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**Agenda**

**STAP Bi-Annual Meeting**

**Cancun, Mexico – Saturday May 24 and Sunday May 25, 2014**

**Objectives: Discuss and reach agreement on the major program activities of STAP in FY15 and GEF-6; Review proposed changes in STAP’s contribution to the GEF Project Cycle**

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| **Location: Moon Palace Hotel – Conference Center, Room 1** | | |
| **Saturday 24 May 2014** | | |
| ***Time*** | ***Agenda item*** | ***Annotation, Expected Outcomes, Documents*** |
| 10:30 a.m. 10:50 a.m | **Opening Remarks and Introductions**  Rosina Bierbaum  (STAP Chair)  **Welcome from Naoko Ishii, GEF CEO** | Convene meeting; Overview of objectives, Introductions, Review and confirmation of agenda |
| 10:50 a.m. 12:00 a.m. | **1. A proposal for STAP Engagement in GEF-6**  Introduced by Anand Patwardhan and Ralph Sims, with support from Michael Stocking and comment from STAP Panel Members  Remarks and observations from Jacqueline McGlade, UNEP Chief Scientist | Presentation on areas of potential focus for STAP in GEF-6 – proposal for discussion.  **Background documents:** Discussion Brief – STAP in GEF-6; STAP Report to the GEF Assembly – Delivering Global Environmental Benefits for Sustainable Development; Chair’s Report to Council; GEF-6 Programming Directions; GEF-6 Policy Recommendations; Evaluation of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the GEF – Technical document 15, OPS 5.  All background documents available here:  <http://www.stapgef.org/the-staps-role-in-the-fifth-gef-assembly/> |
| 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. | **Questions/Discussion** |  |
| 12:30 p.m.  1:30 p.m. | **Lunch** | Buffet lunch provided - Foyer |
| 1:30 p.m.  2:40 p.m. | **2. Discussion - Responses from Convention Representatives, GEF Secretariat and Agencies**  **Comment:**  Bob Dixon – Team Leader Climate and Chemicals, and Mark Zimsky – Senior Biodiversity Specialist NRM  Remarks from Mexico Council Member - Jorge Alberto Muhlia Almazan; GEF Country Focal Point – Phillip Weech (Bahamas)**;** | Facilitated discussion – specifically focused on identifying key areas for STAP engagement in GEF-6 and proposed outcomes/products from these efforts. |
| 2:40 p.m.  3:00 p.m. | **3. Overview of Conclusions; Next Steps**  Rosina Bierbaum | Milestones and next steps in preparing the STAP Work Program to present to the 47th Meeting of Council |
| 3:00 p.m. 3:15 p.m. | **Break** |  |
| 3:15 p.m.  4:00 p.m. | **4. Project Cycle Streamlining: Overview and STAP Proposal**  Annette Cowie and Jakob Granit  STAP Panel Members, Land Degradation and International Waters  Introduction by Ramesh Ramankutty, Head  GEF Corporate Operations | An introduction and status update on streamlining efforts in the GEF, in particular with regard to the GEF Project Cycle.  **Background document**:  Discussion brief – Proposed changes to STAP’s Role in the GEF Project Cycle; Progress Report of the GEF Project Cycle Streamlining and Harmonization Process |
| 4:00 p.m.  4:20 p.m. | Michael Collins  GEF Coordinator, IADB  Ramesh Ramankutty, Head  GEF Corporate Operations | Update from Working Group 1, and next steps in the project cycle streamlining process |
| 4:20 p.m.  5:30 p.m. | **5. Discussion – Responses from Convention Representatives, GEF Secretariat and Agencies** | Facilitated discussion on proposed changes to the GEF project cycle resulting from efforts to further streamline, including potential issues regarding STAP’s role in the project cycle |
| 5:30 p.m. | **6. Wrap Up – Day 1**  Rosina Bierbaum | Main conclusions and next steps |
| 5:45 p.m. | **Reception** | Main Foyer |

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| **Sunday 25 May 2014 – STAP Closed Session – 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm** |