



MONIQUE BARBUD
Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility

Mrs. Monique Barbud, a French national, is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chairperson of the GEF since August 2006.

She was appointed by a unanimous decision of the GEF Council on June 2006. During her tenure and following its fourth replenishment at a level of \$3.13 billion, she has undertaken a revitalization of the GEF organization to make it a more effective, responsive and results-based institution.

In November 2008, Mrs. Barbud was reappointed by the GEF Council for another three-year term and in this position she will be leading the next GEF replenishment process.

Prior to joining the GEF, Mrs. Barbud served as Director of the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) from September 2003 to July 2006, where she undertook a reorganization of the Division and established a pragmatic approach to ensuring the link between environment and economics, setting up development policies and pilot projects, including in developing countries or countries experiencing critical backgrounds (China and Iraq).

Between 1981 and 2003, Mrs. Barbud had a long career in different positions at the Agence Française de Développement Group (AFD), the main French public institution for aid in development. During that period, Mrs. Barbud led different positions related to French aid system particularly project financing activities in the French overseas territories, and activities relating to ex-post evaluation. Throughout the 1990s, she became increasingly involved with the issue of financing sustainable development, both for the French government and on the international scene in general. In 2003, she was appointed as Executive Director for all Caribbean, Pacific and Indian Ocean activities.

As a member of the French government delegation to the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, Mrs. Barbud was a key player in the financing negotiations, and later on an active negotiator in the creation of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) as well as the French Global Environment Facility (FGEF), to which she was appointed first Chief Executive Officer.

Mrs. Barbud is married and has three children.