



## Roundtable on the Global Environment Facility

**Wednesday, 23 May 2007, 10:00-12:00**  
**International Environment House II, ground floor**

Governments have established the Global Environment Facility (GEF) as a leading mechanism for providing multilateral financial assistance to developing countries committed to protecting the global environment.

The Facility was recently replenished for its fourth operational period of 2006-2010. Meanwhile, major reforms are underway to address criticisms that the GEF has too often been inefficient, ineffective and non-transparent.

At today's roundtable, GEF Chief Executive Officer Monique Barbut will present an update on how the reforms are being carried out and how she expects they will contribute to delivering the new strategic vision.

A critical assessment by the discussants will set the stage for a general discussion on whether the proposed changes at the GEF will succeed in boosting its practical impact and on whether additional reforms should be considered.

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| 9:30  | Coffee   |
| 10:00 | Welcome by Gaetano Leone, Deputy Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe   |
| 10:10 | Introduction by the moderator, Amb. Thomas Kolly, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment   |
| 10:20 | Presentation by Monique Barbut, CEO and Chairperson, GEF secretariat   |
| 10:35 | Presentations by the discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glenn Wiser, Senior Attorney, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), Washington, D.C.</li><li>• Martha Couchena-Rojas, Head, Global Policy Unit, The World Conservation Union (IUCN)</li></ul> |
| 11:05 | General debate and question and answer session   |
| 11:50 | Wrap-up by the moderator   |
| 12:00 | Close  |