

## GEF IEO SIDE EVENT: The Fifth Overall Performance Study (OPS5) of the GEF

GEF Assembly, Cancun, Mexico

### *Panel Members*

1. Rob D. van den Berg, GEF IEO Director
2. Aaron Zazueta, GEF IEO Chief Evaluation Officer
3. High-level panel member of a recipient country, to be confirmed

### *Summary*

The Fifth Overall Performance Study of the Global Environment Facility has recently been completed by the GEF Independent Evaluation Office. This major study is conducted every four years and provides an independent assessment of the GEF. Its purpose is to assess the extent to which the GEF is achieving its objectives and to identify potential improvements. The results of the study have been presented and discussed at the replenishment meetings. The OPS5 report is available and provides a solid basis of work for GEF-6.

The study concluded that to fight against rapidly deteriorating environmental trends, the GEF needs to be strategic in its choices and achieve more with the resources at its disposal. It provides recommendations to update the business model and offers evidence of strong catalytic impact of GEF interventions.

The side event will provide an overview of the main conclusions and recommendations of OPS5 and key lessons learned regarding project design and implementation based on the portfolio analysis of GEF projects and impact evaluations that became a part of OPS5.

### *Agenda (90 minutes)*

Time	Topic	Presenter
5	Welcome and introductory remarks	Rob D. van den Berg
15	Main conclusions and recommendations of OPS5	Rob D. van den Berg
15	Key lessons for project design and implementation based on the impact analysis	Aaron Zazueta
3	Animated video presenting five processes that help GEF initiatives achieve broader impact	
10	Comments of a high-level panel member	TBC
20	Questions and comments from the audience	Audience
7	Concluding remarks	Rob D. van den Berg