



## Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

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**Conference of the parties to the Stockholm  
Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

**Sixth meeting**

Geneva, 28 April–10 May 2013

Item 5 (g) of the provisional agenda\*

**Matters related to the implementation of the  
Convention: financial resources**

### **Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants at its sixth meeting**

#### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. As referred to in document UNEP/POPS/COP.6/21, the executive summary of the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants at its sixth meeting is set out in the annex to the present note. The executive summary has been reproduced without formal editing.
2. The full report has been reproduced in document UNEP/POPS/COP.6/INF/24 and should be considered in conjunction with the present document.

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\* UNEP/POPS/COP.6/1.

## **Annex**

# **Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants at its sixth meeting**



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## **Report of the GEF to the SIXTH Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

### **Executive Summary**

## Executive Summary

1. The report of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) describes GEF activities undertaken during the period from July 1, 2010 to August 30, 2012, in response to convention guidance.
  2. The report includes activities undertaken by the GEF that relate to the implementation of the Stockholm Convention, with an emphasis on how the GEF has applied the guidance from the COP and on how the GEF has improved its effectiveness through implementation of the GEF 5 reforms. These elements are described in chapters 1-3. The report also gives details on the wider work of the GEF on Chemicals.
  3. The report consolidates all guidance received by the GEF from the COP. This is presented in Annex 1 to the report.
  4. The report provides information on the multi chemical issue projects and cross focal work that is possible under the Chemical Strategy in GEF 5.
  5. During the reporting period 21 Full-sized Projects and 3 Medium-sized Projects were approved. Additionally 17 PPGs were approved to support the preparation of full sized projects and 18 requests for the development of National Implementation Plans were approved during this period.
  6. A total of US \$ 139.6 million was approved in the reporting period and an additional US \$ 754 million was leveraged from other sources.
  7. As of August 30, 2012, the GEF has committed US\$ 565 million to projects in the POPs focal area since the adoption of the Stockholm Convention in May 2001. This cumulative GEF POPs investment has leveraged approximately US\$ 1.5 billion in co-financing to bring the total value of the GEF POPs portfolio to over US\$ 2 billion.
  8. During GEF-5, the GEF Secretariat implemented a number of key reforms directed towards improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the partnership. As a result, the performance of the GEF improved significantly. The time to process FSPs from concept approval to CEO endorsement was reduced from 22 months to an average of 18 months. For projects submitted during the reporting period the GEF Secretariat has taken on average less than 4 months to clear the projects for the work program from the time the project was first submitted to the Secretariat.
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