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**REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
ADVISORY PANEL (STAP) TO THE COUNCIL**

(Prepared by STAP)

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Introduction

1. This Report to the Council is the last of the series provided under GEF-4, and combines the regular feedback on STAP's results achieved since the November 2009 Council Meeting with a set of observations and recommendations from STAP.
2. The Panel and its secretariat have undergone significant reforms during the last four years, to enhance the relevance of scientific and technical advice to the GEF during a period of rapid change and re-focusing of GEF's mission, which responds to the more structured guidance from the multilateral agreements served by the GEF as well as demands from the enlarged GEF community of partners.
3. The Council is encouraged to refer to recent documents produced by STAP which elaborate on the topics reported on in this paper; these include the submissions made to the Fourth Overall Performance Study of the GEF¹, STAP's Report to the GEF Assembly², the reports of the regular STAP Meetings and the emerging body of advisory papers that are available through the STAP website³.
4. The contents of the present Report comprise:
 - Recommendations of the Chairperson to the Council;
 - GEF Assembly;
 - GEF-5 Focal Area Strategies;
 - Project Cycle screening results;
 - Results achieved within STAP's Work Program for FY10;
 - Liaison with GEF-related Conventions;
 - Note on the STAP Meeting March 8, 2010 and progress achieved against decisions recorded at the October 2009 Meeting

Recommendations of the Chairperson to the Council

5. In this, the last report of STAP to the Council of the GEF-4 period, we seek to draw to the attention of the Council a number of suggestions to strengthen GEF's future performance as it enters the detailed planning stages leading into GEF-5 programming.

¹ Please see references to STAP in the OPS4 Report; more detailed submission available from the STAP Secretariat upon request.

² See <http://www.thegef.org/gef/node/2910>

³ The present STAP website at <http://stapgef.unep.org/>, is being replaced in June 2010 by a new one at: <http://www.unep.org/stap/>, both internet addresses will continue to work after that date.

6. STAP emphasized in its report to the Fourth GEF Assembly the importance of integration and cross-focal area approaches in order to achieve global environmental benefits and to show large-scale, sustained improvement of the earth's ecosystems. GEF-4 was a period when work enabled by the focal area strategies began to mesh together in multi-focal approaches and also within programs; clearly much more can be done to encourage this and STAP will work with all parts of the GEF to maximize these opportunities.

7. STAP's advisory work during GEF-4 became more systematic and also more strategic; recent advisory products have synthesized the advice given by STAP at individual PIF level in order to provide a set of tools which are intended to inform the GEF at a higher level, using insights from STAP's wide array of externally sourced expertise. Our recommendation is to use these tools and improve them, building our knowledge base of what works and what doesn't and integrating the advice from STAP with the knowledge base of the participating countries, GEF Agencies, Evaluation Office and Secretariat. We will collaborate with all parts of the GEF to survey what our knowledge management systems contain and would expect to see a report to the GEF Council at the November meeting.

8. At our March STAP meeting in Rome, we were pleased for the first time to welcome Council Members as observers, who enriched the discussions including providing new perspectives on how science advice can be used much further upstream to assist countries to test program or project concepts well before administrative tests are applied. We are carefully examining the best way to do this and are pleased to report that we have selected the International Council for Science (ICSU) as our potential partner in developing a regionally responsive science network. We intend to conclude an agreement with ICSU in the near future to make the combination of STAP, strengthened by services supplied by ICSU, available to the GEF.

9. STAP welcomes the overall trend in the GEF operations and programming towards higher accountability and effectiveness including application of robust methodologies to account for delivery of global environmental benefits at the project, program and corporate level. As an example of an effective partnership with the GEF agencies and Secretariat, STAP has developed a methodology to account for GHG emissions and other benefits in transportation projects, which will be of interest to GEF participants.

10. Additional products in the pipeline for the next financial year aim at the update of the existing GEF methodology on GHG reductions in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, and the development of a new GEF methodology on carbon benefits in REDD+ and LULUCF projects. STAP is committed to increase its engagement in the development of similar tools for other focal areas.

11. In connection with its mandate to interact in a complementary manner with other relevant scientific and technical bodies STAP, alongside the GEF Secretariat, attended both of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder meetings on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). STAP also attended the third IPBES meeting in South Korea in June 2010, which considered the need to marshal biodiversity science in a fashion that has intergovernmental standing.

12. STAP's recommendation is that the GEF would benefit from such a Platform, expected to add value to the existing subsidiary bodies of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN

Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention to Combat Desertification and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

13. Considerable effort was expended by STAP in the last half of GEF FY10 on scientific and technical expert consultations and on delivering advisory results within both the operational and strategic dimensions of the GEF; further information on each is provided in the following sections. We thank our expert network for their interest and support to the GEF and look forward to the challenges of GEF-5.

GEF Assembly

14. STAP participated in the Fourth GEF Assembly: submitting a written report; conducting a side event on "New science for a sustainable planet"; contributing to two other side events on sustainable transport and on technology transfer; and presenting an exhibition of publications and posters. The STAP side event discussed the evidence from the latest climate science, the recent findings and recommendations on The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), and drivers of change and tipping points in the oceans, including presentations on the Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI). More details can be found on the GEF website and STAP website.

GEF-5 Focal Area Strategies

15. Having contributed to the formulation of GEF-5 strategies, STAP continued to engage in supporting the GEF replenishment process through reviewing and drafting text for GEF-5 policy and programming documents, stressing the need to maximize GEBs from GEF investments, integrate programming across focal areas including advising on an evidence-based approach. The agreed GEF-5 Replenishment package including the GEF-5 programming document and the design of the System for a Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) and focal area set-asides approved by the 36th Council meeting reflect to a large extent the advice provided by STAP (<http://stapgef.unep.org/resources/RAF/Advice>).

Project Cycle

16. Three Work Programs for approval in November 2009, March 2010 (inter-sessional) and June 2010 were screened by STAP. These comprised a total of 124 PIFs with further screening completed in advance of later CEO approval. Out of 124 PIFs screened, STAP required 34 to undergo minor revision but only 3 requiring major revision (equivalent to 30% of PIFs requiring corrective action leading to the full project brief; compared to 22% in the previous reporting cycle).

17. STAP has commissioned two Targeted Research Review Committees and provided in-depth reviews with recommendations for two full size projects.

18. STAP continues to be of the opinion that most PIFs only weakly convey a clear scientific or socioeconomic rationale and statement of the expected global environmental benefits with some particular deficiencies in providing quantitative assessment of global environmental increments supported by the GEF.

19. STAP is planning to approach the November GEF Council with specific recommendations on how to increase the effectiveness of STAP's scientific and technical advice in the project cycle.

Results achieved within STAP's Work Program, FY10

20. Annex 1 details the status of STAP's work program for FY10, and the results achieved to date. The list specifies that a number of activities were completed up to now including STAP's input to the development of the GEF-5 strategies, and STAP publications on energy conservation and POPs, and payments for environmental services.

21. Additionally, progress was achieved in a number of activities whose results will be completed by the first half of FY11. These include corporate (C#4), cross-cutting (XC#6), biodiversity (BD#2, 3, and 4), international waters (IW#2, 4) and POPs (S#1). Two further POPs activities (S#3, 4) and climate change activities (CC#6, 7) were carried forward to FY11.

22. The results of these activities will be presented to the GEF Council at forthcoming meetings in 2010 and 2011.

Liaison with GEF-related Conventions

23. STAP continued to develop its work in depth with Secretariats and subsidiary bodies of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements that are supported by the GEF. This work included consulting on STAP's Work Program priorities and in collaboration with:

- a) UNCBD - providing a review of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-3), improving its scientific rigor and focusing its recommendations on potential biodiversity targets and interventions; co-chairing the scientific review panel for the GBO-3 report in Montreal, November 2009 and participating in its launch in Nairobi, May 2010; developing a GEF Assembly side event to, inter alia, use the outputs of the Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI) to inform the GEF; addressing the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) Science-Policy Conference at UNESCO, Paris, January 2010; addressing the 6th Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, February 2010; and participating in other IYB events;
- b) UNFCCC - engaging it in a review of STAP's advisory document on Methodology for measuring GHG impact of transport projects; and attending the UNFCCC COP-15 meeting in Copenhagen, December 2009; and
- c) The Stockholm Convention - consulting on STAP's advisory document on the synergies and trade-offs between energy conservation and releases of unintentionally produced POPs, formally published in May 2010.
- d) STAP, in close collaboration with the GEF Secretariat, participated in the UNCCD Secretariat's June 2010 Meeting on methodologies and data needs for the sub-set of UNCCD impact indicators: land cover status and proportion of the population in affected areas living above the poverty line

Note on the STAP Meeting March 8, 2010 and progress achieved against decisions recorded at the October 2009 Meeting

24. The Meeting of the STAP held in Rome in March 2010, attracted a wide range of GEF agencies, Convention Secretariats and for the first time, Council Members as observers. These meetings provide an opportunity for the GEF partners to exchange views with the Panel Members and to test policies for the work of STAP, as well as to review the results achieved, including draft products.

25. The consensus appears to be that STAP's work is considered by the GEF partners as increasingly valuable as it moves further towards the strategic end of the advisory spectrum. The Project Cycle, however, demands considerable effort from the Panel, and the screening of full size PIFs remains a major part of STAP's operational work.

26. Annex 2 summarizes the present status of actions recorded against decisions of the last two STAP Meetings. Progress in addressing actions is mostly satisfactory, however, more emphasis will be placed on completing strategies for communications and conducting broader "big picture" critical analyses within STAP's advisory work.

ANNEX 1. STAP Work Program FY10 record of achievement

Corporate work

AC T. Nr.	<i>Output / Product</i>	<i>Status</i>
C#1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. STAP Science Vision as a contribution to the framing of priorities for GEF-5 2. Scientific and technical inputs to the formulation of the long term strategies and strategic objectives 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed 2. Panel Members time contribution to TAGs (completed)
C#2	Analysis of GEF portfolio in each GEF Work Program for GEF Council	Ongoing task
C#3	STAP expert database established and populated accessible through the STAP website	Internal listings generated by Panel Members and external network organizations used as resource for selection of experts. Accessibility under review; continuing task
C#4	Guideline document on Conducting Experimental Trials in the context of the GEF portfolio (includes Methodology for experimental and quasi-experimental evaluation)	Peer review completed, final draft expected June 2010 (revised from December 2009)
C#5	Targeted Research modality reviewed and redesigned	Awaiting decision on relation of TR to Learning Objectives

Cross-Cutting work

AC T. Nr.	<i>Output / Product</i>	<i>Status</i>
XC# 1	Evidence base (or state of knowledge) document on the relationship between biofuels, climate change mitigation and biodiversity	Ongoing task
XC# 2	(GEFSec's contracted work) Climate Proofing: To examine the GEF portfolio across all focal areas taking into account adaptation needs and the delivery of global environmental benefits in those areas, to devise a methodology or safeguard tool that can be used in all GEF focal areas to ensure that the GEB's from the GEF portfolio will be robust in the face of climate change	Ongoing task
XC# 3	Case made for having a common set of generic indicators of expected impacts of GEF projects in the NRM grouping	Approach Paper submitted to GEFSec in late 2008. No further

		work planned
XC# 4	Scientific and technical rationale and methods for integrating two methods of tracking change in total system carbon.	First Steering Committee in May 2009. Ongoing task for 3 years (LD Panel Member)
XC# 5	Knowledge base on interlinkages between energy efficiency interventions and releases of unintentionally produced POPs.	Completed, released July 2009 and published as a STAP advisory document in March 2010
XC# 6	Science-based document on emerging chemicals in developing countries and policy advice for GEF-5 and beyond	Ongoing task with the expected completion date of November 2010
XC# 7	Guidance on integrating mitigation/adaptation synergies across portfolio	Delayed until completion of XC #2 and further guidance from the GEF

Biodiversity

AC T. Nr.	<i>Output / Product</i>	<i>Status</i>
BD# 1	Analysis of the potential points of entry for the GEF in Payments for Environmental Services (PES) programs and implications for BD programming	Completed in December 2008, revised edition published in March 2010
BD# 2	Evidence base document for community forest management impacts on global environmental benefits.	Peer review completed, final draft expected June 2010 (revised from October 2009)
BD# 3	Guideline document that briefly summarizes the current evidence base on the effectiveness of marine protected areas (MPAs) for biodiversity objectives inside and outside MPAs, summarizes the latest thinking on connections between MPAs and fishery management, and offers guidance on how the GEF can better evaluate its investments in these areas and build the evidence base on MPA management	Peer review completed, final draft expected June 2010 (revised from November 2009)
BD# 4	Guidance document on whether and how certification can lead to ecosystem use changes correlated with environmental services and biodiversity	Peer review completed, final draft expected June 2010
BD# 5	Evidence-base documents to identify where the gaps in our understanding of GEF-5 learning objectives (LOs) lie (one document for each LO), guideline documents that describe how to best fill the gaps (one document for each LO), and advice in the design of TORs and GEF-funded projects that can help contribute to each LO.	Cancelled, modified outputs planned in FY11 STAP work program at request of GEF Secretariat

Climate Change

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CC# 1	Recommendations for GEF- 5 Strategic Objectives and Programs; a science-based analysis for the Climate Change Focal Area	Completed
CC# 2	REDD, Forest Conservation and Sustainable Forest Management; Options for GEF-5	Completed
CC# 3	Regionalization of GEF portfolio and Strategic programs: Exploratory Paper towards GEF-5	Cancelled (request by GEFSec)
CC# 4	UNEP MSP on biofuels implemented with additional guidance provided by STAP	First Steering Meeting held, ongoing task for CC Panel Member
CC# 5	Methodology for measuring GHG impact of transport projects funded by GEF	Methodology is in the final review stage and will be presented to the GEF Council in November 2010
CC# 6	Guidance on peatland management for conserving carbon stocks and reducing CO ₂ emissions (based on GEF project experience and using IMCG expertise)	Cancelled, modified outputs planned in FY11 STAP work program at request of GEF Secretariat
CC# 7	Guidelines for LULUCF under GEF-5 (post-Copenhagen)	As above (CC #6)

International Waters

ACT. Nr.	<i>Output / Product</i>	<i>Status</i>
IW#1	Three Approach Papers and a method for integrating indicators at the country level.	Completed
IW#2	STAP report on Dead Zones	Expert Consultation held in October 2009, complete policy review in June 2010
IW#3	Design of session on technologies for GEF-IW projects at GEF-IW 2009 conference	Completed
IW#4	IW climate responses: Scoping of the climate change linkages that GEF-IW should factor into its portfolio and how.	November 2009 to June 2010. CC Panel member leading, with completion of primary report in September
IW#5	Areas beyond national jurisdiction: Provide GEF with a background review and pilot product development guidance of the scientific, technical and legal issues in protecting biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ) from the impacts of fishing for highly migratory species and bottom trawling on seamounts	Awaits endorsement of GEF-5 strategies before commissioning work.

Persistent Organic Pollutants

AC T. Nr.	<i>Output</i>	<i>Status</i>
PO PS# 1	Practice guide on combustion and emerging non-combustion technologies for POPs in developing countries	In draft, will complete before end October 2010. Delayed due to consultant illness. Other consultant completed report.
PO PS# 2	Guidance document on the use of indicators for allocating resources in POPs FA for GEF-5	GEFSec decided to let a contract to their own consultant. STAP to peer review in August 2009
PO PS# 3	A guidance document for GEF on E-waste	Re-scheduled for September 2010 to August 2011
PO PS# 4	Advice on POPs monitoring and measurements	Re-scheduled for September 2010 to August 2011

Land Degradation

AC T. Nr.	<i>Output / Product</i>	<i>Status</i>
LD# 2	STAP reviews and contributes to KM Land MSP outputs	Completed
LD# 3	A pragmatic set of Indicators applicable at LD portfolio level to provide a fair and acceptable means of allocation of LD funds to countries that have need for investments in SLM	Completed
LD# 4	Guidance on the benefits of investing in the LD focal area and in SLM	Completed as part of LD TAG work

ANNEX 2. Summary record of progress achieved against actions arising from the STAP October 2009 and March 2010 Meetings

<i>Action. (numbered references refer to the Minutes⁴ of the March 2010 meeting):</i>	<i>Progress achieved and proposed next action</i>
Agenda item 4. STAP Progress Report Decision 4.1: The STAP Toolkits approach was accepted; STAP should identify and prioritize advisory toolkit preparation tasks and consult its partners on rationale, transparency issues and preferred formats.	Action not yet started
Decision 4.2: STAP confirmed that it will continue to monitor/track its advice on PIFs, will prepare a review and identify the lessons learnt from the PIF review, including whether advice can be delivered effectively upstream before investments are made in PIFs.	Review completed, due for submission to the November 2010 Council Meeting
Decision 4.3: STAP should examine its proposed role in the GEF's Programmatic Approach and test the result with the GEF partnership.	STAP awaits a decision from the Council on the expected changes to the Project Cycle before consulting on its role
Decision 4.4: The STAP website (and other communication products) should have adequate science stature in the GEF community; STAP will consider what improvements are required.	STAP is approaching key science journals to seek peer review contacts for its products
Decision 4.5: The location of future STAP meetings should be flexible according to need, subject to the norm that at least every other meeting will be held in Washington, DC.	This policy is not in force. The next meeting will be in Washington DC, in October 2010
Agenda item 5. Report to the GEF Assembly; GEF4 and outlook Decision 5.1: STAP will revise its GEF Assembly paper to reflect the advice received.	Action completed
Decision 5.2: STAP will contribute to the forest financing side event and also offers to contribute to the POPs/chemicals side event organized by GEFSec in collaboration with Uruguay	Invitations were not subsequently received for STAP to contribute to these events
Decision 5.3: STAP, noting the interest shown by the USA in Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) will consider how to address the suggestion to assess MRV in programmatic approaches.	MRV approaches to assist members of the Council for use in their Convention discussions are under investigation by the Panel
Agenda item 6. Presenting the Panel's advisory products Decision 6.1: a STAP communication strategy is to be written including how to determine the target audiences for each STAP product/advice and the change outcomes expected to result from the product/advice.	The Work Program FY11 is piloting the approach. A strategy will be available for review at the next STAP Meeting in October 2010
Decision 6.2: STAP will work with the GEF Secretariat to	Each product will be reviewed on

⁴ see:

<http://stapgef.unep.org/docs/Activities/Meetings/Mar2010/Report%20of%20the%20STAP%20Meeting%20March%2008th%202010.pdf>

review emerging advice and decide on items for Council decision to establish “case law”.	a case by case basis
Decision 6.3: STAP will consider GEF Agency advice regarding the need to set overall priorities for STAP advice including for the Work Program and how to best to work on cross Focal Area integration among GEF Focal Areas, objectives, outcomes and outputs.	STAP is studying how to enhance inter- focal area Task Force collaboration, and will build an opportunity into each of its future Meetings
Agenda item 7. Knowledge Management in the GEF and GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Decision 7.1: STAP agrees to provide an input into the review of the existing M&E policy to the Evaluation Office (on evaluation issues) and to the Secretariat (on monitoring and indicator issues).	Partially completed feedback to the Evaluation Office; dialogue has begun with the GEF Secretariat on specific focal area advice
Decision 7.2: STAP will collaborate with the GEF Secretariat and agencies to survey existing GEF partner KM systems and to define a structure for GEF knowledge management	Action not yet started
Agenda item 8. Review of STAP’s Work Program for FY2011 Decision 8.1: Taking into account the need to be clear about use and change expected from STAP advice, STAP will review the draft Work Program in the light of GEF-5 needs and strategic opportunities to advise the GEF including - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The need to advise on choices for regional and country programming informed by science, noting that STAP needs to balance long term and strategic advice with GEF-5 related tasks. ▪ prioritizing the STAP Work Program: considering PIF/programmatic screening, Strategic Advice, GEF-5 related tool kit preparation, Science driven long term and GEF-wide issues (not immediately relevant to GEF-5) 	Advice taken into account in the STAP Work Program released as an Information Paper to the June 2010 GEF Council Meeting
Decision 8.2: STAP will consider setting up and promoting a “help-desk” to assist partners with their scientific design upstream of PIF finalization, provided that resources permit and that the role is first considered within a wider review of STAP’s role in GEF-5.	Pending implementation of a service agreement with a international science body, STAP will start a pilot with interested GEF Agencies
Agenda item 9. Role of STAP in LDCF and SCCF Decision 9.1: STAP will explore with the GEF Secretariat the need for an options paper to be presented to future GEF Council and LDCF/SCCF Council meetings, noting that STAP’s proposed work on Climate resilience could be a starting point for a possible enhanced role on adaptation.	Action not yet started

<i>Action. (numbered references refer to the Minutes⁵ of the October 2009 meeting):</i>	<i>Progress achieved and proposed next action</i>
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⁵ http://stapgef.unep.org/docs/Activities/Meetings/Oct2009/GEF_C.36_Inf.9_rev1.pdf

<p>Agenda item 3. Progress Report</p> <p>Decision 3.1: Improve links between the GEF Secretariat's and the STAP websites. Achieve this task when the new STAP website is launched.</p>	<p>UNEP has drafted and will support a new STAP website which is planned for release in June 2010</p>
<p>Decision 3.2: Submit STAP guidance products as GEF decision documents.</p>	<p>The advice received at the Rome 2010 meeting suggests that STAP should not normally seek Council decision on its advice. See Decision 6.2 from the March 2010 Meeting</p>
<p>Decision 3.3: Develop a guidance dissemination policy so that there is better uptake of STAP's advice within the GEF Secretariat and the Agencies through publication of STAP guidance documents available in print and online.</p>	<p>STAP publication process and templates drafted. Policy remains to be written. Two advisory documents published</p>
<p>Agenda item 4. Review of STAP's recent advisory work and its impact</p> <p>Decision 4.1: STAP to initiate study aimed at the development of biofuels safeguards toolkit (in co-operation with the UNEP TR project on liquid biofuels)</p>	<p>STAP has agreed with UNEP/DTIE to hold joint review workshop in June 2010 to consider draft STAP toolkit. This will address revised STAP Work Program task XC#1</p>
<p>Decision 4.2: STAP is to commission work on emerging chemicals and its implication for GEF-5 programming</p>	<p>The work has been commissioned; final document was expected by June-July 2010 preceded by a workshop in April-May 2010 co-organized with the Stockholm Convention Secretariat. This has been postponed until later in 2010 on advice of GEF Secretariat</p>
<p>Decision 4.3: Panel to explore needs for additional SFM (REDD) guidance as a follow-up to COP-15 decisions</p>	<p>The COP-15 decision does not point to any additional new activities that STAP should initiate at this time.</p>
<p>Agenda item 6. Guidance to STAP from GEF Agencies on need for scientific and technical advice in GEF-5</p> <p>Decision 6.1: STAP to explore options to initiate a study aimed at the analysis of technology transfer best lessons and develop GEF guidance on the issue (in co-operation with GEF partners)</p>	<p>STAP provided advice for the GEF Secretariat to design learning missions aimed at TT analysis. Needs and emphasis have to be discussed with GEF partners</p>
<p>Decision 6.2: STAP to conduct a workshop/science consultation on hypoxic water systems aimed at developing GEF guidance</p>	<p>Expert Consultation held in Shanghai, October 2009. Final workshop to be held in Washington DC, June 16-17, 2010</p>
<p>Decision 6.3: STAP to continue working on the POPs disposal and emerging chemicals guidance; both studies will address issues of risk assessment and reduction</p>	<p>Both guidance documents are at the completion phase to be released in June-July 2010</p>
<p>Decision 6.4: STAP to initiate work on climate resilience of</p>	<p>STAP produced TOR, consulted</p>

<p>GEF projects/programs emphasizing adaptation mainstreaming at the project design phase (e.g., PIF phase)</p>	<p>with partners and identified consultants; work to be commissioned in February 2010</p>
<p>Agenda item 7. Learning objectives and knowledge management needs of the GEF partnership Decision 7.1: STAP will continue working with the GEFSEC and Agencies on defining and implementing learning objective goal through Task Forces and other fora</p>	<p>Work progressing in BD, IW, LD and CC, awaiting GEF Sec progress in POPS</p>
<p>Agenda item 8. OPS4 findings; discussion on options to take forward by STAP with partners Decision 8.1: STAP will present to the next and future meetings of GEF Council a few key messages for discussion and feedback to STAP</p>	<p>Chairperson’s report to November 2009 Council included key messages</p>
<p>Agenda item 9. AOB – Science “Conference” Decision 9.1: The STAP Secretariat will write a proposal about the Science Conference to facilitate further discussion and agreement about the conference. The proposal will provide an indication of the expected outputs and resources needed for the conference, and, as a first step, it could be tested with UNEP and the GEF Secretariat.</p>	<p>A proposal has been discussed with the GEF Secretariat to convene side meetings at selected mainstream science meetings. Further consultation with Agencies is required.</p>