



June 30, 2020 and 2019

Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (GEF)

Administered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development as
Trustee

World Bank Reference: TF029840

**Independent Auditors' Report and Statements of Receipts,
Disbursements and Fund Balance**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Global Environment Facility (GEF) Council and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development as Trustee of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund - TF029840

We have audited the accompanying statements of receipts, disbursements and fund balance of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (the "Trust Fund") administered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development as Trustee (the "Trustee") for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the related notes to the statements (the "Statements").

We are independent of the Trust Fund and Trustee in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audits of the Statements in the United States of America, together with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements, respectively.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged With Governance for the Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 4 to the Statements; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the Statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Trust Fund's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Statements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Statements, whether due to fraud or error. We design audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error because fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the Statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation, structure, and content of the Statements, including disclosures, and whether the Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

As part of an audit, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Statements or, if such

disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying Statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements and fund balance of the Trust Fund for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 4 to the Statements.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 4 of the Statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The Statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America or International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by International Accounting Standards Board. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

September 30, 2020

STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCE

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

Expressed in U.S. dollars

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Receipts			
Contributions received	6	\$ 777,869,709	\$ 851,054,186
Net investment income	7	130,487,052	130,653,401
Investment income earned on GEF funds	8	9,530,760	7,115,176
Total receipts		917,887,521	988,822,763
Disbursements to Agencies, net			
For projects and fees	9	784,625,796	767,744,808
For administrative budgets	10	35,889,406	29,950,369
Total disbursements		820,515,202	797,695,177
Excess of receipts over disbursements before foreign currency adjustment		97,372,319	191,127,586
Foreign currency adjustment		(3,035)	(976)
Excess of receipts over disbursements after foreign currency adjustment		97,369,284	191,126,610
Fund balance:			
Beginning of the year		3,782,481,382	3,591,354,772
End of the year		\$ 3,879,850,666	\$ 3,782,481,382
Fund balance consists of:			
Trust Fund's share of the cash and investment in the Pool	5	\$ 3,879,850,666	\$ 3,782,481,382

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Statements of Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balance.

NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCE

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Note 1 - Organization and operations

On July 1, 1994 (date of inception, hereinafter referred to as 'Inception'), the Global Environment Facility (GEF), was formally established as a financial mechanism by the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility (the Instrument). Further, the GEF Trust Fund (the Trust Fund) was established pursuant to the terms of the Instrument. Since inception, the Instrument has been amended periodically upon approval by the Assembly of the GEF (governing body of the GEF in which member countries participate) and adoption by the Implementing Agencies (see Note 3) and the Trustee of the Trust Fund (the Trustee as defined below).

The GEF provides funding to eligible countries for incremental costs of measures to achieve global environmental benefits in the following focal areas specified in the Instrument, as amended: biological diversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation (primarily desertification and deforestation), and chemicals and waste.

Incremental costs of such other activities under Agenda 21 (the action plan of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development) as agreed by the GEF Council (the Council) are eligible for funding if they achieve global environmental benefits in the focal areas.

The Trust Fund is administered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) as Trustee. The resources of the Trust Fund, held in trust by the Trustee, are kept separate and apart from the resources of IBRD. The responsibilities of the Trustee include the mobilization of resources for the Trust Fund, financial management of the Trust Fund, investment of funds as well as disbursement of funds to the Implementing Agencies, Executing Agencies and GEF Project Agencies (Agencies) (see Note 3), in accordance with the provisions of the Instrument and decisions made by the Council.

Note 2 - Summary of replenishments

As of June 30, 2020, there have been seven replenishment cycles under which the Trustee was authorized to accept contributions to the Trust Fund, as follows:

GEF-1: July 1, 1994 – June 30, 1998: \$2.01 billion

GEF-2: July 1, 1998 – June 30, 2002: \$2.67 billion

GEF-3: July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2006: \$2.93 billion

GEF-4: July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2010: \$3.34 billion

GEF-5: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2014: \$4.34 billion

GEF-6: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018: \$4.43 billion

GEF-7: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2022: \$4.07 billion

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On August 9th, 2018, the World Bank Executive Directors adopted IBRD Resolution No. 2018-0008 entitled Global Environment Facility Trust Fund Seventh Replenishment of Resources (the GEF-7 Resolution) thereby authorizing IBRD, as Trustee of the Trust Fund, to manage the resources made available under the seventh replenishment of resources to the Trust Fund (the GEF-7).

Note 3 - Implementing agencies and executing / GEF project agencies

Under the Instrument, there are three Implementing Agencies: IBRD, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (jointly, the IAs, each individually, an IA). Specific responsibilities are assigned to each of the IAs, the GEF Secretariat (the Secretariat), the Trustee, the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) and the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP). GEF resources are allocated to each of those parties pursuant to the terms of the Instrument.

The Secretariat coordinates the formulation of projects included in the annual work program, oversees its implementation, and ensures that operational strategy and policies are followed. The Secretariat is supported administratively by IBRD but operates in an independent manner to discharge the responsibilities assigned to it under the Instrument. IEO is responsible for undertaking evaluations that involve a set of projects from more than one of the Agencies.

The GEF Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is appointed by the Council on the joint recommendation of the IAs and heads the Secretariat. In addition to the three Implementing Agencies above, the following Executing/ GEF Project Agencies receive funding from the GEF:

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- African Development Bank/African Development Fund (collectively AfDB)
- Conservation International (CI)
- Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Foreign Economic Cooperation Office, Ministry of Environmental Protection of China (FECO)
- Fundo Brasileiro para a Biodiversidade (FUNBIO)
- Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)
- International Fund for Agriculture and Development (IFAD)
- International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)
- The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF-US)

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Note 4 - Significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The Statements of Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balance (the Statements) and accompanying notes have been prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, modified to record the Trust Fund's share of the pooled cash and investments at fair value (modified cash basis of accounting). Accordingly, net investment income includes the Trust Fund's share of realized and unrealized gains/losses (see Note 5 and 7) and interest income earned by the Pool.

The modified cash basis of accounting is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP) or International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS); therefore, the Statements are not intended to be a presentation in conformity with U.S. GAAP nor IFRS. Receipts, with the exception of net investment income, as described above and in Note 6, are reported when collected (i.e., when recorded in the Trust Fund) rather than when pledged/earned, and disbursements are reported when paid (i.e., when recorded in the Trust Fund). For example, the following transactions may be incurred in one period and reported in a different period (1) contributions not credited to the Trust Fund at the period end date due to timing or other reasons (2) distributions, including approved grant payments, not debited to the Trust Fund at period end due to timing or other reasons; and (3) any refunds of previous disbursements deemed by the Trustee, to be ineligible in accordance with the Instrument.

The Statements do not include receipts, disbursements and fund balance of the Agencies, the Secretariat, STAP, and the IEO. Furthermore, for purposes of these Statements, amounts relating to UNEP include STAP.

Treatment of foreign currency transactions

The Statements are presented in U.S. dollars, which is the Trust Fund's functional and presentation currency. Transactions in currencies other than U.S. dollars are reported as follows:

- (i) Contributions received by the Trust Fund in various currencies are converted into U.S. dollars by IBRD, as Trustee, upon receipt of funds and receipt of Instrument of Commitments (IoCs). Foreign currency transaction gains or losses, if any, on conversion of the contributions are borne by the Trust Fund and are reported in contributions received in the Statements.
- (ii) Disbursement to Agencies in currencies other than U.S. dollars, if any, are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing on the date of transaction and hence does not result in any exchange gain/loss to the Trust Fund.
- (iii) At the end of each reporting period, fund balances that are not denominated in U.S. dollars, are revalued at the market rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the respective reporting period. Any adjustment resulting from currency exchange rate changes is recognized as foreign currency adjustment in the Statements.

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Use of estimates

The preparation of the Statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions based upon information available as of the date of the Statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Management makes estimates and assumptions in determining the amounts to be recorded for the fair value of modified cash basis Trust Fund's share of the pooled cash and investments (see notes 5 and 7).

Note 5 - Trust Fund's share of the cash and investments in the Pool

Amounts paid into the Trust Fund but not yet disbursed, are managed by IBRD, which maintains an investment portfolio (the Pool) for all of the Trust Funds administered by IBRD, the International Development Association (IDA), the International Finance Corporation, the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (collectively, the World Bank Group). IBRD, on behalf of the World Bank Group, maintains all Trust Fund assets separate and apart from the funds of the World Bank Group.

The Pool is a trading portfolio and is reported at fair value, with realized and unrealized gains/losses included in net investment income. The share in the pooled cash and investments represents the Trust Fund's share of the Pool's fair value at the end of each reporting period. The Trust Fund's share in the Pool is not traded in any market; however, the underlying assets within the Pool are reported at fair value. All investment decisions are made, and performance is monitored, at the Pool level.

Generally, the Pool includes cash and liquid financial instruments such as government and agency obligations, time deposits, money market securities, and asset-backed securities. Additionally, the Pool includes equity securities, derivative contracts such as currency forward contracts, currency swaps, interest rate swaps, and contracts to purchase or sell mortgage-backed securities to-be-announced (TBAs). Payables and receivables associated with the investment activities are also included in the Pool. The Pool may also include securities pledged as collateral under repurchase agreements, receivables from resale agreements and derivatives for which it has accepted collateral.

The Pool is divided into sub-portfolios to which allocations are made based on fund-specific investment horizons, risk tolerances and/or other eligibility requirements for Trust Funds with common characteristics as determined by IBRD, on behalf of the World Bank Group. An individual sub-portfolio may hold all or a portion of the types of financial instruments held by the Pool.

The Trust Fund's share of the cash and investments in the Pool has a fair value of \$3,879,850,666 and \$3,782,481,382 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

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Note 6 - Contributions received

The Trust Fund receives its funding primarily from contributions, provided by the participants contributing to the Trust Fund (Contributing Participants). Contributing Participants provide IoCs as a means of indicating their commitment to contribute to the Trust Fund. The IoCs can be qualified or unqualified. Contributing Participants satisfy their obligations under the IoCs through the payment of cash or by depositing non-negotiable, non-interest-bearing demand promissory notes, or similar obligations with the Trustee in accordance with the payment schedules set forth in the respective replenishment resolutions. In accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, IoCs and promissory notes / similar obligations are not recorded in the Statements, but rather, cash receipts in order to fulfill the payment obligations under the IoCs or promissory notes / similar obligations are recorded as contributions, when received in the Trust Fund. Cash contributions received during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, are presented below.

Contributing Participants	Amounts Received	
	2020	2019
Australia	\$ 1,856,968	\$ 24,887,996
Austria	7,725,379	16,491,093
Belgium	16,524,750	17,022,000
Brazil	1,500,065	1,499,935
Canada	39,213,580	63,092,027
China	-	10,487,980
Czech Republic	1,324,497	1,345,941
Denmark	-	68,464,779
Finland	9,020,466	5,409,310
France	71,507,500	71,507,500
Germany	86,160,894	79,368,038
India	3,750,000	3,750,000
Ireland	1,614,672	1,614,597
Italy	43,250,581	36,062,629
Japan	150,597,230	111,290,911
Korea, Republic of	-	3,832,475
Luxembourg	1,353,209	1,099,413
Mexico	79,094	18,114,026
Netherlands	23,016,125	23,642,080
New Zealand	1,354,942	3,898,894
Norway	11,333,237	15,007,090
Pakistan	2,653,626	-
Slovenia	-	1,065,882
South Africa	1,668,975	1,649,702
Spain	-	16,392,800
Sweden	44,931,141	38,565,348
Switzerland	33,666,108	26,737,192
United Kingdom	84,191,670	49,179,548
United States	139,575,000	139,575,000
Total Contributions	\$ 777,869,709	\$ 851,054,186

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Note 7 - Net investment income

Net investment income consists of the Trust Fund's allocated share of the following: interest income earned by the Pool, realized gains/losses from sales of securities, and unrealized gains/losses resulting from recording the assets held by the Pool at fair value. In addition, Net investment income includes investment income earned on undisbursed GEF funds held by IBRD as IA, GEF secretariat and IEO.

Note 8 - Investment income earned on GEF Funds

As part of normal operations, the Trust Fund disburses funds to the Agencies in order for them to execute GEF projects. These agencies may not immediately disburse these funds, due to the nature of the projects. Furthermore, the agencies earn interest income on these funds while the funds are being held, pending their disbursement. The agencies are required, by virtue of financial procedure agreements (FPAs) between the agencies and the Trustee, to report and remit this income to the Trust Fund upon request by the Trustee. In accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, investment income on such GEF Funds is recognized when received by the Trust Fund.

Note 9 - Disbursements for projects and fees, net

The Council has delegated to the GEF CEO, its authority to approve projects whose funding size is \$2 million or less and enabling activities that are subject to expedited processes. Projects exceeding \$2 million, or projects for enabling activities that are not subject to expedited processes, must be approved by the Council and further endorsed by the GEF CEO.

For approved GEF projects, funds are payable to the Agencies who have entered into FPAs with the Trustee for their direct access to GEF resources. The Trust Fund disburses funds to the Agencies upon their request for these approved GEF projects. The Trust Fund pays fees to the Agencies, upon their request, to cover expenses associated with the project cycle management of GEF projects. These disbursements are reported net of refunds in the Statements, on account of reflows generated by projects and unused funds, if any, which are returned by Agencies to the Trust Fund.

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For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, disbursements to Agencies for Projects and Fees, net are as follows:

	Disbursements to Agencies	
	2020	2019
For Projects		
ADB	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 21,332,133
AfDB	32,196,184	2,080,000
CAF	4,661,373	1,995,000
CI	11,136,620	7,466,792
EBRD *	358,806	(195,244)
FAO	68,685,000	51,700,000
FECO *	(7,677)	178,486
FUNBIO	1,500,000	-
IADB *	18,884,605	(2,636,554)
IBRD/IA	50,000,000	100,000,000
IFAD	14,937,183	18,256,406
IUCN	4,000,000	5,000,000
UNDP	370,000,000	323,000,000
UNEP	95,000,000	100,000,000
UNIDO	43,750,570	86,327,150
WWF-US	9,780,855	2,608,615
Sub-total	\$ 727,983,519	\$ 717,112,784
For Fees		
ADB	\$ 261,231	\$ 1,279,219
AfDB	1,548,281	-
CAF	672,303	179,550
CI	2,322,944	1,032,100
DBSA	500,000	-
EBRD	432,000	6,750
FAO	5,332,797	8,506,928
FECO	-	32,128
IADB	758,475	713,516
IBRD/IA	8,298,063	-
IUCN	300,000	500,000
UNDP	16,140,799	15,019,787
UNEP	12,502,900	12,143,424
UNIDO	5,596,146	10,895,547
WWF-US	1,976,338	323,075
Sub-total	\$ 56,642,277	\$ 50,632,024
Total	\$ 784,625,796	\$ 767,744,808

*Includes reflows generated by projects and returned by Agencies to the Trust Fund

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Note 10 - Disbursements for administrative budgets, net

In accordance with the Instrument, the Council approves administrative budgets of the STAP, the Secretariat and IEO for administrative expenses incurred in the performance of their respective functions. In addition, the Trustee is reimbursed annually from the resources of the Trust Fund for expenses it incurs in the administration of the Trust Fund and for expenses incurred in administratively supporting the Secretariat. Administrative budget is paid to the entities upon their request. These are reported net of refunds to Trustee, in the Statements. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, disbursements for Administrative Budgets, net are as follows:

	Disbursements	
	2020	2019
For Administrative Budgets		
Secretariat	\$ 23,839,000	\$ 22,466,000
Independent Evaluation Office	6,176,636	4,571,000
IBRD as Trustee	3,148,770	2,913,369
STAP	2,725,000	-
Total	\$ 35,889,406	\$ 29,950,369

Note 11 - Contingencies

The outbreak of the novel strain of Coronavirus (COVID-19) during the current reporting period has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which include the implementation of travel bans, self-imposed quarantine periods and social distancing, have caused significant disruption to businesses globally, resulting in an economic slowdown. Governments and central banks have reacted with significant monetary and fiscal interventions designed to stabilize economic conditions.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Bank Group's Trust Fund portfolio may face additional credit, market and operational risks. The duration of the COVID-19 pandemic is difficult to predict at this time, as are the extent and efficacy of economic interventions by governments and central banks. The IBRD and IDA (together referred to as the 'Bank') continues to monitor the developments and to manage the risks associated with the operation of the Trust Funds portfolio consistent with the relevant legal agreements entered into with the donors and within the existing financial policies. The full extent to which COVID-19 may impact the GEF Trust Fund's financial position or results of operations cannot be determined at this time.

Note 12 - Subsequent events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 30, 2020, the date these Statements were issued and there were no subsequent events that required adjustment or disclosure.