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Agenda Item 08

PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISORY GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

Recommended Council Decision

Having reviewed GEF/C.54/13/Rev.01, the Council approves the proposed TOR for the Private Sector Advisory Group and requests the Secretariat to present a proposal for a strategy on private sector engagement, with inputs from the Advisory Group, for consideration for Council in Spring 2019.

INTRODUCTION

1. Participants to the GEF-7 replenishment requested the Secretariat to present for Council consideration a proposal for a strategy on private sector engagement (GEF/R.7/18, *GEF-7 Replenishment Policy Recommendations*). In this respect, participants further recommended that a private sector advisory group is established to provide input and advice on the proposed strategy, and outreach to private sector partners.
2. This document proposes the terms of reference (TOR) and possible composition of the Advisory Group, and the schedule towards formulation of the private sector engagement strategy, which is to be presented in the Council meeting in the spring of 2019.

Terms of Reference for the GEF Private Sector Advisory Group

Focus of work

3. The Private Sector Advisory Group (“Advisory Group”) will provide recommendations to the GEF Council on the formulation of the GEF’s private sector engagement strategy, which is due for consideration by the Council in its meeting of the spring of 2019. In particular, the Advisory Group will advise the Secretariat on how to best engage the private sector in the implementation of the GEF-7 strategy.
4. The Advisory Group is not responsible for the execution of the non-grant financial instruments.

Composition

5. The Advisory Group will be composed of 10 members with broad representation, who are private sector corporate leaders and associations with experience in sectors most relevant to the GEF- 7 strategy. This may include key sectors along the value chain such as production, trade, finance and retailers of the food sector; infrastructure, energy and chemicals; private sector involved in natural resource management, tourism, and the financial sector, including the capital market. Overall, it will be critical to ensure a broad representation of the private sector, including from the global south and SMEs. It will likewise be crucial to consider a balanced composition in terms of gender and geographical coverage.
6. Advisors will be identified by the GEF Secretariat, through a transparent and open process. The list of identified advisors will be circulated to the Council for a one month no-objection approval. The Advisory Group will elect a chair amongst its members.

Modalities of Work

7. The Advisory Group will organize its work to ensure that it covers all topics relevant for the development of the private sector engagement strategy.
8. The Advisory Group should consult the GEF Agencies to consider their input into its recommendations for the development of the private sector engagement strategy.
9. The Advisory Group may invite additional specialists and experts on specific agenda items to stimulate the discussion.
10. Meetings of the Advisory Group will be conducted under Chatham House Rules to allow Advisors to provide candid advice.
11. The chair of the advisory group will present the recommendations of the Advisory Group to the Council.
12. The Secretariat will facilitate the work of the Advisory Group, and document and summarize the results of each meeting for dissemination to the GEF Council.

Timeline

13. The Advisory Group will operate at least until the Private Sector Engagement Strategy is approved. In Spring 2019 the Council will assess whether the term of the Advisory Group should be extended, under which mandate and for how long, based on the Private Sector Engagement Strategy.

Cost implications

14. Advisors will participate in the Group without remuneration. The travel costs for the members of the advisory group will be covered through the existing administrative budget.

Next Steps

15. With approval by the Council of the proposed terms of reference at the 54th Council meeting in June 2018, the Secretariat will immediately start composing the group, and will circulate a list of proposed advisors for council approval on a one month no-objection basis.