IEO Evaluation of the Global Wildlife Program*, will be presented by the Secretariat indicating actions to be taken by the Secretariat to make effective those recommendations.

20. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered documents GEF/E/C.67/02, Evaluation of the Global Wildlife Program, and GEF/C.67/08, the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.*

Agenda Item 09. Assessing Portfolio-Level Risk at the GEF and Management Response

21. Document GEF/E/C.67/03, *Assessing Portfolio-Level Risk at the GEF*, presents the assessment of risk-taking in the GEF and its Agencies in the pursuit of global environmental benefits. This evaluation analyzes GEF implementing agencies risk management frameworks as well as offers insights into the risk profile of GEF operations by assessing the GEF portfolio of closed projects.
22. Document GEF/C.67/09, *Management Response to Assessing Portfolio-Level Risk at the GEF*, will be presented by the Secretariat indicating actions to be taken by the Secretariat to make effective those recommendations.
23. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered documents GEF/E/C.67/03, Assessing portfolio-level risk at the GEF, and GEF/C.67/09, the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.*

Agenda Item 10. Eighth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS8) Approach Paper

24. Document GEF/E/C.67/04, *Eighth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS8): Approach Paper*, outlines a roadmap for the preparation of OPS8, aiming to define the range and scope of inputs into the study and to facilitate constructive dialogue within the GEF and among its partner agencies around the evaluation.
25. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered Document GEF/E/C.67/04, Eighth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS8): Approach Paper, approves this approach paper. The Council requests the Independent Evaluation Office to conduct the Eighth Comprehensive Evaluation (OPS8) and to provide the evaluation report to the replenishment process and to the Council according to the schedule presented.*

Agenda Item 11. IEO 2025 Work Program and Budget

26. Document GEF/E/C.67/05, *FY 2025 Work Program and Budget of the Independent Evaluation Office*, presents the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) work program and proposed budget for fiscal year (FY)

2025. It also provides an update on the Office's completed and ongoing evaluations and knowledge management activities during the reporting period of January–May 2024.

27. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered the FY 2025 Work Program and Budget of the Independent Evaluation Office, acknowledges the progress made by the GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) in the reporting period. The Council approves the annual IEO budget for FY25 for a total of \$8.967 million, which includes the 11% Indirect overhead charge in accordance with the decision made by the GEF Council at its 64th Session in June 2023.*

Agenda Item 12. Report of the Chairperson of the STAP

28. The Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will be invited to make a statement to the Council on the work of the Panel.

Agenda Item 13. Relations with Conventions & Other International Institutions

29. Document GEF/C.67/07/Rev.01, *Relations with Conventions & Other International Institutions*, provides the Council with an update on the activities of the GEF in support of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the Stockholm Convention), the Minamata Convention on Mercury, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the Montreal Protocol), and the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ). Covering the period from November 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the document further provides information on relations between the GEF Secretariat and other international conventions, institutions, and fora.
30. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.67/07/Rev.01, Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions, welcomes the report and the Multilateral Climate Funds Action Plan on Complementarity and Coherence contained in its Annex II, 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.*

Agenda Item 14. Guidelines for the Preparation of the Review of the Implementation of Article 7 of the Minamata Convention

31. Document GEF/C.67/11/Rev.01, *Guidelines for the Preparation of Reviews of the Implementation of Article 7 of the Minamata Convention*, presents the eligibility and guidelines for the preparation of the Review of the Implementation of Article 7 (RIA), and the value of grants for an enabling activity under the Minamata Convention.
32. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.67/11/Rev.01, Guidelines for the Preparation of Reviews of the Implementation of Article 7 of the Minamata Convention, approves the inclusion of an enabling activity under the Minamata Convention on Mercury to support the preparation of Reviews of the Implementation of Article 7 (RIA); and requests the Secretariat to make provisions for such support to be accessed by eligible GEF recipient countries.*

Agenda Item 15. Report of the Selection and Review Committee

33. The Selection and Review Committee will present its report to the Council for consideration and appropriate decision in Executive Session.
34. Draft decision: To be confirmed during Council.

Agenda Item 16. Other Business

35. Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item.

Agenda Item 17. Joint Summary of the Co-Chairs

36. The CEO/Chairperson will present a summary of the decisions approved during the meeting.