



General Assembly

Distr.: General
27 June 2000

Original: English

Fifty-fifth session

Item 97 (a) of the preliminary list*

Environment and sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Global Environment Facility contributions to Agenda 21

Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/218, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the General Assembly the report of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) entitled “GEF contributions to Agenda 21: the first decade”.

* A/55/50.

Contents

	<i>Page</i>
HUMANITY AT A TURNING POINT	5
AGENDA 21 & THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY	6
GEF RESPONDS TO AGENDA 21: AN OVERVIEW	8
Funding the Global Environment.	10
Actions and Early Impacts	13
Contributing to Agenda 21	17
TACKLING MAJOR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS	18
Biodiversity	18
Atmosphere	23
<i>Climate Change</i>	24
<i>Ozone Depletion</i>	29
Waters	30
<i>Marine Environment</i>	31
<i>Freshwater Resources</i>	33
Land	34
WORKING IN THE SPIRIT OF AGENDA 21	37
Integrating Environment and Development	37
Encouraging Participation of Stakeholders and Major Social Groups	39
<i>At the Grassroots</i>	40
<i>Strategic Partnerships</i>	42
Enabling People to Build a Sustainable Future.	46
Building a Supportive Broader Context	49
ADDRESSING THE HUMAN CONDITION, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE	52
Poverty.	52
Health.	54
CLOSING	56

[BALANCE OFFSET]