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Decision by Mail – March 2019

Decision 1/2019 GEF-7 Resolution Corrigendum for Council Decision

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.54/19/Rev. 03/Annex.C/Corr.1 ([GEF Trust Fund Seventh Replenishment of Resources](#)) regarding the corrigendum to revise the dates in paragraph 8 (b) of GEF-7 Replenishment Resolution, approves the corrigendum as follows:

“The Trustee shall promptly inform all Contributing Participants if a Contributing Participant that has deposited a Qualified Instrument of Commitment and whose contribution represents more than 5 percent of the total amount of the resources to be contributed pursuant to the Seventh Replenishment has not unqualified at least 50 percent of the total amount of its contribution by November 30, 2019, or 30 days after the Effective Date, whichever is later, and at least 75 percent of the total amount of its contribution by November 30, 2020, or 30 days after the Effective Date, whichever is later, and the total amount thereof by November 30, 2021, or 30 days after the Effective Date, whichever is later.”

2. The Council further requests the CEO/Chairperson to transmit this decision to the World Bank with a request that the World Bank Executive Directors be invited to adopt the corrigendum to the GEF-7 Replenishment Resolution.

Decision 2/2019 Report of the Selection and Review Committee

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.55/14, *Report of the Selection and Review Committee (SRC)*:
 - (a) Takes note of the FY19 goals for the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) and the GEF CEO and requests the SRC to present the performance evaluation of the IEO Director and the GEF CEO for the Council’s review at its 56th meeting.
 - (b) Agrees with the SRC’s assessment of the GEF CEO’s FY18 performance and the recommendation to provide the GEF CEO with a “4” rating on the World Bank’s 6-point scale and taking into account the GEF CEO’s current salary zone placement, in accordance with the World Bank’s Merit Increase Matrix, the SRC recommends a merit-based salary increase in FY18 for the GEF CEO that is consistent with World Bank’s Merit Increase Matrix. The Council requests the

SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resource Department.

- (c) Agrees with the SRC's assessment of the GEF IEO Director's FY18 performance and the recommendation to provide the GEF IEO Director with a "4" rating on the World Bank's 6-point scale, and taking into account the IEO Director's current salary zone placement, in accordance with the World Bank's Merit Increase Matrix, the SRC recommends a merit-based salary increase in FY18 for the IEO Director that is consistent with World Bank's Merit Increase Matrix. The Council requests the SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resource Department.
- (d) Agrees with the SRC's recommendation to reappoint Mr. Juha Uitto as Director of the Independent Evaluation Office for a second, and final, five-year term beginning September 2 2019.

Decision by Mail – April 2019

Decision 3/2019 Private Sector Advisory Group

1. The Council, having reviewed the list of experts identified by the Secretariat, approves the following list of advisors to serve on the GEF Private Sector Advisory Group that will operate at least until the Private Sector Engagement Strategy will have been approved by the Council.
 - 1) **Ms. Andrea Alvares**, Vice President of Marketing, Innovation and Sustainability, Natura; On behalf of Mr. Guilherme Leal, Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of the Board of Natura Cosmetics, Brazil. *Sector: Natural resources, non-timber forest products other consumer goods.*
 - 2) **Mr. Yoshihiro Ikegawa**, Managing Corporate Executive Officer of Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corporation, Japan; On behalf of the Chairperson, Mr. Yoshimitsu Kobayashi. *Sector: Chemicals.*
 - 3) **Ms. Darian McBain**, Global Director of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability, Thai Union Group, Thailand; On behalf of the CEO, Mr. Thiraphong Chansiri. *Sector: Fisheries.*
 - 4) **Mr. Robert Metzke**, Global Head of Sustainability of Royal Philips, Netherlands; On behalf of the CEO, Mr. Frans van Houten. *Sector: Technology, Electronics and other consumer goods.*

- 5) **Mr. Jeff Turner**, Vice President for Corporate Sustainability of Royal DSM, Netherlands; On behalf of the CEO and Chairperson, Mr. Feike Sijbesma. *Sector: Food and Nutrition.*
- 6) **Ms. Helen Crowley**, Head of Sustainable Sourcing and Innovation, Kering, France; On behalf of the CEO, Mr. François-Henri Pinault. *Sector: Consumer goods, Jewelry, Natural resources.*
- 7) **Mr. Kevin Rabinovitch**, Global VP Sustainability, Mars Incorporated, USA; On behalf of the Sr. Vice President and Head of Corporate Development, Ms. Valerie Mars. *Sector: Agriculture, Food, Natural Resources.*
- 8) **Mr. Christopher Stewart**, Head of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability of Olam International, Singapore; On behalf of the CEO, Mr. Sunny Verghese. *Sector: Agriculture, Food, Natural Resources.*
- 9) **Mr. Serge Rajaobelina**, CEO of the Livelihoods Fund at Fanamby, Madagascar. *Sector: Ecotourism, non-timber forest products, agriculture, natural resources - SME.*
- 10) **Mr. Ajay Vir Jakhar**, Chairman of Bharat Krishak Samaj, India. *Sector: Agriculture, Food and nutrition - SME.*
- 11) **Mr. Bey Soo Khiang**, Vice-Chairman of Royal Golden Eagle (RGE), Indonesia; On behalf of the Chairman, Mr. Anderson Tanoto. *Sector: Agriculture, Food and Nutrition.*
- 12) **Mr. Ademola Adesina**, CEO of Rensource Energy, Nigeria. *Sector: Energy and cities.*

Decision 4/2019 Report to the Stockholm Convention

1. The Council, having reviewed the [Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants](#), approves the Report.

Decision 5/2019 New dates for 57th Council Meeting

1. The 57th Council Meeting will be held December 17 to 19, 2019 in Washington DC.

56th Council Meeting – June 2019

Decision 6/2019 Policy on Monitoring

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.56/03/Rev.01, [Policy on Monitoring](#), approves the Policy contained in Annex I of that document, which supersedes the provisions of the 2010 *Monitoring and Evaluation Policy* that pertain to monitoring.

Decision 7/2019 Report on the Working Group on the GEF Partnership

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.56/04, [Report on the Working Group on the GEF Partnership](#), takes note of the deliberations of the Working Group and requests that the Secretariat continue to collaborate with the Working Group, in consultation with Agencies and other stakeholders, on issues related to the concentration of GEF resources across Agencies and the implementation of a 30% ceiling on the GEF's share of Agencies' portfolios with a view to further exploring, defining, and clarifying associated implementation modalities and presenting any associated recommendations for Council consideration at a future date.

Decision 8/2019 Informing the Council on Possible Non-Compliance with Environmental and Social Safeguards

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.56/05/Rev.01, [Informing the Council of Possible Non-Compliance with Environmental and Social Safeguards](#), approves the proposed amendment to the [Policy on Environmental and Social Safeguards](#) (GEF/C.55/07/Rev.01) as set out in Annex I of that document.

Decision 9/2019 GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY20

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.56/06, [GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY20](#), takes note of the business plan, and approves a FY20 corporate budget from the GEF Trust Fund of US\$29.273 million¹, comprised of:
 - (a) US\$23.539 million for the GEF Secretariat;
 - (b) US\$2.725 million for STAP; and
 - (c) US\$3.009 million for the Trustee

¹ The United States abstains from approval of the FY20 corporate budget from the GEF Trust Fund of US\$29.273 million

2. The Council also approves a total FY20 administrative budget for the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) of US\$17,900, 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\$4,400 for the Trustee
3. The Council also approves a total FY20 administrative budget for the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) from the CBIT Trust Fund of US\$513,000, comprised of:
 - (a) US\$475,000 for the GEF Secretariat; and
 - (b) US\$38,000 for the Trustee
4. The Council requests the Secretariat, in consultation with STAP and the Trustee, to present a combined FY21 corporate budget and business plan for discussion at its 2020 spring meeting.

Decision 10/2019 Status of Agencies' Compliance with Minimum Requirement on AML-CFT

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.56/07/Rev.01, *Status of Agencies' Compliance with Minimum Requirements on AML-CFT*, takes note of the self-certifications presented in Annex I, where the following Agencies certify that they meet the GEF's minimum requirements on anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism as set out in the Minimum Fiduciary Standards for GEF Partner Agencies (GA/PL/02):
 - i. African Development Bank (AfDB);
 - ii. Asian Development Bank (ADB);
 - iii. West African Development Bank (BOAD);
 - iv. Development Bank of Latin America (CAF);
 - v. Conservation International (CI);
 - vi. Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA);
 - vii. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD);
 - viii. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);
 - ix. Foreign Economic Cooperation Office, Ministry of Environmental Protection of China (FECO);

- x. Brazilian Biodiversity Fund (FUNBIO);
 - xi. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);
 - xii. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN);
 - xiii. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
 - xiv. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);
 - xv. United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO);
 - xvi. World Bank; and
 - xvii. World Wildlife Fund US (WWF-US).
2. With respect to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Council takes note of the information provided in Annex II and the Agency's request to review its compliance in 2020, once its AML-CFT Framework is fully implemented.

Decision 11/2019 Semi-Annual Evaluation Report June 2019

1. Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.56 /01/Rev.02, the [*Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: June 2019*](#), endorses the recommendations of the Annual Performance Report 2019: Special Thematic Focus on Sustainable Transport and Value for Money Analysis of GEF Interventions in Support of Sustainable Forest Management and approves the terms of reference for the professional peer review of the Independent Evaluation Office.
2. With respect to the Evaluation of GEF Support to Scaling up Impact, the Council notes with appreciation the analysis presented and endorses the following recommendation: The GEF partnership needs to ensure that factors influencing scaling up are identified and taken into account in program and project design and implementation, and their impact assessed at midterm and terminal evaluations.

Decision 12/2019 The GEF Evaluation Policy

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.56/02/Rev.01, [*The GEF Evaluation Policy*](#):
- (1) Approves the proposed GEF Evaluation Policy contained in Section 2 of this document, which supersedes the 2010 Policy on Monitoring and Evaluation as it relates to evaluation (Council document GEF/ME/C.39/6/Rev.1)."
 - (2) Authorizes the GEF Independent Evaluation Office to proceed with its dissemination and implementation.

Decision 13/2019 Four-Year Work Program and Budget of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office – GEF-7

1. Regarding the Four- Year Work program and Budget of the Independent Evaluation Office. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.56/03/Rev.01, the [Four-Year Work Program and Budget of the Independent Evaluation Office](#):
 - (1) Approves the annual IEO budget for fiscal year 2020 for a total of US\$6.22 million.
 - (2) Approves the work program for GEF-7 including the preparations for the 7th Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF.

Decision 14/2019 Work Program for GEF Trust Fund

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.56/08/Rev.01, [Work Program for the GEF Trust Fund](#), approves the Work Program comprising 31 projects and 7 programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by June 27, 2019².
2. Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$865.9 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Program Framework Documents (PFDs) and Project Identification Forms (PIFs):

Impact Programs

1. **Global, Burundi, China, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Tanzania, Thailand, Ukraine, Viet Nam:** Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) Impact Program, World Bank, UNDP, IFAD, WWF-US, CI, UNIDO, UNEP, FAO (GEF Program Financing: \$213,268,554) (GEF ID 10201)
2. **Global, Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malawi, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe:** Sustainable Forest Management

² The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons and whose governments do not have in place a functioning and transparent military audit, opposes the following projects and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: the Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) Impact Program in China and Burundi; Congo Basin Sustainable Landscapes Impact Program (CBSL IP) in the Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, and Gabon; Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in SIDS in Comoros; Regional capacity building of COMESA member states in Eastern and Southern Africa for enhanced transparency in Climate Change Monitoring, Reporting and Verification as defined in the Paris Agreement in Comoros and Eritrea; Scaling-up Investment and Technology Transfer to Facilitate Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm and Minamata Conventions in African LDCs in Mauritania; Improvement of the environmental performance of the foam sector: Phase out and management of hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) in China; Fostering Water and Environmental Security in the Ma and Neun/Ca Transboundary River Basins and Related Coastal Areas in Laos; and Umbrella Programme for Preparation of National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Burundi, Mauritania, and South Sudan.

Impact Program on Dryland Sustainable Landscapes, FAO, World Bank, IUCN, WWF-US (GEF Program Financing: \$95,844,674) (GEF ID 10206)

3. **Regional, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Congo DR, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon:** The Congo Basin Sustainable Landscapes Impact Program (CBSL IP), UNEP, IUCN, World Bank, WWF-US (GEF Program Financing: \$57,201,127) (GEF ID 10208)
4. **Regional, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname:** Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program - Phase II, World Bank, CI, FAO, IFAD, UNDP, UNIDO, CAF, WWF-US (GEF Program Financing: \$88,305,273) (GEF ID 10198)

Other Programs

5. **Global, Antigua And Barbuda, Armenia, Burundi, Chile, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, India, Jamaica, Madagascar, Maldives, Peru, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, St. Lucia, Togo, Ukraine, Uzbekistan:** Global Programme to Support Countries with the Shift to Electric Mobility, UNEP, ADB, UNDP, EBRD (GEF Program Financing: \$30,019,317) (GEF ID 10114)
6. **Global, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Comoros, Cook Islands, Dominican Republic, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Guyana, Kiribati, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Vanuatu:** Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in SIDS (ISLANDS), UNEP, IADB, FAO, UNDP (GEF Program Financing: \$56,000,000) (GEF ID 10185)
7. **Global, Angola, Belize, Bhutan, Cambodia, Chad, Congo DR, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Namibia, Panama, South Africa:** Global Wildlife Program³, World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, WWF-US (GEF Program Financing: \$73,110,492) (GEF ID 10200)

Stand-alone Full-sized Projects

Biodiversity

8. **Azerbaijan:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity: Strengthening Network of Protected Areas through Advanced Governance and Management, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$2,639,726) (GEF ID 10113)
9. **Brazil:** Brazil Sustaining Healthy Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Project, World Bank (GEF Project Financing: \$14,478,899) (GEF ID 10190)

³ This is a multi-trust fund project. Only the GEF Trust Fund component is presented in this Work Program. The LDCF or SCCF component is presented separately in the LDCF/SCCF Work Program.

10. **Chile:** Economic Instruments and Tools to Support the Conservation of Biodiversity, the Payment of Ecosystem Services and Sustainable Development, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$2,300,000) (GEF ID 10213)
11. **Philippines:** Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,384,000) (GEF ID 10079)
12. **Philippines:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in the Philippines, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,436,210) (GEF ID 10123)

Climate Change

13. **Regional, Botswana, Comoros, Eritrea, Zambia, Seychelles:** Regional Capacity Building of COMESA Member States in Eastern and Southern Africa for Enhanced Transparency in Climate Change Monitoring, Reporting and Verification as Defined in the Paris Agreement, CI (GEF Project Financing: \$5,250,000) (GEF ID 10093)
14. **Belarus:** Sustainable Energy Scale-Up, World Bank (GEF Project Financing: \$3,653,000) (GEF ID 10152)⁴
15. **India:** Capacity-building for Establishing an Integrated and Enhanced Transparency Framework for Climate Actions and Support Measures, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,800,000) (GEF ID 10194)
16. **Thailand:** Accelerating Construction of Energy Efficient Green Housing Units in Thailand, UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,141,142) (GEF ID 10189)

Land Degradation

17. **Ecuador:** LDN Target-Setting and Restoration of Degraded Landscapes in Western Andes and Coastal areas, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$4,416,210) (GEF ID 10184)
18. **Moldova:** Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project GEF Additional Financing, World Bank, (GEF Project Financing: \$3,105,023) (GEF ID 10191)
19. **South Africa:** Mainstreaming Sustainable Land Management (SLM) for Large-Scale Impact in the Grazing Lands of Limpopo and Northern Cape provinces in South Africa, IUCN (GEF Project Financing: \$3,629,816) (GEF ID 10179)

⁴ The United States, in light of its policies related to development projects in Belarus, abstains from participating in the decision on the following project: *Sustainable Energy Scale-Up* in Belarus.

Chemicals and Waste

20. **Regional, Angola, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda, Zambia:** AFLDC-2 Scaling-up Investment and Technology Transfer to Facilitate Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm and Minamata Conventions in African LDCs, AfDB (GEF Project Financing: \$21,300,000) (GEF ID 10218)
21. **China:** Improvement of the Environmental Performance of the Foam Sector: Phase out and Management of Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) in China, UNIDO (GEF Project Financing: \$12,600,000) (GEF ID 10163)
22. **Colombia:** Strengthening National Capacity to Manage Industrial POPs within the Framework of National and International Guidelines on Chemical Substances and Hazardous Waste Management, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$5,187,000) (GEF ID 10202)

International Waters

23. **Regional, Viet Nam, Laos:** Fostering Water and Environmental Security in the Ma and Neun/Ca Transboundary River Basins and Related Coastal Areas, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$8,000,000) (GEF ID 10193)
24. **Regional, Costa Rica, Panama:** Towards the Transboundary Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) of the Sixaola River Basin shared by Costa Rica and Panama, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,386,210) (GEF ID 10172)
25. **Regional, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras:** Fostering Water Security in the Trifinio Region: Promoting and Formulation of a TDA/SAP for its Transboundary Lempa River Basin, UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,800,000) (GEF ID 10108)

Multi-focal Area

26. **Regional, Grenada, Antigua And Barbuda, Belize, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia:** CSIDS-SOILCARE Phase1: Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Multi-country Soil Management Initiative for Integrated Landscape Restoration and Climate-resilient Food Systems, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$6,632,694) (GEF ID 10195)⁵
27. **Afghanistan:** Combating Land Degradation and Biodiversity Loss by Promoting Sustainable Rangeland Management and Biodiversity Conservation in Afghanistan, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$5,906,850) (GEF ID10169)

⁵ This is a multi-trust fund project. Only the GEF Trust Fund component is presented in this Work Program. The LDCF or SCCF component is presented separately in the LDCF/SCCF Work Program

28. **Brazil:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Brazil, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,481,210) (GEF ID 10122)
29. **Costa Rica:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Costa Rica, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$2,081,945) (GEF ID 10124)
30. **Dominican Republic:** Integrated Productive Landscapes through Land Use Planning; Restoration, and Sustainable Intensification of Rice Crops in the Yaque Norte and Yuna Watersheds, World Bank (GEF Project Financing: \$ 4,063,927) (GEF ID 10216)
31. **Honduras:** Protecting Biodiversity and Recovering Degraded Ecosystems – RECOVER Honduras, UNDP, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$9,863,948) (GEF ID 10220)
32. **India:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in India, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,474,886) (GEF ID 10125)
33. **India:** Transforming Agricultural Systems and Strengthening Local Economies in High Biodiversity Areas of India through Sustainable Landscape Management and Public-private Finance, UNEP, IUCN (GEF Project Financing: \$6,266,883) (GEF ID 10204)
34. **Timor Leste:** IKAN Adapt: Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity, Resilience and Biodiversity Conservation Ability of Fisheries and Aquaculture-dependent Livelihoods in Timor-Leste, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$1,766,484) (GEF ID 10181)⁶
35. **Trinidad and Tobago:** BIOREACH: Biodiversity Conservation and Agroecological Land Restoration in Productive Landscapes of Trinidad and Tobago, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$3,752,162) (GEF ID 10188)
36. **Zambia:** Ecosystem Conservation and Community Livelihood Enhancement in North Western Zambia, UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$5,338,585) (GEF ID 10192)

Non-Expedited Enabling Activities

37. **Global, Burundi, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Benin, Dominica, Viet Nam, Yemen, Pakistan, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Suriname, Uganda, Fiji, Gambia, Mauritania:** Umbrella Programme for Preparation of National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$9,900,360) (GEF ID 10167)

⁶ This is a multi-trust fund project. Only the GEF Trust Fund component is presented in this Work Program. The LDCF or SCCF component is presented separately in the LDCF/SCCF Work Program

38. **Global, Ethiopia, Comoros, Kiribati, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, St. Kitts And Nevis, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Yemen:** Technology Needs Assessments (TNA) Phase IV, UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,050,000) (GEF ID 10171)
3. With respect to the following 4 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.
- 1) **Philippines:** Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines, UNDP;
 - 2) **Brazil:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Brazil, UNDP;
 - 3) **Timor Leste:** IKAN Adapt: Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity, Resilience and Biodiversity Conservation Ability of Fisheries and Aquaculture-dependent Livelihoods in Timor-Leste, FAO; and
 - 4) **Regional, Angola, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda, Zambia:** AFLDC-2 Scaling-up Investment and Technology Transfer to Facilitate Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm and Minamata Conventions in African LDCs, AfDB
4. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs: (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.
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 amendments to the project since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.
6. 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.

7. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 56th session of the work program are part of the associated [Annex I](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

Decision 15/2019 Work Program for GEF Trust Fund

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.56/08/Rev.01, [Work Program for the GEF Trust Fund](#), and with the aim to further enhance transparency about the selection of lead agencies and recipient countries in the impact programs, requests the GEF Secretariat to share, by July 1, 2019, a report on the selection processes for the approved impact programs as well as the one that has not yet been approved.

Decision 16/2019 Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.56/09/Rev.01, [Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions](#), welcomed the report and requested the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

Decision 17/2019 Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Council of the Global Environment Facility

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.56/10/Rev.01, [Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Council of the Global Environment Facility](#):
 - (c) Approves the Memorandum of Understanding as adopted by the second Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury as communicated by the President of the Conference of the Parties.
 - (d) Requests the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility to transmit the Council's approval to the Conference of the Parties.

Decision 18/2019 Further work on the Sustainability of GEF Project and Programs

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.56/Inf.08, [Further Work on the Sustainability of GEF Projects and Programs](#) and GEF/STAP/C.56/Inf.04, [Achieving More Enduring Outcomes from GEF Investment](#), notes with appreciation the information provided and requests that the Secretariat present, for Council consideration at its 57th meeting in the Fall of 2019, a summary of key factors that influence the sustainability of

GEF projects and programs and how such factors are taken into account and may be strengthened in current GEF operations

Decision 19/2019 Report of the Selection and Review Committee

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.56/11, *Preparing to Launch an Executive search for the GEF CEO/Chairperson*:
 - a. Decides to initiate the process for the selection of the next GEF CEO/Chairperson.
 - b. Authorizes the Selection and Review Committee (SRC) to engage an executive search firm in light of guidance from World Bank Human Resources, based on the Terms of Reference contained in Annex 1 of this document.
 - c. Approves a special initiative up to a maximum of \$300,000 for the process of recruiting the GEF CEO/Chairperson.
 - d. Notes that the final Terms of Reference for the GEF CEO/Chairperson will be circulated to Council out of session under a no objection procedure, once the SRC has received advice from the executive search firm.
 - e. Notes that the process for the recruitment of the GEF CEO/Chairperson will be circulated to Council out of session under a no objection procedure.
2. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.56/12, *Report of the Selection and Review Committee (SRC)*:
 - a. Notes that once all required supporting documentation becomes available, the SRC will provide Council with its assessment of the GEF CEO's FY19 performance, and its assessment of the GEF IEO Director's FY19 performance, along with its recommendation for a performance rating for both individuals, based on the World Bank's 6-point scale, for an out-of-session decision subject to a no-objection period of 21 calendar days.
 - b. Takes note of the FY20 goals for the GEF CEO and the Director of the GEF's Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) and requests the SRC to present the performance evaluation of the IEO Director and the GEF CEO for the Council's review at its 58th meeting.

Decision 20/2019 Dates for 60th and 61st Council Meetings

1. The Council decides that it will hold its 60th meeting during the week of June 14, 2021, and the 61st meeting during the week of December 6, 2021.

Decision by Mail – August 2019

Decision 21/2019 GEF Report to UNFCCC CoP 25

1. The Council, having reviewed the [Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Twenty Fifth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change](#), approves the Report.

Decision 22/2019 GEF Report to UNCCD CoP 14

1. The Council, having reviewed the [Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Fourteenth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Conventions to Combat Desertification](#), approves the report for submission to the Fourteenth Session of the Conference of the Parties.

Decision by Mail – December 2019

Decision 23/2019 Process for the Appointment of the CEO

1. The Council, following the decision adopted during its 56th meeting, and reflected in paragraph 69 (e) of the Summary of the Co-Chairs, adopts the process for selecting the GEF CEO/Chairperson as proposed by the Selection and Review Committee:

Process for the Appointment of the CEO

- a) Council decides to start the process for the selection of a new CEO in June 2019, agreeing the ToR for engaging an executive search firm;
- b) An independent executive search firm will be selected by the SRC, in consultation with the Secretariat, using the ToR approved by Council;
- c) Executive search firm provides comments on the draft ToR for the CEO. Final ToR circulated to Council out of session, under a no objection procedure, prior to position being advertised;
- d) Position will be advertised following World Bank hiring practises. Search firm solicits interest in position. Furthermore, Council Members and participant governments may suggest candidates directly to the executive search firm;

- e) Search firm conducts initial screen of all applications received against criteria/qualifications as specified in the ToR for the CEO position;
- f) Search firm presents to SRC a list of all applicants meeting the criteria along with a suggested list of 15-25 applicants who presented the strongest applications;
- g) SRC advises search firm on development of a long list of approximately 10 candidates for further evaluation;
- h) On receipt of evaluations, SRC consults with Council Members on the long list;
- i) Reflecting views received from Council Members, SRC works with the search firm to prepare a final short list of approximately 5 to 6 candidates to be interviewed.
- j) SRC interviews candidates, and consults with Council Members again;
- k) Based on interviews and consultations with Council Members, the SRC makes a recommendation to the Council of three final candidates, in order of preference.
- l) Council interviews the final three candidates, selects its preferred candidate, and appoints the CEO at the Council meeting prior to the expiration of the term of the incumbent CEO.
- m) New CEO commences in the role upon the expiration of the term of the incumbent CEO.

Decision 24/2019 Membership of the Ethics Committee

1. The Council, as prescribed in the [GEF Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest](#), approves the updated Membership of the Ethics Committee as follows:
 - **Mr. Vladyslav Marushevski**, Council Member of Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine, as member and Chair of the Committee; replacing Ms. Martha Cuba de Cronkleton, former Council Member of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay, for a term of two years [until December of 2021] or until the expiration of his term as Council Member, whichever comes first.
 - **Ms. Adriana Leticia Flachier Troya**, Council Member of Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador, as member replacing Ms. Laura Camila Bermudez Wilches of the same Constituency, for a term of two years [until November of 2021] or until the expiration of her term as Council Member, whichever comes first.

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Decision 25/2019 The GEF Monitoring Report 2019

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.57/03, [The GEF Monitoring Report 2019](#), welcomes the Report. The Council requests the Secretariat, in collaboration with Agencies, to expedite action on financial closure and to report back at the 58th Council. The Council also requests the Secretariat to provide detailed information on Integrated Approach Programs (IAPs), Impact Programs (IPs) and Multi-Focal Area projects or programs (MFAs) in the context of the next Monitoring Report.
2. The Council notes the analysis of the Small Grants Programme (SGP) provided in the Report. In the context of the reporting requirements relevant to SGP in the GEF Policy on Monitoring (GEF/C.56/03/Rev.01), the Council requests that information on results, financial management and resource distribution be provided.

Decision 26/2019 Updated policy on minimum fiduciary standards

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.57/04/Rev.02, [Updated Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards](#), approves, with immediate effect, the Policy contained in Annex B to the document, which supersedes the existing Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards for GEF Partner Agencies (GA/PL/02).
2. The Council requests each GEF Partner Agency, within 9 months of the Policy approval (or by September 30, 2020), to conduct a self-assessment and present a report to the GEF Secretariat on its compliance with the GEF Minimum Fiduciary Standards, including a signed certification of compliance, and, as necessary, time-bound action plans to remedy any shortfall. The GEF Secretariat is requested to consolidate GEF Partner Agency reports as a decision document for submission to the Council at its 59th meeting in December 2020.
3. Recognizing that international practices will evolve over time, the Council agrees to review the GEF Minimum Fiduciary Standards as appropriate and needed.
4. The Council notes and confirms the content of paragraph 39 under “Addressing Concerns about Misuse of Funds”.

Decision 27/2019 Report on the Assessment of GEF Agencies' Compliance with Minimum Standards in the Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender Equality, and Stakeholder Engagement

1. The Council, having reviewed document, GEF/C.57/05, [Report on the Assessment of GEF Agencies' Compliance with Minimum Standards in the Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender Equality, and Stakeholder Engagement](#), welcomes the assessment (in annex 1) and takes note of the findings and the plans of action submitted by Agencies to address the findings of non-compliance. The Council requests that:
 - a. Each Agency determined not to be in full compliance with the minimum standards provide updates to the Secretariat, ahead of every Council meeting, on the progress in implementing their plans of action according to the timelines set out in those plans, until they have completed implementation of the plans of action to come into full compliance with each minimum standard in the three Policies (mentioned above).
 - b. The Secretariat report to the Council on the progress on Agencies' implementation of the plans of action at subsequent Council meetings, based on the updates provided by the Agencies and, as needed, further expert assessment and consultation with the Agencies; and to provide a summary of overall progress in the annual reports on the implementation of the Policy on Environmental and Social Safeguards.
 - c. The Secretariat notify Council when Agencies have met their commitments set out in their respective plans of action to achieve compliance. The Council approves the plans of action submitted by Agencies to achieve full compliance as summarized in paragraphs 18-54 of this document and further detailed in the letters provided by Agencies in Annex 2 and decides that these Agencies may continue to seek GEF financing while they implement the time-bound plans of action.

Decision 28/2019 GEF's Private Sector Engagement Strategy

- i. The Council, having considered Document GEF/C.57/06, [GEF's Private Sector Engagement Strategy](#), requests the Secretariat to review the document in light of the discussions held, draw on further consultations, and present a revised version for the 58th Council meeting. The Council further requests the GEF Secretariat to prepare an implementation plan for consideration of the Council, no later than the 59th Council meeting. The Council extends its appreciation to the Private Sector Advisory Group

(PSAG) and invites it to continue dispensing its duties until the end of the GEF-7 replenishment cycle.

Decision 29/2019 Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the Independent Evaluation Office and Management Response

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.57/01, [Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: November 2019](#), acknowledges the progress made by the Independent Evaluation Office in the reporting period.

Decision 30/2019 The Strategic Country Cluster Evaluation of the Small Island Developing States

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.57/02, [Strategic Country Cluster Evaluation of the Small Island Developing States](#), endorses the recommendations of the evaluation.

Decision 31/2019 A Methodological Approach for Post Completion Verification: November 2019

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.57/03, [A Methodological Approach for Post-Completion Verification: November 2019](#), endorses the approach and supports the application of the post-completion verification methodology.

Decision 32/2019 Work Program for GEF Trust Fund

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.57/07, [Work Program for GEF Trust Fund](#), approves the Work Program comprising 48 projects and 5 programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 16, 2020⁷.
2. Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$588.5 million which included 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:

⁷ The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons and whose governments do not have in place a functioning and transparent military audit or which have violated human rights, and in light of its policies on international terrorism, opposes the following projects and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: GEF projects 10088, 10374, 10391, 10349, 10366, 10387, 10400, 10178, 10413, and 10162. Further, the United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments do not have in place a functioning and transparent military audit, abstains from participating in the decision on GEF project 10352. Finally, the United States remains concerned that development funds channeled to Cuba's agricultural sector would not achieve the intended development impact, given a history of poor policy design and well-documented mismanagement of the sector, and therefore opposes GEF project 10400 for this reason, as well.

Impact Programs

1. **Global, Argentina, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Rwanda, Sierra Leone:** Sustainable Cities Impact Program, UNEP/ADB/UNDP/WB (GEF Program Financing: \$146,742,453) (GEF ID: 10391)
2. **Global, Brazil, India, Nigeria, Paraguay, Uganda:** Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) Impact Program Addendum, WB/UNEP/FAO (GEF Program Financing: \$67,922,022) (GEF ID: 10397)

Other Programs

3. **Regional, Angola, Burkina Faso, Comoros, Djibouti, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, Somalia:** GEF-7 Africa Mini-grids Program, UNDP (GEF Program Financing: \$24,235,308) (GEF ID: 10413)
4. **Global, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay:** Global Cleantech Innovation Programme (GCIP) to Accelerate the Uptake and Investments in Innovative Cleantech Solutions, UNIDO (GEF Program Financing: \$17,972,633) (GEF ID: 10408)
5. **Regional, Bahamas, Cuba, Dominica:** Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in SIDS (ISLANDS), UNEP (GEF Program Financing: \$10,000,000) (GEF ID: 10387)

Non-Grant Instruments

6. **Global:** The Food Securities Fund: A Fund to Finance Sustainable Supply Chains at Scale in Emerging Markets, (NGI)** - CI (GEF Project Financing: \$13,461,468) (GEF ID: 10322)
7. **Regional, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey:** Circular Economy Regional Programme Initiative (Near Zero Waste) (NGI)**, EBRD (GEF Project Financing: \$13,761,468) (GEF ID 10328)
8. **Regional, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay:** Agtech for Inclusion and Sustainability: SP Ventures' 48 Regional Fund (Agventures II) (NGI)**, IADB (GEF Project Financing: \$ 5,000,000) (GEF ID 10336)

Stand-alone Full-sized Projects

Biodiversity

9. **Global:** Inclusive Conservation Initiative, CI, IUCN (GEF Project Financing: \$22,535,780) (GEF ID 10404)

10. **Ecuador:** Development of an Enabling Environment for Sustainable Businesses Based on the Native Biodiversity of Ecuador, CAF (GEF Project Financing: \$ 3,119,266) (GEFID 10219)
11. **Colombia:** Paramos for Life, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,502,968) (GEF ID: 10361)
12. **Comoros:** Biodiversity Protection through the Effective Management of the National Network of Protected Areas, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,009,589) (GEF ID: 10351)
13. **Cuba:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Mountain Agricultural and Pastoral Landscapes of Relevant Ecosystems in Eastern Cuba, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$4,151,370) (GEF ID 10400)
14. **Dominica:** Biodiversity for Economic Growth in Dominica, World Bank (GEF Project Financing: \$3,515,982) (GEF ID 10217)
15. **Ecuador:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity within the Sustainable Use Areas of the State Subsystem of Protected Areas (SEAP) of Ecuador and its Buffer Zones, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$4,416,210) (GEF ID 10396)
16. **Montenegro:** Biodiversity Mainstreaming into Sectoral Policies and Practices and Strengthened Protection of Biodiversity Hot-Spots in in Montenegro, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,278,995) (GEF ID 10343)
17. **Philippines:** Natural Capital Accounting and Assessment: Informing Development Planning, Sustainable Tourism Development and Other Incentives for Improved Conservation and Sustainable Landscapes, UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,502,968) (GEF ID 10386)
18. **Sudan:** Landscape Approach to Riverine Forest Restoration, Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Improvement, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$2,589,726) (GEF ID 10162)
19. **Thailand:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity-based Tourism in Thailand to Support Sustainable Tourism Development, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$2,639,726) (GEF ID 10409)

Climate Change

20. **Global:** Global Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) Platform Phase II B: Unified Support Platform and Program for Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, UNDP/UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$5,567,547) (GEF ID 10088)

21. **Azerbaijan:** Scaling up Investment in Energy Efficiency in Buildings through Enhanced Energy Management Information System (EMIS) and Green Social Housing, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,521,005) (GEF ID 10402)
22. **China:** Enabling Zero Carbon Energy in Rural Towns and Villages in China (EZCERTV) Project, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$8,932,420) (GEF ID 10366)
23. **Iraq:** Promoting Carbon Reduction Through Energy Efficiency (EE) Techniques in Baghdad City, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,092,009) (GEF ID 10392)
24. **Lebanon:** Lebanon Sustainable Low-emission Transport Systems, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,552,968) (GEF ID 10358)
25. **Mauritius:** Promoting Low-carbon Electric Public Bus Transport in Mauritius, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,229,998) (GEF ID 10372)

Land Degradation

26. **Armenia:** Implementation of Armenia's LDN commitments through sustainable land management and restoration of degraded landscapes, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$2,183,105) (GEFID 10365)
27. **Uzbekistan:** Sustainable Forest and Rangelands Management in the Dryland Ecosystems of Uzbekistan, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$3,776,941) (GEF ID 10367)

Chemicals and Waste

28. **Brazil:** Environmentally Sound Destination of PCBs in Brazil, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$9,660,000) (GEF ID 10368)
29. **China:** Demonstration of Production Phase-out of Mercury-containing Medical Thermometers and Sphygmomanometers and Promoting the Application of Mercury-free Alternatives in Medical Facilities in China, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$16,000,000) (GEF ID 10349)
30. **Rwanda:** Supporting a Green Economy - Decoupling Hazardous Waste Generation from Economic Growth in Rwanda, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: 6,300,000) (GEF ID 10373)

International Waters

31. **Global:** Blue Nature Alliance to Expand and Improve Conservation of 1.25 Billion Hectares of Ocean Ecosystems, CI (GEF Project Financing: \$22,635,780) (GEF ID 10375)
32. **Global:** GEF IW:LEARN 5: Supporting Portfolio Coordination Within and Beyond the International Waters Focal Area, particularly in Small Island Developing

States, Through Knowledge Sharing, Information Management, Partnership Building and Programmatic Guidance Services, UNDP/UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$5,978,700) (GEF ID 10374)

33. **Regional, Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa, Zimbabwe:** Integrated Transboundary River Basin Management for the Sustainable Development of the Limpopo River Basin, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$6,000,000) (GEF ID 10182)
34. **Regional, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu:** Mainstreaming Climate Change and Ecosystem-based Approaches into the Sustainable Management of the Living Marine Resources of the WCPFC, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$ 10,000,000) (GEF ID 10394)

Multi-focal Areas

35. **Regional, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Panama, St. Lucia:** BE-CMLE+: Promoting National Blue Economy Priorities Through Marine Spatial Planning in the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem Plus, CAF/FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$6,222,018) (GEF ID 10211)
36. **Algeria:** Integrated Forest and Biodiversity Management for Sustainable Development in the Biban Mountain Range, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$3,297,260) (GEF ID 10170)
37. **Bolivia:** Strengthening the Integral and Sustainable Management of Biodiversity and Forests by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Fragile Ecosystems of the Dry Forests of the Bolivia Chaco, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$3,502,968) (GEF ID 10393)
38. **El Salvador:** El Salvador Integrated Landscape Management and Restoration. WB (GEF Project Financing: \$3,561,644) (GEF ID 10346)
39. **Ghana:** Establishing a Circular Economy Framework for the Plastics Sector in Ghana, UNIDO (GEF Project Financing: \$7,000,000) (GEF ID 10401)
40. **Nauru:** Ecosystem Restoration and Sustainable Land Management to Improve Livelihoods and Protect Biodiversity in Nauru, UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,502,968) (GEF ID 10161)
41. **Nepal:** Enhancing Capacity for Sustainable Management of Forests, Land and Biodiversity in the Eastern Hills (ECSM FoLaBi EH), FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$ 4,187,900) (GEF ID 10381)
42. **Niger:** Promoting Sustainable Agricultural Production and Conservation of Key Biodiversity Species through Land Restoration and Efficient Use of Ecosystems in

the Dallol Bosso and Surrounding Areas (PROSAP/COKEBIOS), IFAD/UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$ 5,296,808) (GEF ID 10420)

43. **Turkmenistan:** Conservation and Sustainable Management of Land Resources and High Nature Value Ecosystems in the Aral Sea Basin for Multiple Benefits, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,583,196) (GEF ID 10352)
44. **Uzbekistan:** Conservation and Sustainable Management of Lakes, Wetlands, and Riparian Corridors as Pillars of a Resilient and Land Degradation Neutral Aral Basin Landscape Supporting Sustainable Livelihoods, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,552,968) (GEF ID 10356)
45. **Zambia:** Sustainable Luangwa: Securing Luangwa's Water Resources for Shared Socioeconomic and Environmental Benefits through Integrated Catchment Management, WWF-US (GEF Project Financing: \$2,889,155) (GEF ID 10412)

Multi-Trust Fund Projects

46. **Mali:** Resilient, Productive and Sustainable Landscapes in Mali's Kayes Region⁸, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$4,560,558) (GEF ID 10362)
47. **South Sudan:** Watershed Approaches for Climate Resilience in Agro-pastoral Landscapes⁹, UNDP/UNIDO (GEF Project Financing: \$913,242) (GEF ID 10178)
48. **Tanzania:** Building Resilience through Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Adaptation in Dodoma¹⁰, AfDB (GEF Project Financing: \$1,358,100) (GEF ID 10418)
49. **Vanuatu:** Adaptation to Climate Change in the Coastal Zone in Vanuatu – Phase II (VCAP II)¹¹, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$5,824,017) (GEF ID 10415)

Small Grants Programme

50. **Egypt:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Egypt, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$2,096,119) (GEF ID10360)
51. **Kenya:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Kenya. UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$2,655,726) (GEF ID10359)
52. **Malaysia:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Malaysia, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,500,000) (GEF ID 10363)

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Non-Expedited Enabling Activities

53. **Indonesia:** Fourth National Communication and 4th Biennial Update Report to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$2,852,000) (GEF ID 10441)
3. With respect to the following 16 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:
1. **Global:** Inclusive Conservation Initiative, CI, IUCN (GEF Project Financing: \$22,535,780) (GEF ID 10404)
 2. **Global:** The Food Securities Fund: A Fund to Finance Sustainable Supply Chains at Scale in Emerging Markets, (NGI)** - CI (GEF Project Financing: \$13,461,468) (GEF ID: 10322)
 3. **Regional, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey:** Circular Economy Regional Programme Initiative (Near Zero Waste) (NGI)** , EBRD (GEF Project Financing: \$13,761,468) (GEF ID 10328)
 4. **Regional, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay:** Agtech for Inclusion and Sustainability: SP Ventures' 48 Regional Fund (Agventures II) (NGI)** , IADB (GEF Project Financing: \$ 5,000,000) (GEF ID 10336)
 5. **Regional, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu:** Mainstreaming Climate Change and Ecosystem-based Approaches into the Sustainable Management of the Living Marine Resources of the WCPFC, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$ 10,000,000) (GEF ID 10394)
 6. **El Salvador:** El Salvador Integrated Landscape Management and Restoration. WB (GEF Project Financing: \$3,561,644) (GEF ID 10346)
 7. **Iraq:** Promoting Carbon Reduction Through Energy Efficiency (EE) Techniques in Baghdad City, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,092,009) (GEF ID 10392)
 8. **Brazil:** Environmentally Sound Destination of PCBs in Brazil, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$9,660,000) (GEF ID 10368)
 9. **Ghana:** Establishing a Circular Economy Framework for the Plastics Sector in Ghana, UNIDO (GEF Project Financing: \$7,000,000) (GEF ID 10401)
 10. **Lebanon:** Lebanon Sustainable Low-emission Transport Systems, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,552,968) (GEF ID 10358)

11. **Mauritius:** Promoting Low-carbon Electric Public Bus Transport in Mauritius, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,229,998) (GEF ID 10372)
 12. **Thailand:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity-based Tourism in Thailand to Support Sustainable Tourism Development, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$2,639,726) (GEF ID 10409)
 13. **Regional, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Panama, St. Lucia:** BE-CMLE+: Promoting National Blue Economy Priorities Through Marine Spatial Planning in the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem Plus, CAF/FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$6,222,018) (GEF ID 10211)
 14. **Global:** Blue Nature Alliance to Expand and Improve Conservation of 1.25 Billion Hectares of Ocean Ecosystems, CI (GEF Project Financing: \$22,635,780) (GEF ID 10375)
 15. **Uzbekistan:** Conservation and Sustainable Management of Lakes, Wetlands, and Riparian Corridors as Pillars of a Resilient and Land Degradation Neutral Aral Basin Landscape Supporting Sustainable Livelihoods, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,552,968) (GEF ID 10356)
 16. **Zambia:** Sustainable Luangwa: Securing Luangwa's Water Resources for Shared Socioeconomic and Environmental Benefits through Integrated Catchment Management, WWF-US (GEF Project Financing: \$2,889,155) (GEF ID 10412)
4. 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 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 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.
 5. 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 or non-expedited enabling activity approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.
 6. With respect to the PFDs and Addenda 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.
 7. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 57th session of the work program is part of the associated [Annex 1](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

Decision 33/2019 Towards Greater Durability of GEF Investments

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.57/08, [Towards Greater Durability of GEF Investments](#), welcomes the analysis carried out by the Secretariat and agrees with the conclusions and next steps.

Decision 34/2019 Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.57/09, [Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions](#), welcomed the report and requested the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

Decision 35/2019 Approval of amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meetings of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Council of the Global Environment Facility Regarding Secretariat Services to the Adaptation Fund Board

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.57/10, [Approval of Amendment of Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Council of the Global Environment Facility](#):
 - a. Approves the amended and restated Memorandum of Understanding as adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its 15th session as adopted by the President of the Conference of the Parties and as annexed to this document; and
 - b. Requests the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility to transmit its approval to the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Chair of the Adaptation Fund Board.

Decision 36/2019 Strengthening Consultations with Civil Society: Proposed Topics for Discussion at the Consultations of the 58th and 59th GEF Council Meetings

1. The GEF Council having considered Document GEF/C.57/11, [Strengthening Consultations with Civil Society: Proposed Topics for Discussion at the 58th and 59th GEF Council Meetings](#), selects the following topic(s) to be addressed as part of the GEF Consultations with Civil Society:

- a. The Application of Traditional Knowledge by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, Stewards of the Global Environment to be discussed at the 58th Council meeting in June 2020; and
- b. Enhancing Climate Resilience and the Role of Civil Society, Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples to be discussed at the 59th Council meeting in December 2020.

Decision 37/2019 Report of the Selection and Review Committee

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.57/12, *Report of the Selection and Review Committee (SRC)*, subject to a ‘no objection’ period ending on Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 1800 hrs. EST (US)¹²:
 - a. Agrees with the SRC’s assessment of the GEF CEO’s FY19 performance and the recommendation to provide the GEF CEO with a “4” rating on the World Bank’s 6-point scale and taking into account the GEF CEO’s current salary zone placement, in accordance with the World Bank’s Merit Increase Matrix, the SRC recommends a merit-based salary increase in FY19 for the GEF CEO that is consistent with World Bank’s Merit Increase Matrix. The Council requests the SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resource Department.
 - b. Agrees with the SRC’s assessment of the GEF IEO Director’s FY19 performance and the recommendation to provide the GEF IEO Director with a “4” rating on the World Bank’s 6-point scale, and taking into account the IEO Director’s current salary zone placement, in accordance with the World Bank’s Merit Increase Matrix, the SRC recommends a merit-based salary increase in FY19 for the IEO Director that is consistent with World Bank’s Merit Increase Matrix. The Council requests the SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resource Department.

Decision 38/2019 Dates for 62nd and 63rd Council Meetings

1. The Council decides that it will hold its 62nd meeting back to back with the 7th GEF Assembly in 2022, and the 63rd meeting during the week of December 6, 2022.

¹² The Council Member representing Spain abstained from participating in the items contained in paragraph 98 (a) and (b).

Decision 39/2019 Membership of the Ethics Committee

1. The Council, as prescribed in the [GEF Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest](#), approves the updated Membership of the Ethics Committee as follows:
 - a) Ms. Ornela Cuci, Council Member of Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine, as member of the Committee; replacing Mr. Vladyslav Marushevski of the same Constituency, for a term of two years [until December of 2021] or until the expiration of her term as Council Member, whichever comes first.
 - b) Ms. Yoshiko Motoyama, Alternate Council Member of Japan, as member replacing Mr. Josceline Wheatley, former Council Member of the United Kingdom, for a term of two years [until December of 2021] or until the expiration of her term as Alternate Council Member, whichever comes first.
 - c) Ms. Adriana Leticia Flachier Troya, Council Member of Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador, is appointed as Chair of the Ethics Committee.