

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund

Approved Minutes

Tenth Meeting of the Donor Council
Teleconference
31 May 2007

1. **Adoption of agenda** (Doc.CEPP/DC10/1)
The agenda was adopted.
2. **Election of Interim Donor Council Chairperson**
The Donor Council elected Kathy Sierra, Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank, as the acting chairperson. The Donor Council members also agreed to send a joint letter to the new World Bank President upon confirmation encouraging the President to retain leadership as the Chair of the Council and support for CEPF.
3. **Agreement on date and venue for the Eleventh Meeting of the Donor Council**
The Executive Director said that a number of important decisions are pending, with the agenda for the Eleventh Meeting expected to include at least the new 5-year Strategic Framework, an updated Operational Manual, and setting priorities for future investment. The Donor Council agreed scheduling of a formal meeting should move forward in July. The meeting will enable Council members to join by videoconference or telephone, if necessary.
4. **Report on recent decisions** (Doc.CEPP/DC10/2)
The Executive Director noted the recent Donor Council approval of the Eighth Spending Plan as of 15 May 2007, and three ecosystem profiles covering the Indo-Burma, Polynesia-Micronesia, and Western Ghats and Sri Lanka biodiversity hotspots and an overall increase to the CEPF spending authority from \$100.4 million to \$121.4 million for implementation of these profiles as of 26 April 2007. The latter approval also included the Terms of Reference and Selection Process for CEPF Regional Implementation Teams to be selected beginning this year.

At the request of the Council, the Executive Director also provided an update on CEPF replenishment and fund-raising efforts. He noted that:

- The GEF Council approved inclusion of a \$20 million replenishment for CEPF, to be implemented by the World Bank, in the GEF-3 Work Program in late 2006. The final proposal is expected to be submitted for endorsement by the GEF CEO in July 2007.
- Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and CI signed a financing agreement in March, committing AFD to 19.5 million Euros and CI to \$25 million for the global program.
- The Secretariat understands that the MacArthur Foundation will provide an additional \$12 million but this new commitment has not yet been confirmed in writing.
- The World Bank completed its original commitment; formal discussions about potential future support are expected to begin in FY 08.
- The Government of Japan is still meeting its original commitment; formal discussions about potential future support are expected to begin in FY 08.

Several Donor Council representatives said that their institution's own commitments were based on the premise that the World Bank would join them in supporting the global program

into the future. They said that leadership of the program requires active engagement, commitment, and also financial support.

List of Follow-up Actions:

1. The CEPF Secretariat will work together with the Acting Chairperson to schedule and plan the Eleventh Meeting of the Donor Council.
2. The CEPF Secretariat will draft and circulate for review a letter for the Council to send the new World Bank President encouraging the President to retain leadership as the Chair of the Council and to continue supporting CEPF.

** These Minutes were approved at the Eleventh Meeting of the Donor Council in July 2007.*

List of Attendees

Donor Council Members and Representatives

Monique Barbut, CEO	Global Environment Facility
Jonathan Fanton, President	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Pierre Jacquet, Executive Director	Agence Française de Développement
Hideo Hashimoto, Deputy Director	Government of Japan
Ministry of Finance	
Peter Seligmann, CEO and Chairman	Conservation International
Kathy Sierra, Vice President, Sustainable Development	The World Bank

Staff

CEPF

Jorgen Thomsen, Senior Vice-President and CEPF Executive Director
Bobbie Jo Kelso, Senior Director for External Affairs, CEPF

Agence Française de Développement

Constance Corbier Barthaux, CEPF Task Manager, Agence Française de Développement

Global Environment Facility

Yoko Watanabe, Program Manager, Biodiversity, Global Environment Facility

Government of Japan

Toru Kajiwara, Advisor, Office of the Executive Director, Government of Japan

MacArthur Foundation

Michael Wright, Conservation and Sustainable Development Program Area Director, MacArthur Foundation

World Bank

Warren Evans, Sector Director, Environment, The World Bank