



## Global Environment Facility

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Dear Council Member,

Today is my first day as CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility, and I would like to thank you again for giving me the opportunity to lead the GEF. With your support, I am confident that we can make the GEF an indispensable financial mechanism for the global environmental conventions.

I am delighted that my first communication with you concerns the June 2006 intersessional work program, which I gather is the largest work program submitted for Council's review in the GEF's history. By way of background, this work program was submitted for review under the cover of the CEO letter of June 12, 2006, and comprised seventy (70) project proposals requesting approval of \$ 523.44 million in GEF financing.

In response to the proposed work program, five Council Members submitted comments. All comments received have been posted on the GEF website at [http://thegef.org/Documents/Work\\_Programs/CouncilCommentsIAResponsesWPJune2006.html](http://thegef.org/Documents/Work_Programs/CouncilCommentsIAResponsesWPJune2006.html).

On the basis of the comments received, fifty four (54) project proposals are approved. Final project documents for nine (9) of these proposals are to be re-circulated for Council review for a four-week period prior to CEO endorsement. Sixteen (16) proposals are deferred for consideration at the August 2006 Council meeting.

I am pleased to inform you that the following decision is therefore approved.

**The Council reviewed the proposed work program transmitted for approval by mail by July 24, 2006, and agrees to the following.**

**The Council approves a work program comprised of the following fifty four (54) project proposals:**

**Biodiversity**

- 1. Global (Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Indonesia, Malaysia): Biodiversity and Agricultural Commodities Program (BACP)**
- 2. Global : Building the Partnership to Track Progress at the Global Level in Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target (Phase I)**

- 2037 3. Global (China, Ecuador, Morocco, Uganda) : Conservation and Use of Crop Genetic Diversity to Control Pests and Diseases in Support of Sustainable Agriculture
- 2754 4. Argentina : Sustainable Forestry Development Project
- 2772 5. Bosnia-Herzegovina : Forest and Mountain Protected Areas Project
- 2913 6. Botswana : Wildlife Conflict Management and Biodiversity Conservation for Improved Rural Livelihoods
7. China : Guangxi Integrated Forestry Development and Biodiversity Conservation
8. Congo : Agricultural Development and Rural Road Rehabilitation Project
- 2168 9. Congo DR : Support to ICCN's Program for the Rehabilitation of the National Parks Network
- 1234 10. Ethiopia : Sustainable Development of the Protected Area System
11. India : Biodiversity Conservation and Rural Livelihoods Improvement
- 2923 12. Indonesia : Fisheries Revitalization Project (FRP)
- 1214 13. Jordan : Integrated Ecosystem and Natural Resource Management in the Jordan Rift Valley
- 2822 14. Kazakhstan : Conservation and Sustainable use of Biodiversity in the Kazakhstani Sector of the Altai-Sayan Mountain Ecoregion
- 2605 15. Serbia and Montenegro : Transitional Agriculture Reform
- 162 16. Seychelles : Mainstreaming Biodiversity Management into Production Sector Activities
- 2949 17. Sierra Leone : Wildlife Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Project
- 255 18. Uruguay : Catalyzing the Implementation of Uruguay's National Protected Area System
- 2072 19. Venezuela : Expanding Partnerships for the National Parks System

#### Biodiversity (Biosafety)

20. Regional (Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica, Peru, Brazil) : Latin America: Multi-country Capacity-building in Biosafety

#### Climate Change

- 2414 21. Regional (Senegal, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Cape Verde): Adaptation to Climate Change - Responding to Coastline Change and Its Human Dimensions in West Africa through Integrated Coastal Area Management
22. Regional (Kenya, Ghana) : Lighting the "Bottom of the Pyramid"
23. Regional (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico): Regional Sustainable Transport Project
24. Regional (Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Vanuatu): Sustainable Energy Financing
25. Bangladesh: Improving Kiln Efficiency for the Brick Industry
26. Ghana: Development of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
27. Guinea: Electricity Sector Efficiency Improvement
28. India: Coal Fired Generation Rehabilitation Project
- 2408 29. India: Enabling activities for Preparing India's Second National Communication to UNFCCC
30. India: Market Transformation through Consumer Awareness Programs for Energy Efficiency Standards and Labelling

31. Indonesia: Bus Rapid Transit and Pedestrian Improvements in Jakarta 2370
32. Jordan: Promotion of a Wind Power Market 2371
33. Kenya: Development and Implementation of a Standards and Labelling Programme in Kenya 2372
34. Mongolia: Heating Energy Efficiency 2373
35. Mongolia: Renewable Energy and Rural Electricity Access 2374
36. Morocco : Energy Efficiency Codes in Residential Buildings and Energy Efficiency Improvement in Commercial and Hospital Buildings in Morocco 2375
37. Namibia : Barrier Removal to Namibian Renewable Energy Programme (NAMREP), Phase II 2376
38. Nicaragua: Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport in Metropolitan Managua 2377
39. Philippines : Philippines Sustainable Energy Finance Program 2378
40. Rwanda: Sustainable Energy Development Project (SEDP) 2379
41. Sri Lanka: Portfolio Approach to Distributed Generation Opportunity (PADGO) (Phase 1) 2380
42. Tanzania: Energizing Rural Transformation Project 2381
43. Vietnam: Hanoi Urban Transport Development 2382
44. Zambia: Promotion of Renewable Energy to Increase Access to Electricity 2383

#### International Waters

45. Regional (Senegal, Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Seychelles, Tanzania, Cameroon, Gambia): Demonstrating and Capturing Best Practices and Technologies for the Reduction of Land-sourced Impacts Resulting from Coastal Tourism 2384

#### Land Degradation

46. Regional (Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan): Sustainable Land Management in the High Pamir and Pamir-Alai Mountains - and Integrated and Transboundary Initiative in Central Asia Phase I 2385
47. Senegal: Groundnut Basin Soil Management and Regeneration 2386

#### Multi-focal Areas

48. Regional (Costa Rica, Panama) : Sustainable Environmental Management for Sixaola River Basin 2387
49. Antigua And Barbuda : Demonstrating the Development and Implementation of a Sustainable Island Resource Management Mechanism in a Small Island Developing State 2388
50. Brazil : Caatinga Conservation and Sustainable Management Project - Mata Branca 2389
51. Mozambique : Zambezi Valley Market Led Smallholder Development 2390
52. Sri Lanka : Participatory Coastal Zone Restoration and Sustainable Management in the Eastern Province of Post-Tsunami Sri Lanka 2391

#### Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

53. Global (Argentina, India, Lebanon, Philippines, Senegal, Vietnam, Latvia, Tanzania) : Demonstrating and Promoting Best Techniques and Practices for 2392

**Reducing Health-care Waste to Avoid Environmental Releases of Dioxins and Mercury**

- 54. Regional (Nigeria, Ghana) : Regional Project to Develop Appropriate Strategies for Identifying Sites Contaminated by Chemicals listed in Annexes A, B and/or C of the Stockholm Convention**

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With respect to the following nine (9) project proposals approved as part of the work program, the Council requests the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive the draft final project documents and transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO endorsing the project document for final approval by the Implementing or Executing Agency. The projects may be reviewed at a subsequent Council meeting at the request of at least four Council Members.

**Biodiversity**

1. Global (Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Indonesia, Malaysia): Biodiversity and Agricultural Commodities Program (BACP)
2. Congo DR: Support to ICCN's Program for the Rehabilitation of the National Parks Network
3. India: Biodiversity Conservation and Rural Livelihoods Improvement
4. Jordan: Integrated Ecosystem and Natural Resource Management in the Jordan Rift Valley

**Biodiversity (Biosafety)**

5. Regional (Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Peru): Latin America: Multi-country Capacity-building in Biosafety

**Climate Change**

6. Regional (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico): Regional Sustainable Transport Project
7. India: Coal Fired Generation Rehabilitation Project
8. India: Market Transformation through Consumer Awareness Programs for Energy Efficiency Standards and Labeling

**Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)**

9. Regional (Nigeria, Ghana): Regional Project to Develop Appropriate Strategies for Identifying Sites Contaminated by Chemicals listed in Annexes A, B and/or C of the Stockholm Convention

With respect to the remaining forty five (45) proposals approved as part of the work program, the Council finds that each project proposal presented to it is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures and may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the Implementing or Executing Agency, provided the CEO circulates to the Council Members, prior to endorsement, draft final project documents fully incorporating the Council's comments on the work

program accompanied by a satisfactory explanation by the CEO of how such comments and comments of the STAP reviewer have been addressed and a confirmation by the CEO that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

With respect to the following sixteen (16) project proposals, the Council requests that the proposals be deferred for consideration at the special meeting of the Council to be held on August 28, 2006.

#### **Biodiversity**

1. Global: Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund, Phase 2
2. Global: Institutionalizing Payments for Ecosystem Services

#### **Biodiversity (Biosafety)**

3. Regional (Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal, Togo): West African Regional Biosafety Project

#### **Climate Change**

4. Global (Bangladesh, Bolivia, Niger, Samoa, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Namibia, Vietnam): Community-based Adaptation (CBA) Programme
5. Global: Solar Water Heating Market Transformation and Strengthening Initiative, Phase 1
6. Regional (Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Sudan): Cogen for Africa
7. Regional (Burundi, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia): Greening the Tea Industry in East Africa
8. Argentina: Energy Efficiency
9. Egypt: Bioenergy for Sustainable Rural Development
10. Egypt: Sustainable Transport

#### **Land Degradation**

11. Regional (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan): Central Asian Countries Initiative for Land Management (CACILM) Multi-country Partnership Framework, Phase 1
12. Burkina Faso: Partnership Programme for Sustainable Land Management (CPP), Phase 1

#### **Multi-focal Areas**

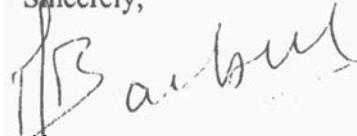
13. Regional (Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Macedonia, Morocco, Serbia and Montenegro, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey): World Bank-GEF Investment Fund for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Partnership, Tranche 1
14. Philippines: National Program Support for Environment and Natural Resources Management Project (NPS-ENRMP)

**Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)**

**15. Brazil: Development of a National Implementation Plan in Brazil as a First Step to Implement the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)**

**16. China: Alternatives to DDT Usage for the Production of Anti-fouling Paint**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Barbut', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

**Monique Barbut**  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

cc: Alternates, all those invited to Council meetings