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# GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop for Southern Africa



## DAY 2 (TUESDAY)

# AGENDA

- COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
- ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY
- SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM
- CONVERSATION WITH CSOs AND YOUTH
- BREAK
- GEF COMMUNICATIONS
- LUNCH
- BLENDED FINANCE PROGRAM:  
NON-GRANT INSTRUMENT
- LEARN ABOUT THE GEF AGENCIES
- EMPOWER THE GEF OFPs
- BRIEFING ON TOMORROW FIELD VISIT



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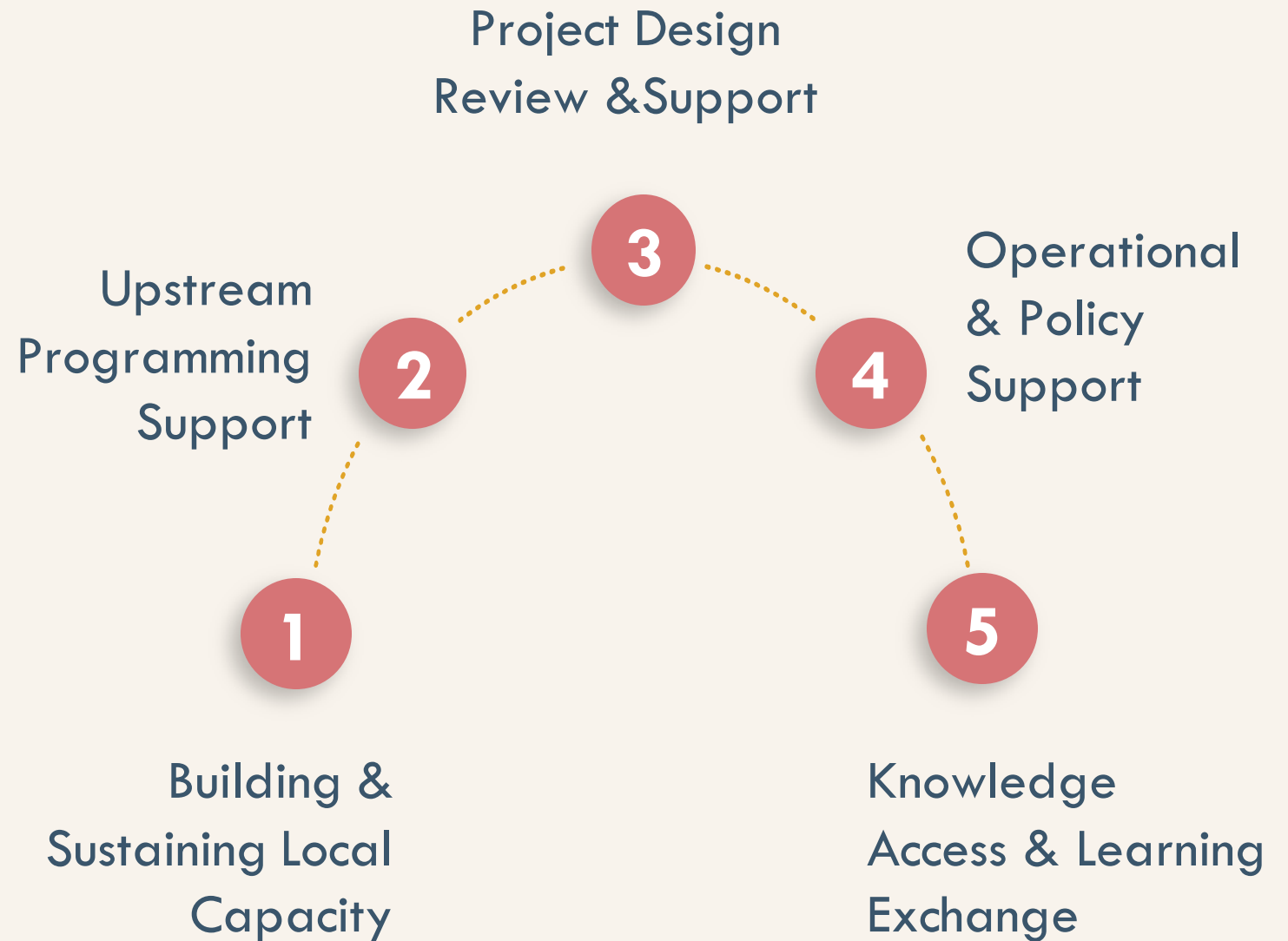
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# COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY



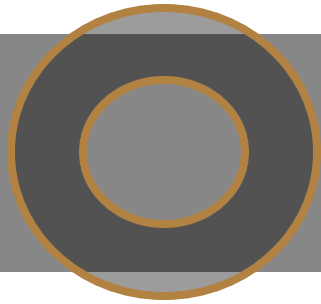
# **IMPLEMENTATION COMPONENTS**

## **Core Activities**

- Upstream Technical Dialogues & National Dialogues
- GEF Workshops & Introduction Seminars
- GEF Constituency Meetings
- Building execution capacity of stakeholders
- Financial Support to GEF OFPs
- Knowledge exchange & learning

## **Additional Activities**

- Gustavo Fonseca Youth Conservation Leadership Program
- Support for country delegations & relevant stakeholders to attend Conventions and related meetings



# GEF and Civil Society

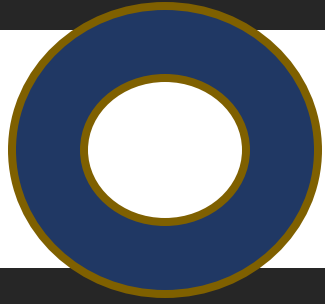
**GEF's Approach,  
Support and Engagement**

**with**

**Civil Society and other  
Stakeholders**



*Increasing the scale and scope of GEF's engagement and financing for Civil Society*



## CSOs Roles in the GEF

Project executors and co-executors through partnerships

Deliver national and local solutions and promote policy change

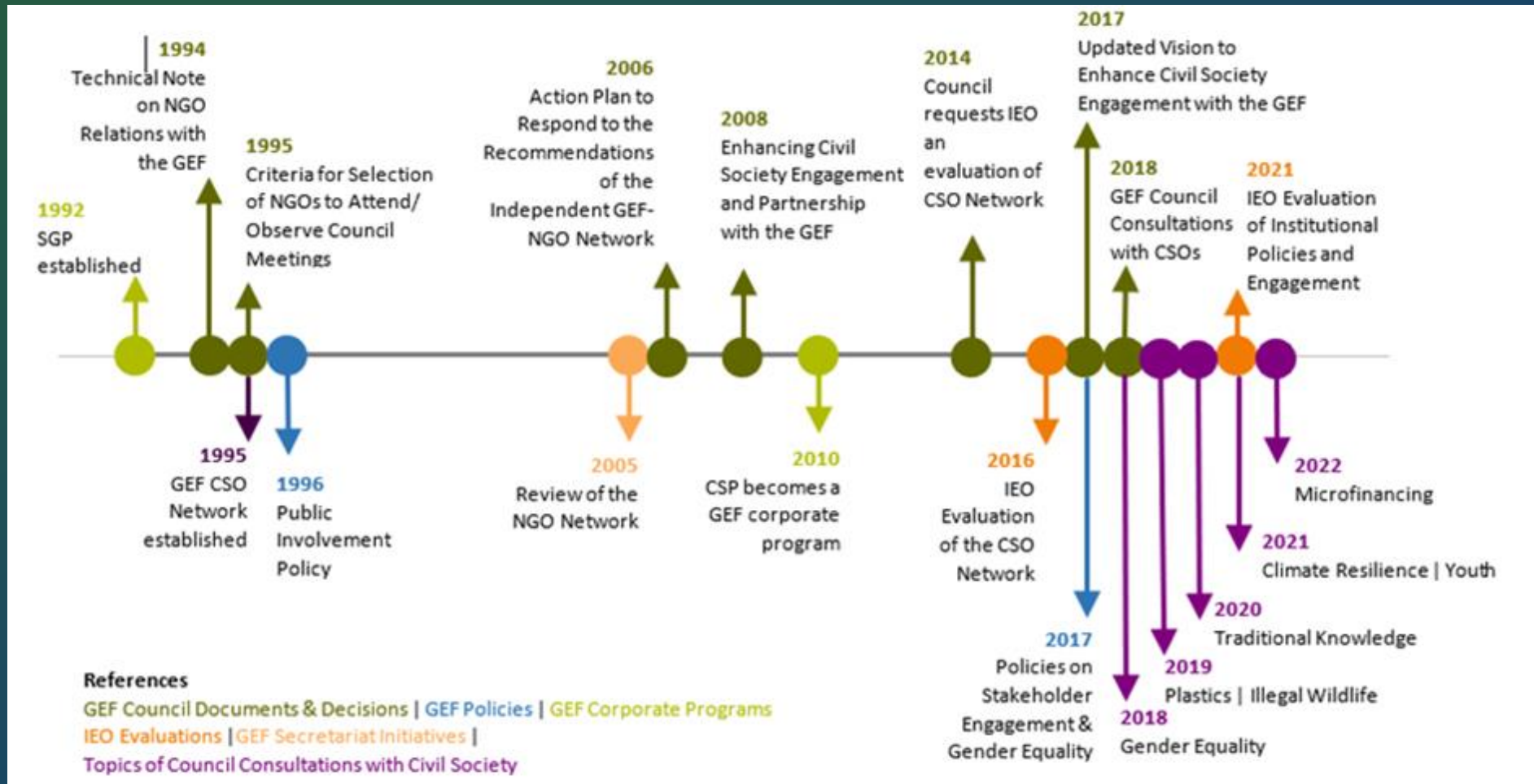
Contribute co-financing

Influence GEF policy and strategies

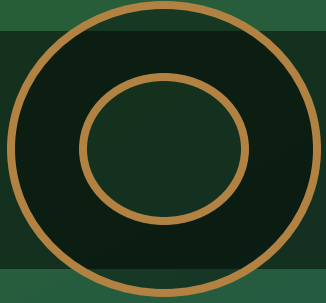




# GEFs Evolving Engagement with Civil Society







# GEFs CSO Network

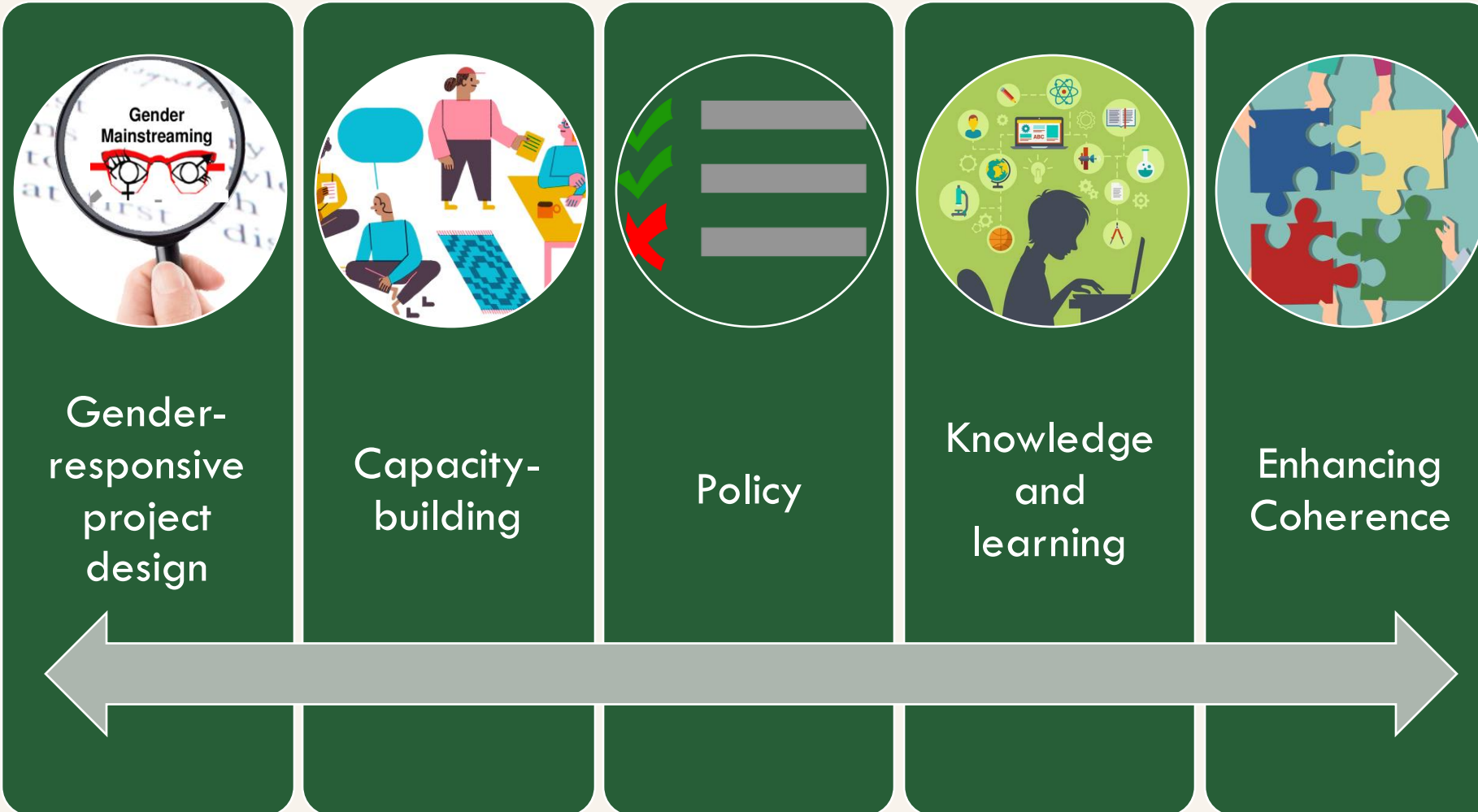
A voluntary network established in 1995

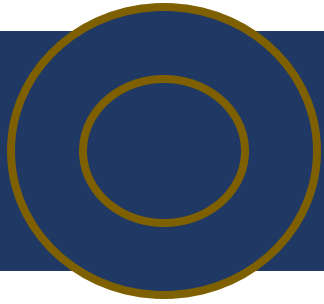
- Organized around Regional Focal Points, Chair, Vice Chair and a Network Secretariat.

Evolving mandate in the GEF Governance

- Enhancing the engagement of civil society in the work of GEF
- Providing feedback to the GEF Council in the development and adoption of policies and guidelines
- Supporting and leading activities such as CSO consultations and workshops, as well as the GEF Assemblies

# GEF Gender Partnership

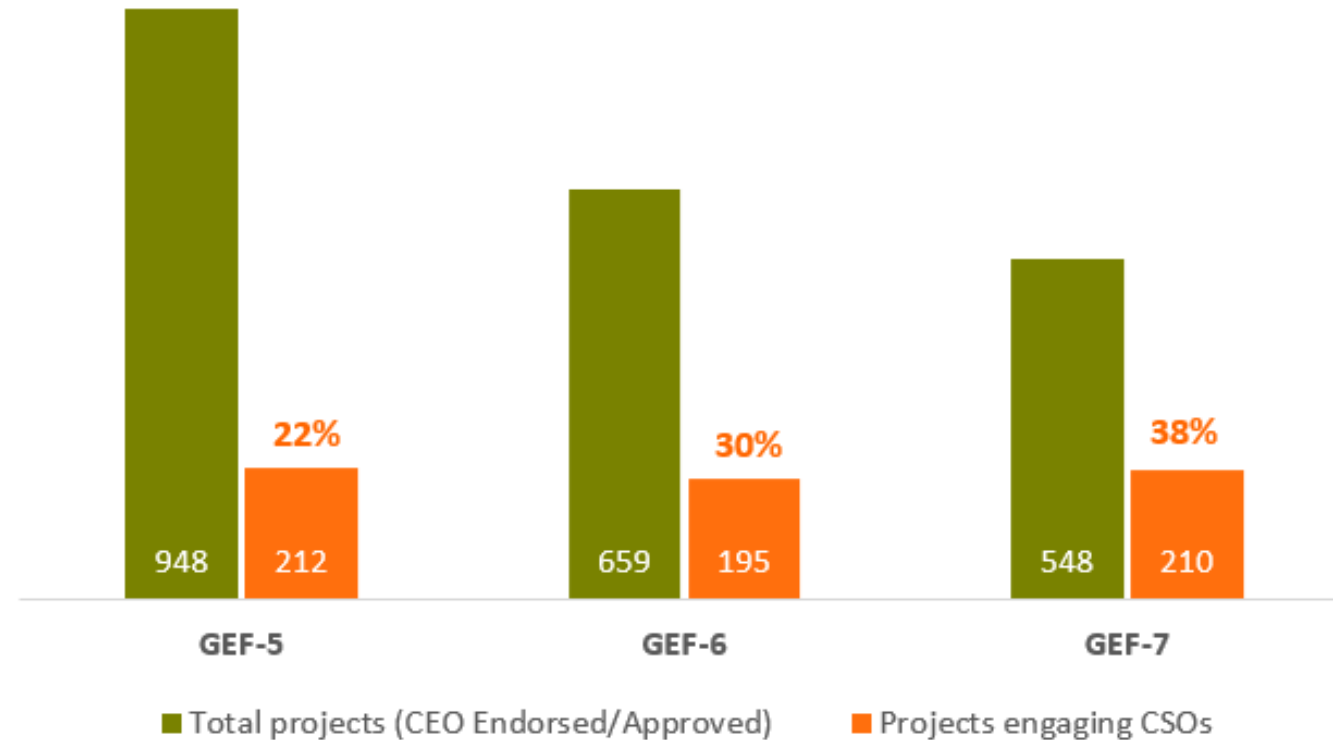


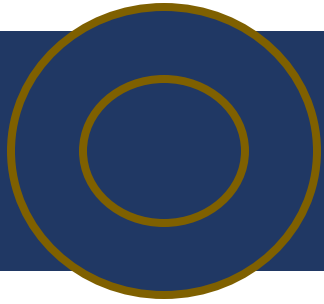


# CSO Engagement in GEF Projects by Cycle

Increasing CSOs  
involvement in GEF  
projects

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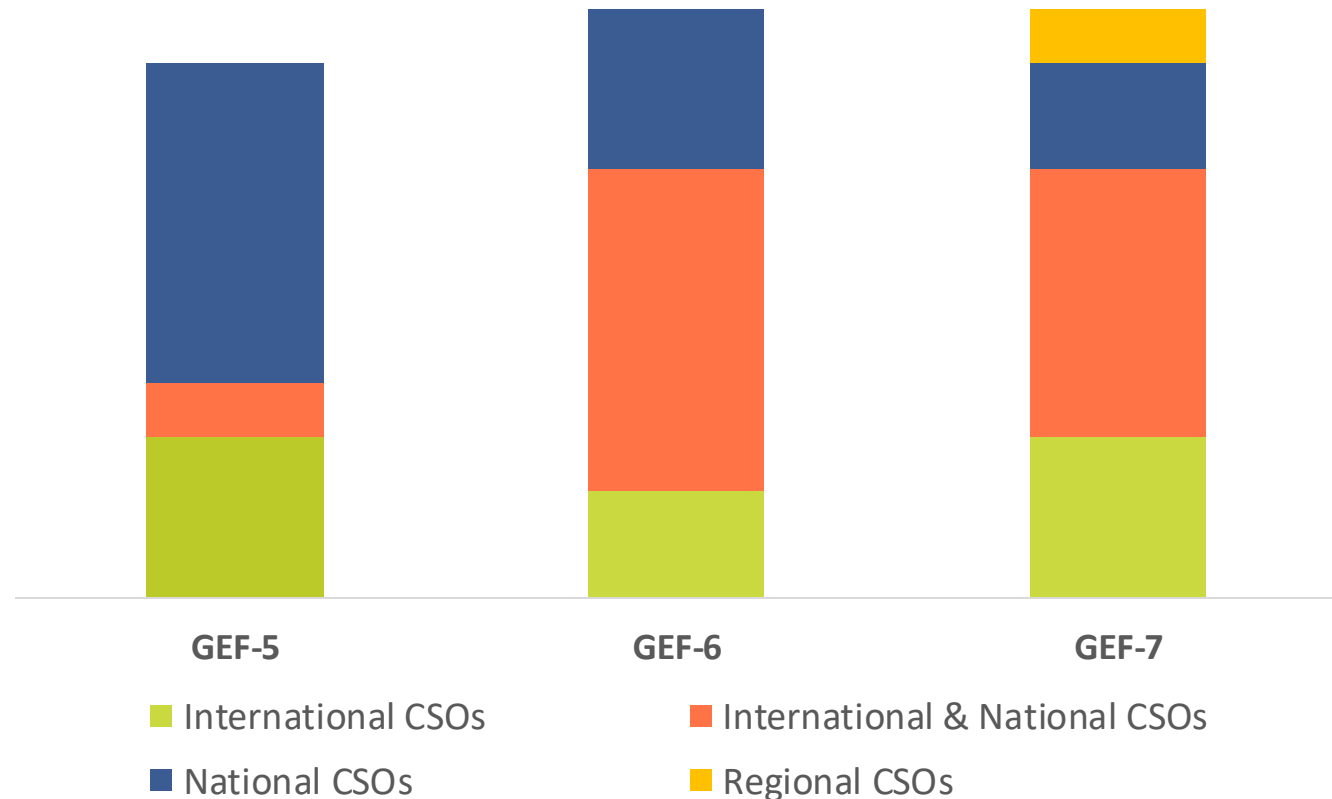




# CSO Engagement in GEF Projects

CSOs as project executors and co-executors in the **Southern Africa Constituency**

Type of CSO engaged





# Pathways for increased engagement

## GEF-8 Priorities

- **Increase financing to civil society organizations and actors**
- **Leverage and support civil society and youth engaged with the Conventions that the GEF serves**
- **Improving civil society roles and engagement in project design and implementation**
- **Facilitate civil society roles, voices and engagement in the GEF Council, Assembly, and relevant events**

# LOCAL ACTION GLOBAL IMPACT



## ECW Southern Africa

Maputo, 21 March 2023

# SGP Overview

- Local solutions to global environmental problems
- Supports innovative community-based initiatives and actions
- Since 1992, GEF Corporate Program, implemented by UNDP
- SGP is currently active in 127 countries including 40 LDCs and 37 SIDS

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1992, SGP HAS IMPLEMENTED



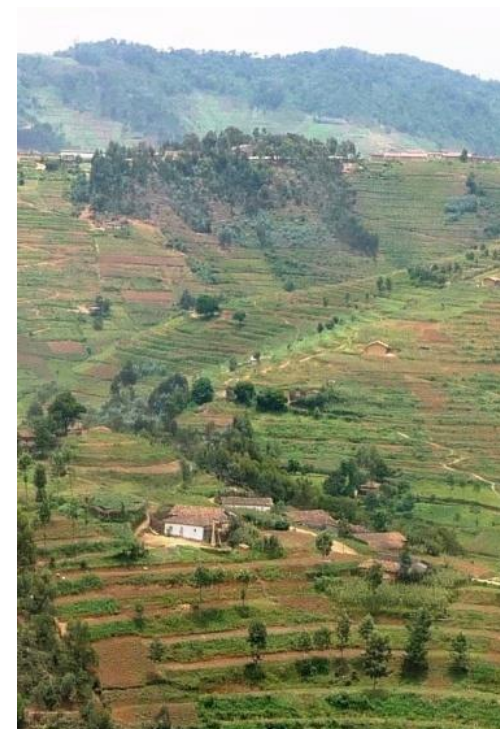
# SGP Value Proposition

## INCLUSION

## INNOVATION

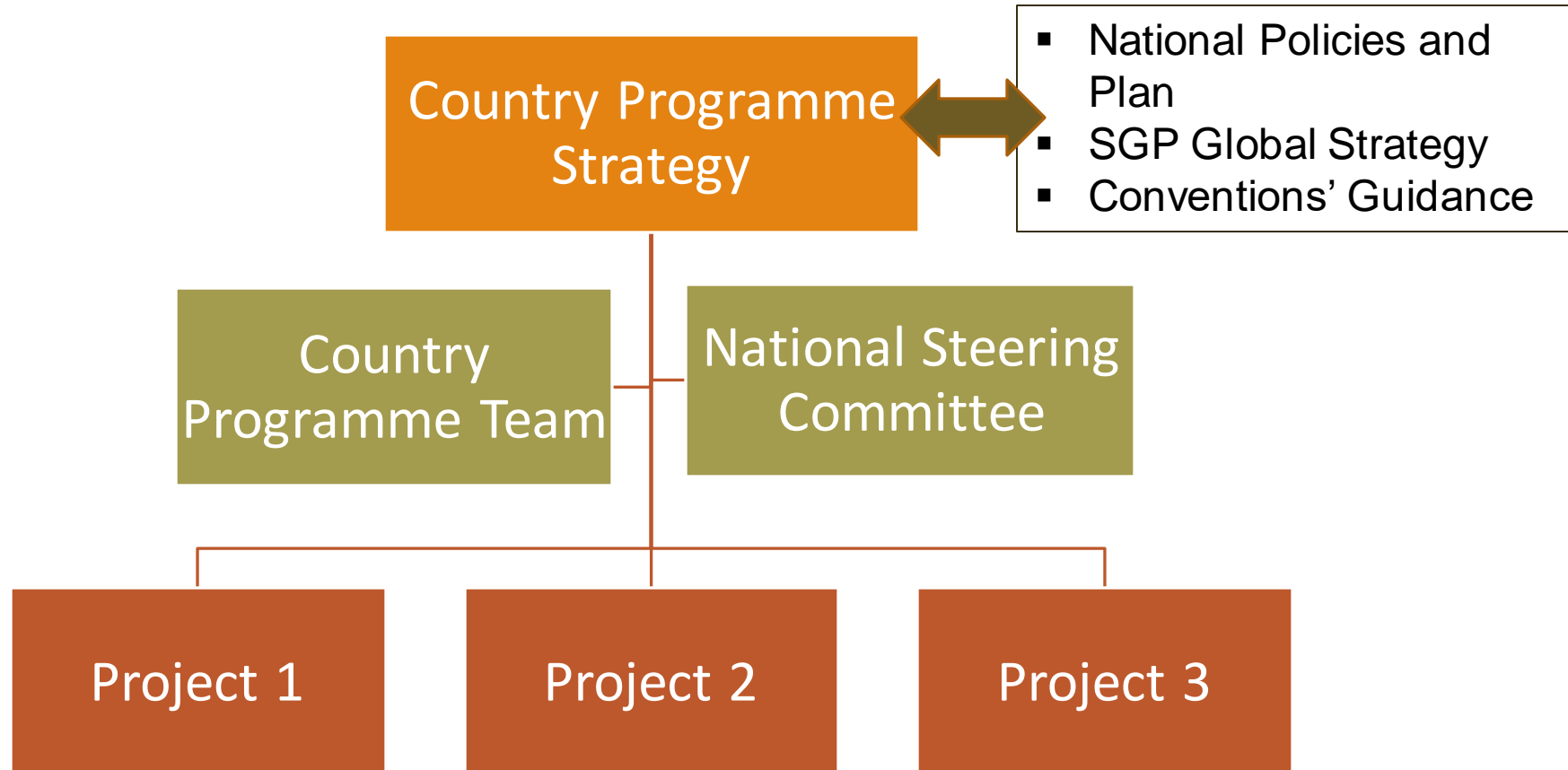
## IMPACT

- Strategic platform for community-based actions for synergy, scaling up, and sustainability;
- Incubator of Innovative solutions and risk taker to safeguard the global environment;
- Focus on **critical landscapes and seascapes** for larger impacts, upscaling, and knowledge sharing.
- Focus on **social inclusion** in maximizing global environmental benefits





# How we work



# SGP Country Management

- National Steering Committees supported by Technical Advisory Groups
- The role of UNDP Country Office
- The role of the GEF OFP
- Key interest groups representation (climate, gender, Women, Youth, Indigenous Peoples, Governments).



# Nature of Grants

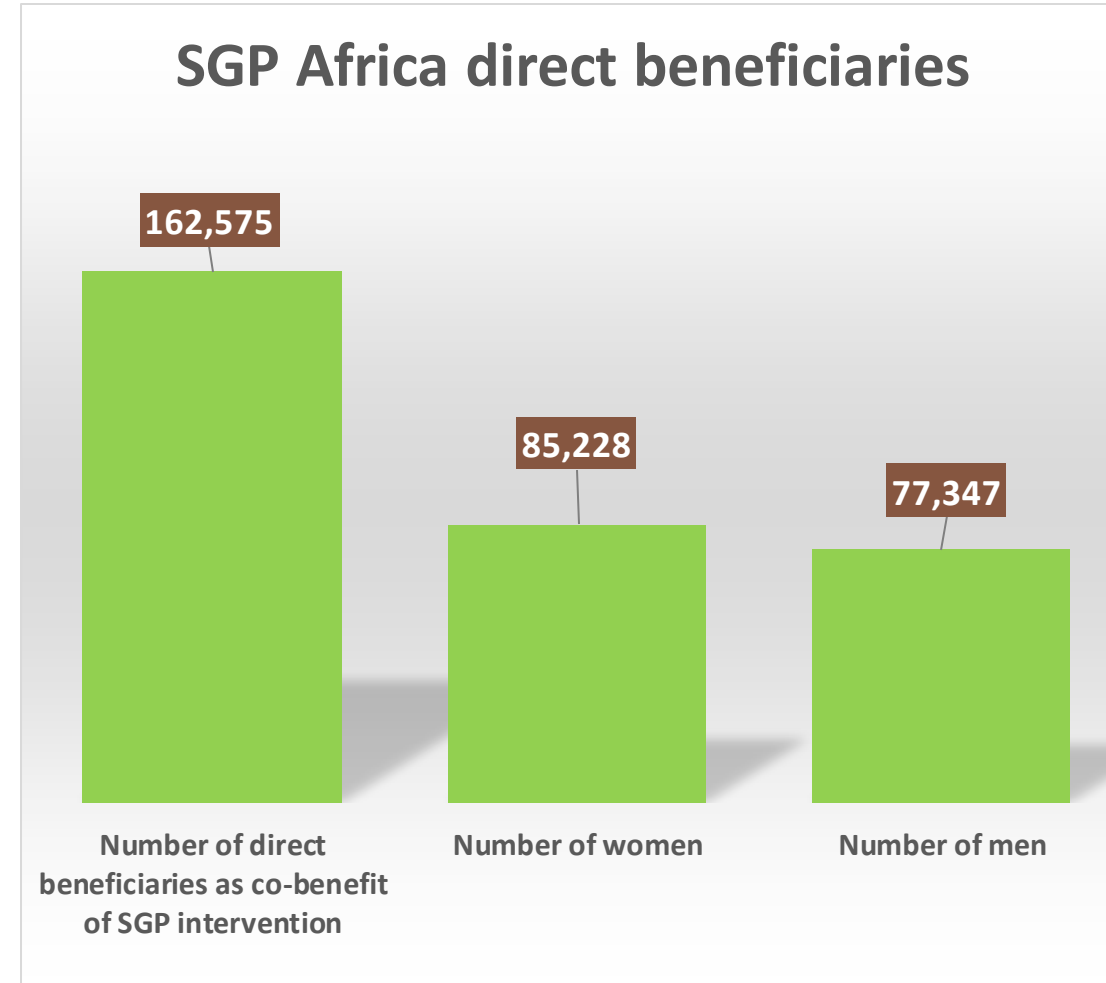
- Planning Grants - Maximum \$5K
- Full Size Grants - Maximum \$50K
- Strategic Grants - Maximum \$150K
- Capacity Development Grants (10% of country total grants allocation)



# Africa Portfolio Overview

**Coverage:** SGP Africa Region refers to sub-Saharan Africa with 40 active country programmes

- **SGP Africa overall Finance for GEF-7 : TOTAL \$64.75 million**
  - CORE estimate: \$39,458,467
  - STAR: \$25,291,924
- **Ongoing Portfolio: 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022**
  - **New Projects:** 262
  - **Completed projects:** 316
  - **Ongoing Projects:** 628
  - **Project Funding:** *USD 20.9 million*
  - **Project Level Cofinancing:** *USD 18.1 million*



# Regional Focus and key results

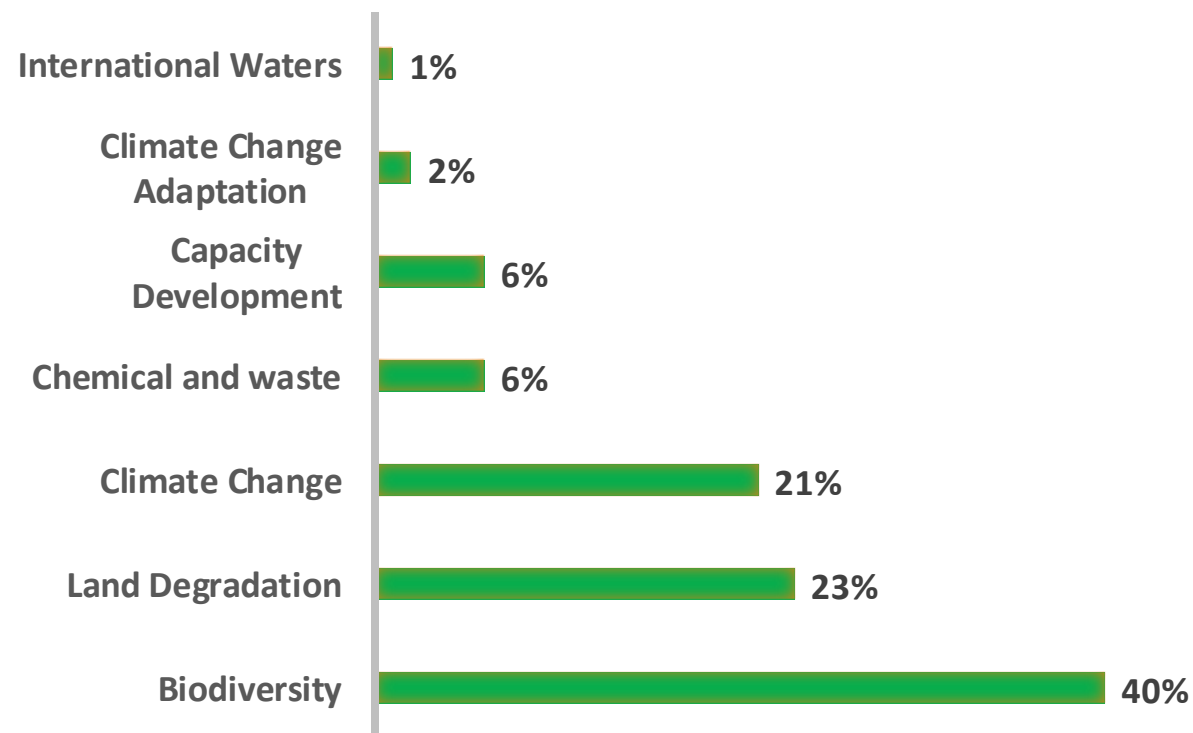
## GLOBAL STRATEGIC & INTEGRATED APPROACH

Relevant strategic initiatives implemented in priority landscapes and seascapes based on SGP Country Programme Strategy:

1. Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries - Food Security
2. Low-Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits
3. Community-based Threatened Ecosystems and Species Conservation: Land and Water
4. Local to Global Coalitions in Chemicals and Waste Management
5. Catalyzing Sustainable Urban Solutions
6. Community-based Adaptation (non-GEF finance)

**Key cross cutting issues for consideration:** Social inclusion, South-South cooperation, Knowledge Management, policy dialogue, etc...

## AFRICA FOCAL AREA DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVE PORTFOLIO



# Regional results (2019-2022)

## BIODIVERSITY

**272**

PAs and ICCAs, positively  
influenced effective management



## CLIMATE CHANGE

**76,483**

households with energy  
access benefits



## LAND DEGRADATION

**180,557**

community members  
demonstrating SLM practices



## INTERNATIONAL WATERS

**108,962** Hectares of seascapes  
under improved community  
conservation and sustainable u:  
management systems



## CHEMICALS AND WASTE

**30** tons  
of pesticides  
properly disposed



## CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

**766** CSOs

**1591** CBOs

**18,721** people  
with improved capacity



## SCALING UP

**12%** of projects scaled up

**11%** of projects influenced  
policy

## SOCIAL INCLUSION

**25%** women-led projects

**23%** youth participation

**15.7%** indigenous peoples

**331** organizations of persons with  
disability

# Country case: Mozambique

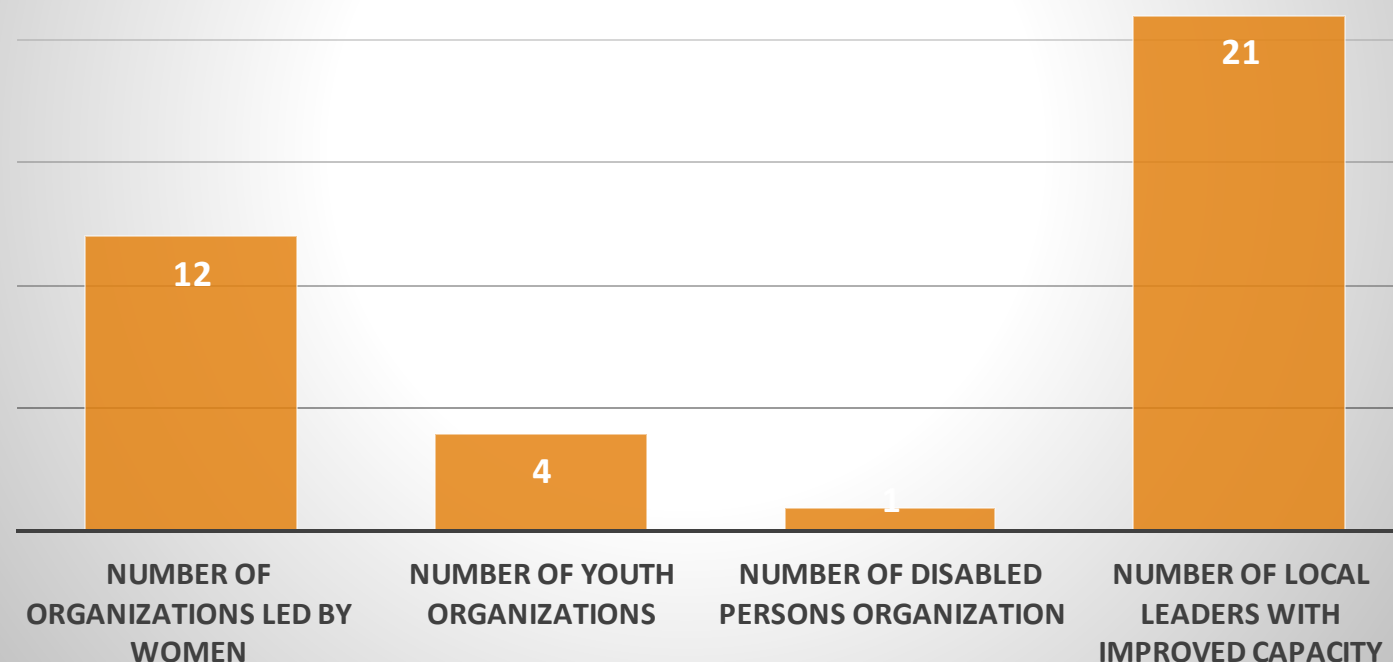
## Small Grant Program (SGP)

- Started in 2005
- Supported more than 200 projects

## Budget

- Total: 5,408,792 USD
- Cofinancing: 3,830,982 USD
  - ✓ In kind: 1,898,342 USD
  - ✓ Cash: 1,932,640
- Grant resource: CORE Funds

## Total number of women, youth, men, Indigenous Peoples, People with Disabilities benefitting of SGP interventions



# SGP Mozambique key results

Focal areas	Quantity in hectares or ton
<b>Biodiversity</b>	90,500 hectares of target landscapes/seascapes under improved community conservation and sustainable use
<b>Climate Change</b>	2,950 hectares of forests and non-forest lands with restoration and enhancement of carbon stocks initiated through completed projects
<b>Land degradation</b>	875 Hectares of land brought under improved management practices and 1,450 community members with improved actions and practices that reduce negative impacts on land uses
<b>International waters</b>	150 hectares of seascapes covered under improved community conservation and sustainable use management systems
<b>Chemical and waste</b>	104,200 tons of Solid Waste avoided from open burning



## **LOCAL ACTION** GLOBAL IMPACT

Thank you

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# GEF Small Grants Program (SGP)



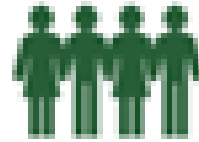
- A flagship corporate program of the GEF
- Demand-driven grants to local communities
- Direct financing and capacity development to CSOs and CBOs
- Local conservation, development, and livelihoods results
- Global Environmental Benefits

# Launch of SGP 2.0 in GEF 8

Enhancing GEF's engagement and support to non-state actors



Build on over  
30 years SGP  
implementation

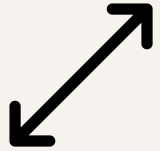


Respond to  
civil society  
needs and  
requests



Pilot new  
models and  
approaches

# Small Grants Program 2.0



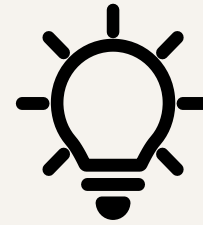
## EXPAND

- Increase financial resources to civil society actors
- Enable greater scope and reach of SGP
- Ensure access to SGP core financing for all eligible GEF countries



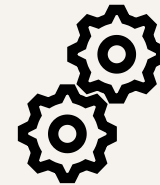
## DIVERSIFY

- Open implementation roles for other existing GEF Agencies



## INNOVATE

- Pilot a micro-finance model
- Launch a CSO Challenge Program to offer competitive access to civil society actors



## OPTIMIZE

- Codify management protocols and operational oversight
- Strengthen SGP alignment with GEF-8 strategy



## **New Features SGP in GEF-8**

- **Open up SGP implementing roles of SGP Core**
- **Eliminate the SGP upgrading country policy**
- **Recalibrate cost efficiency measures and reporting**
- **Launch novel two new CSO Initiatives, focused on youth, women and IPLCs**

# SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM (SGP)

## RESOURCE ALLOCATION

US\$155 Million



SGP CORE  
US\$ 135M

CSO INITIATIVES  
US\$ 20M

Resources will be operationalized through two tranches split 50/50

- 1<sup>st</sup> tranche open to UNDP only
- 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche open later during the GEF-8 period once selection of new Agencies process is completed

1

All countries can access SGP Core Resources

2

SGP Core Resources are allocated **equally**  
**\$937,500**

3

Countries are encouraged to utilize **STAR**



# Small Grants Core Program

## Landscape and Seascape Approach

### Thematic Priorities

- Community-based management of threatened ecosystems and species
- Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries and Food Security
- Low-Carbon Energy Access Co-Benefits
- Local to Global Coalitions for Chemicals and Waste Management
- Catalyzing Sustainable Urban Solutions

Aligned with  
GEF-8  
Strategy  
and  
Impact  
programs

### Cross-cutting priorities

- Enhance social inclusion and engagement of IPLC, women and youth
- Facilitate Government-CSO-Private Sector collaboration
- Support capacity building
- Advance knowledge management and learning

## SGP 2.0 CSO INITIATIVES

## MICROFINANCE INITIATIVE

Support **Microfinancing Institutions** to facilitate microenterprises' access to finance for climate and environmental solutions

## CSO CHALLENGE PROGRAM

Support **competitive opportunities** for local civil society organizations to access financial and technical resources to scale up innovative environmental solutions

- **Pilot new GEF models** to engage and support civil society actors to catalyze environmental actions and solutions
- **Support innovation** of youth, women, Indigenous Peoples and local communities in LDCs and SIDS
- **Capitalize on expertise** of the GEF expanded Agency network and specialized organizations



## Operationalization and Timelines

CSO Initiatives

**GEF SEC circulate a first call for proposals during 2023**

Agency Selection

**GEF SEC circulate an Expression of Interest in 2023**



# Questions?



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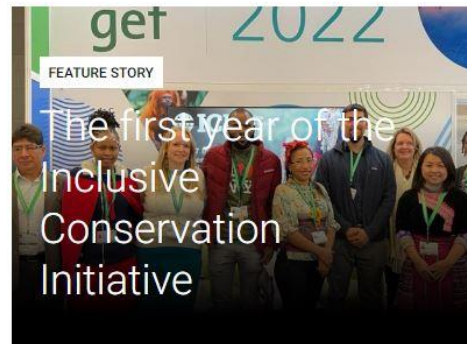
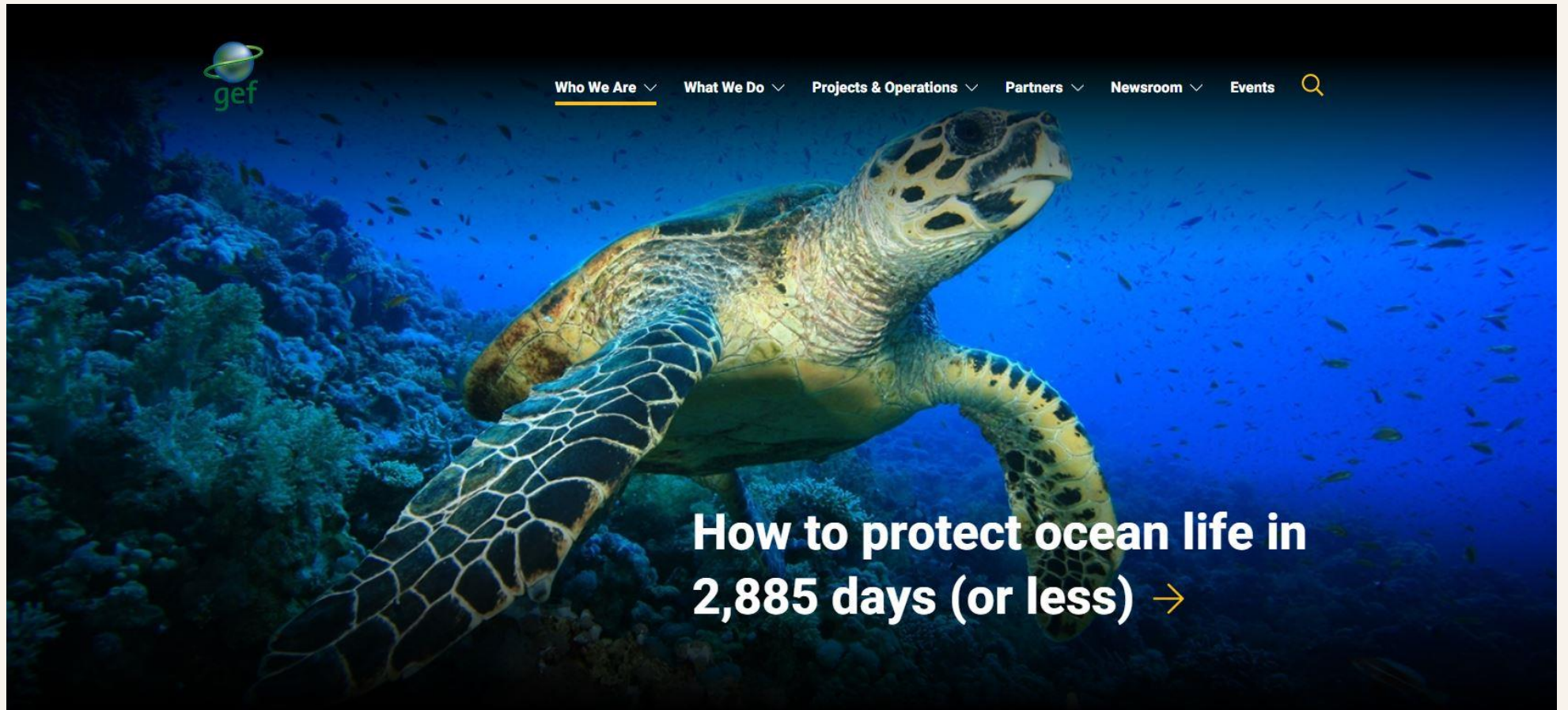
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# Storytelling



## 'Youth, women, and elders are the ones who don't give up'

NEWS / November 23, 2022



Photo courtesy of Mirna Inés Fernández Pradel

**Mirna Inés Fernández Pradel** is a member of the *Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN)*, an international network of young people focused on preventing biodiversity loss and protecting nature. In an interview, she shared lessons from her work to elevate youth voices internationally and expressed her hopes for the *UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP15* summit in Montreal.

### Why is youth engagement around biodiversity important to you?

I believe that the full and effective engagement of young people in decision-making processes about biodiversity is key to delivering policies that protect the diversity of species, ecosystems, and genetic resources that we have, and ensuring the well-being of the communities who depend on these.

Youth all over the world are not only extremely worried about the socio-ecological crisis that we are facing but taking bold actions to halt it. They are taking to the streets and raising their voices to demand social-ecological justice. They also lead projects for biodiversity conservation, restoration, sustainable management, and awareness. All of this happens most of the time with very little or zero funding or institutional support.



## Reviving wetlands in the Western Indian Ocean: efforts and progress

FEATURE STORY / February 8, 2023



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Wetlands in the Western Indian Ocean region are not just a pretty sight, they are vital ecosystems that support a diverse array of life. They include salt marshes, seagrass beds, and mangrove forests. These unique habitats are homes, breeding and feeding grounds for species such as fish, turtles, sea cucumbers, molluscs, corals, mangroves, and seagrasses. Additionally, wetlands in the Western Indian Ocean region also have significant economic and cultural value. However, these wetlands are under threat from human activities such as pollution through the release of untreated wastewater from cities and settlements, upstream activities like agriculture, deforestation, and natural disasters such as cyclones.

But there's hope! Efforts to safeguard and maintain these invaluable wetlands are in full swing. From Chake Chake, Pemba, where drainage capacity is being boosted, to Seychelles, where locals are being educated on wetland

# Media Relations



## Gabon, Jamaica, and Sri Lanka unite to fight hazardous skin lightening products

NEWS / February 14, 2023



An array of skin lightening products. Photo credit: Jasmine Halki/Flickr

The governments of Gabon, Jamaica, and Sri Lanka have joined forces to fight back against damaging beauty practices, launching a joint \$14-million project to eliminate the use of mercury in skin lightening products.

Using cosmetics to inhibit the body's production of melanin, leading the skin to appear lighter, is a centuries-old practice in many parts of the world that continues to take a toxic toll today.

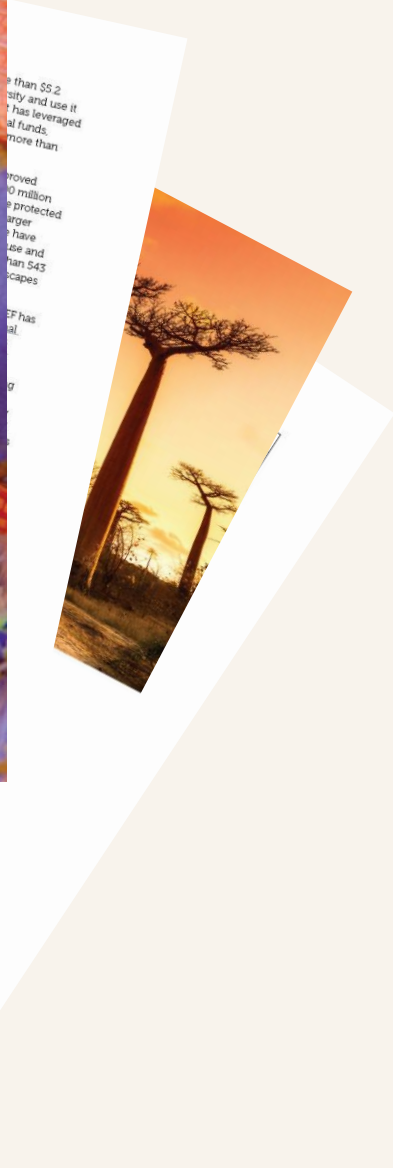
Both men and women use skin lightening products, not only to lighten their skin but to fade freckles, blemishes, age spots, and treat acne. However, consumers are often unaware that many of these products contain harmful chemicals including mercury, a toxic substance which poses risks to human health and contaminates the environment.

Skin lightening products can cause skin rashes and discoloration; scarring; nervous, digestive, and immune system damage, as well as anxiety and depression. The Minamata Convention on Mercury has set a limit of 1mg/1kg (1ppm) for mercury in skin lightening products. However, a 2018 Zero Mercury Working Group and Biodiversity

# Events and Pavilions



# Publications



GOOD PRACTICE BRIEFS—2022/3

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## Strengthening Regional Cooperation to Mainstream Migratory Soaring Birds Safeguards:

Strong Partnership with Private Sector and CSOs in Middle East and Africa

PROJECT FULL NAME	COUNTRY & REGION	IMPLEMENTING AGENCY
Mainstreaming Conservation of Migratory Soaring Birds into Key Productive Sectors along the Rift Valley / Red Sea Flyway	Regional (Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Jordan, Lebanon, and Sudan)	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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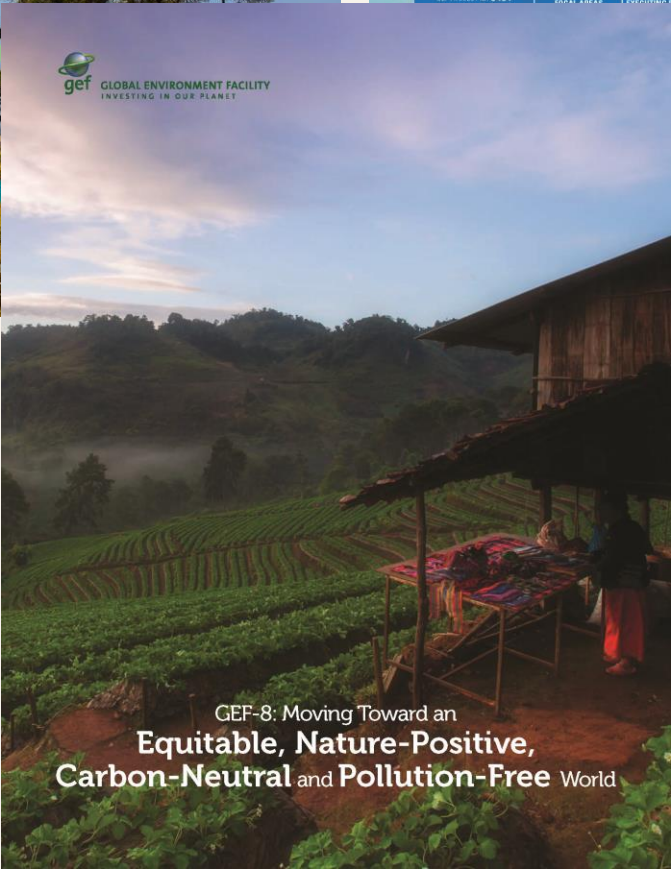
- Biodiversity
- Land Degradation
- Sustainable Forest
- Poverty Reduction
- Food Security
- Socio-economic Benefits
- Education

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COOPERATING PARTNERS

1,885

Red Sea Flyway is the second most used flyway in the world. Each year over 100 million birds of at least 37 species, including many threatened species, use this common breeding grounds in Europe and wintering areas in Africa. The project process achieved in 2020 1 of the 2023, which includes establishment of a Regional Flyway Facility (RFF). Under the project aims to mainstream MSB into the productive sectors along the flyway. The project focuses on 11 flyway countries: Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan, and Sudan.



...management strategies to respond to the drivers of biodiversity loss within large landscape and seascape mosaics. This strategic shift reflects

...will include

...priorities to address the key underlying drivers of biodiversity loss in comprehensive and integrated ways.

...to the CBD biodiversity framework

...countries with additional drivers of biodiversity loss in comprehensive and integrated ways.

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February 17 at 10:33 AM  
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- Achieving Finance and High Ambition for MPAs: 30 x 30 Implementation through the GEF and HAC**  
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# Newsletter

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## Sampling the fruits of success and innovation in the Maldives

Sometimes the fruits of success taste particularly sweet, as GEF CEO Carlos Manuel Rodríguez discovered on a visit to the Maldivian island of Meedhoo, where he witnessed an effort led by local women to revive a dying culinary art. "This GEF Small Grants Programme project is not only investing in preserving the rich tradition of Bondi-making in the Maldives but, more importantly, in its future generations," said Rodríguez, who later visited two waste-related projects elsewhere in the Addu Atoll. [Read more >>](#)



## How to protect ocean life in 2,885 days (or less)

Countries have committed to protecting at least 30 percent of the world's land and sea habitats by 2030. But how? At an event co-hosted by the GEF, World Resources Institute, and High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People during IMPAC5 in Vancouver, people leading, planning, and funding marine protected areas around the world shared ideas about how to make this happen with less than seven years on the clock. [Read more >>](#)



## Countries unite to fight hazardous skin lightening products

The governments of Gabon, Jamaica, and Sri Lanka have joined forces to fight back against damaging beauty practices, launching a joint \$14-million project to eliminate the use of mercury in skin lightening products. The project is led by UNEP, with funding from the GEF, and executed by the World Health Organization and the Biodiversity Research Institute. [Read more >>](#)

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- Climate Change
- Biodiversity
- Land Degradation
- Chemicals & Waste

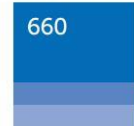
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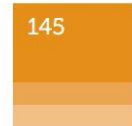
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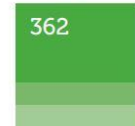
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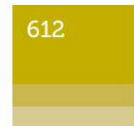
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### Chemicals & Waste



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### Land Degradation



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**GEF-8**  
**Blended Finance**  
**Program**  
**(Non-Grant**  
**Instrument)**

# AGENDA

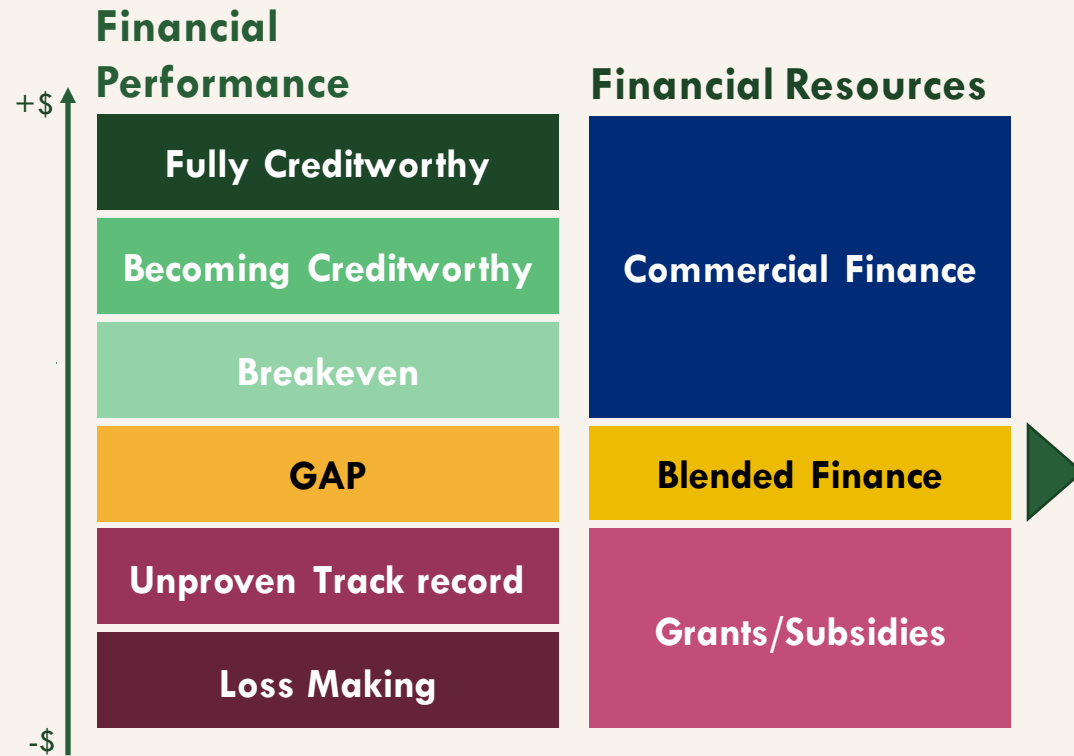
## **GEF Blended Finance Program (Non-Grant Instrument)**

- What is Blended Finance?
- Two entry points
- Terms and conditions



# Background

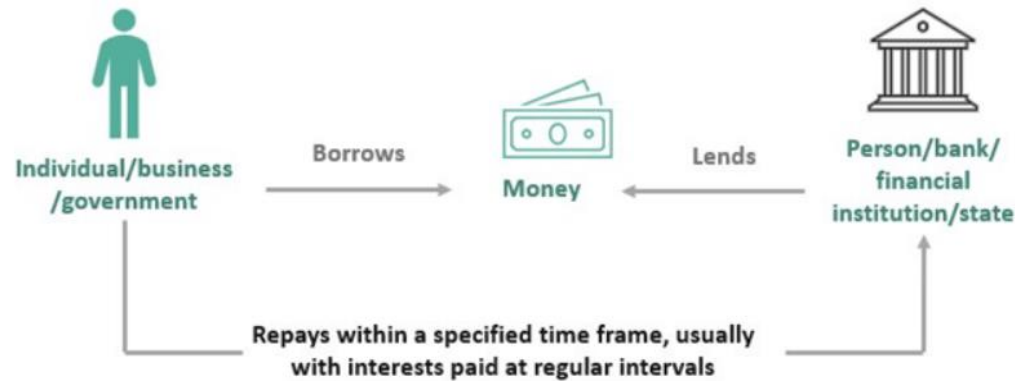
## What is Blended Finance?



**Blended Finance** is an investment mechanism *filling the gap* between *grants* and *commercial finance*. It is used in projects which commercial banks cannot finance due to *high risk*.



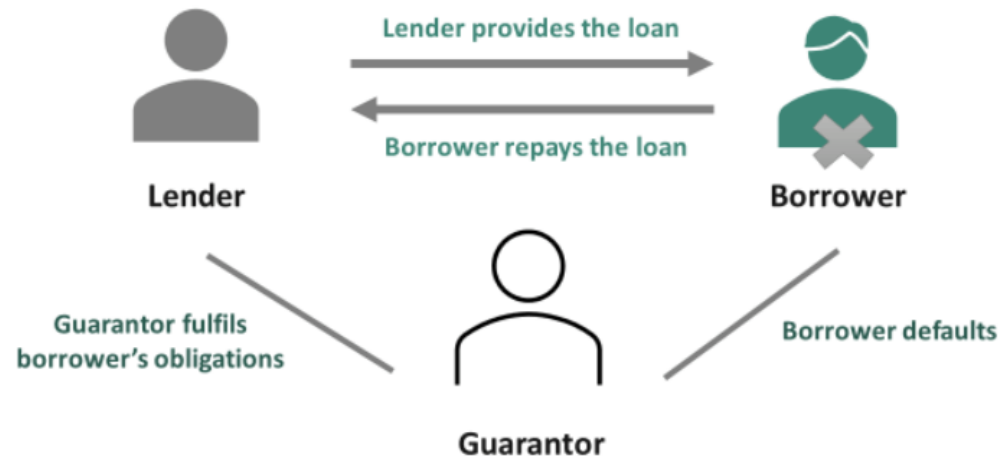
**Debt:** Money lent for repayment later, usually with interest. Concessional debt has favorable terms (longer payback period, lower priority for payback) or lower interest rates relative to market conditions

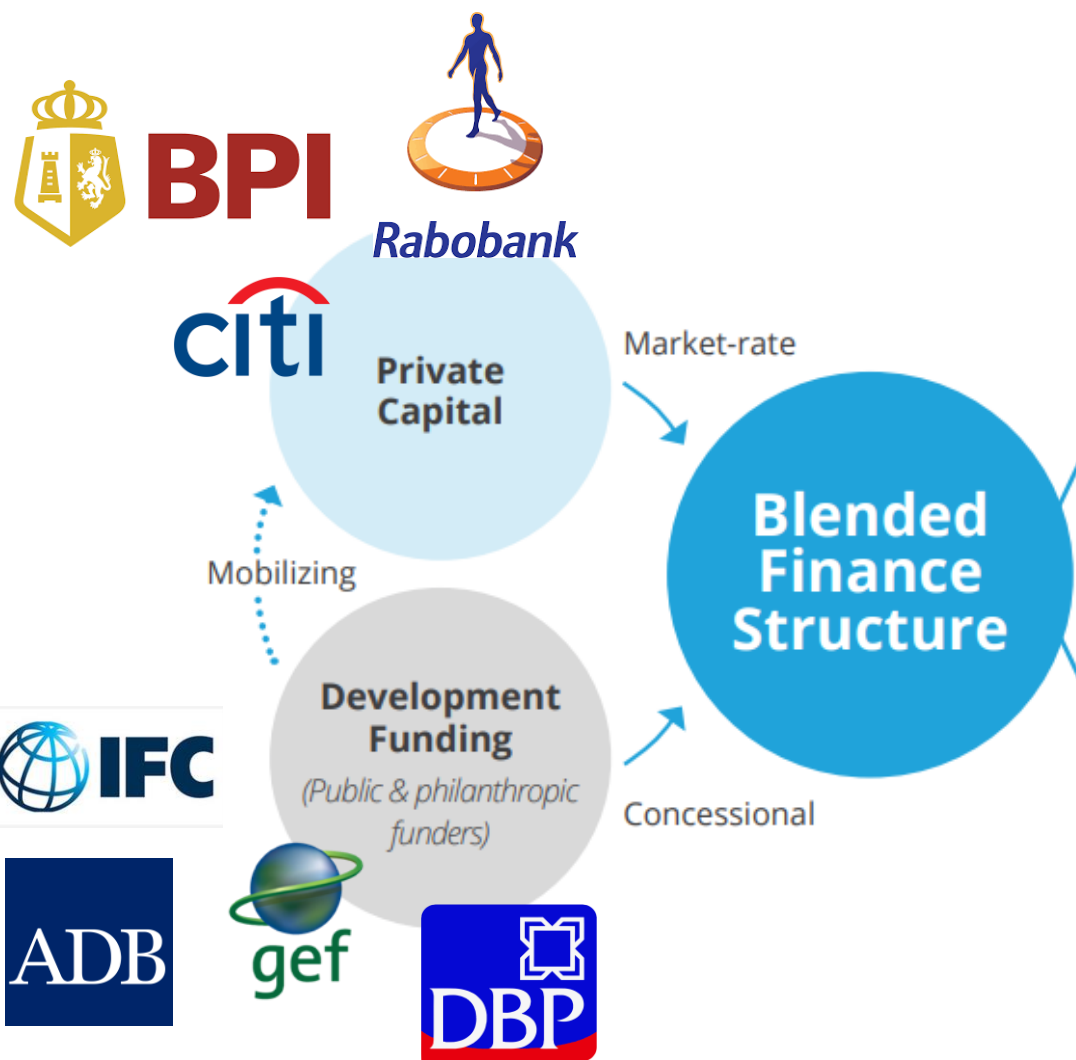


**Equity:** Instrument providing ownership in a company. GEF would accept higher risk for lower financial returns in exchange for environmental impact.



**Guarantee:** Instrument protecting investor's losses from various forms of risk (credit/performance).





## EXAMPLE STRUCTURES

Private equity or debt funds with concessional public or philanthropic funding attracting institutional investment

STRUCTURE	
Senior Debt Or Equity	
First-Loss Capital	

Bond or note issuances with concessional guarantees or insurance from public or philanthropic funders

STRUCTURE	
Guarantee	Debt
	Equity

Grant funding from public or philanthropic funders to build capacity of investments to achieve expected financial and social return

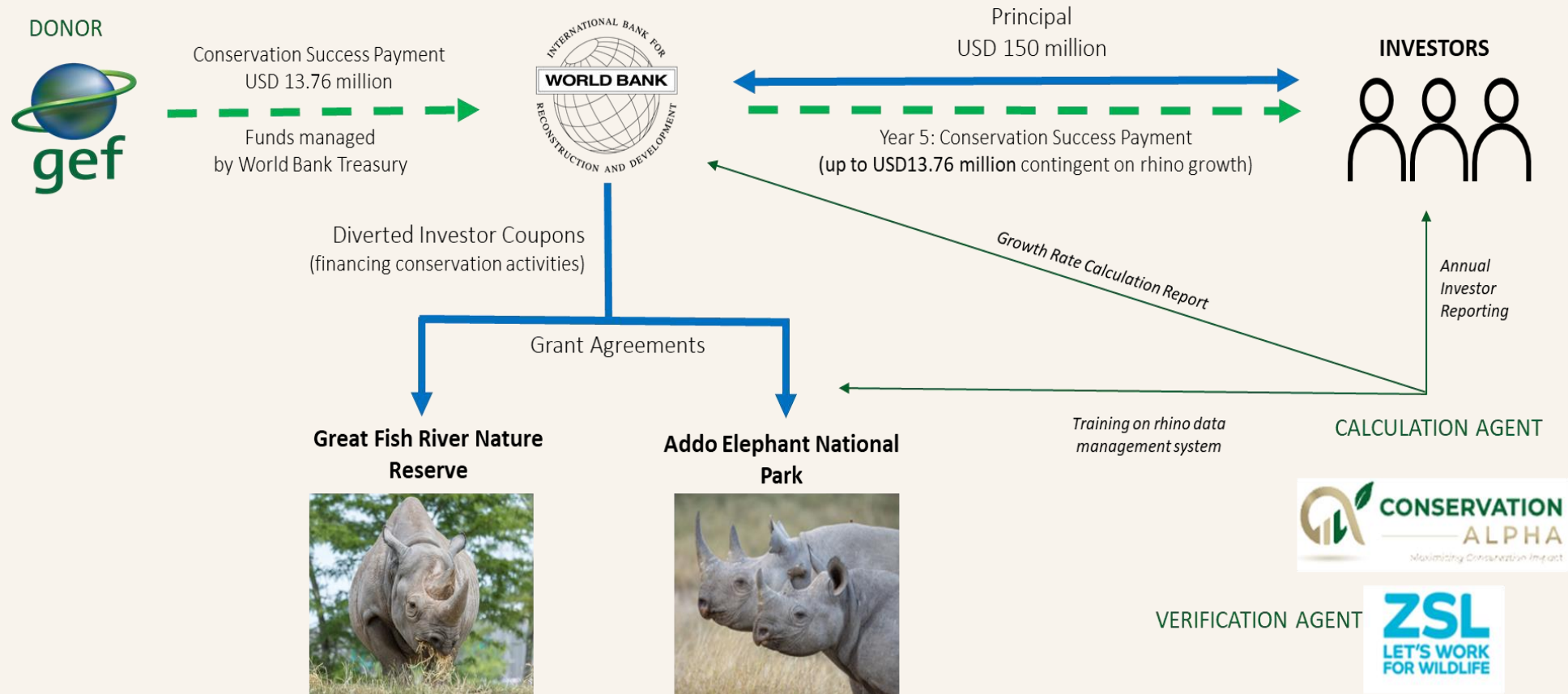
STRUCTURE	
Debt	TA facility
Equity	

Grant funding from public or philanthropic funders to design or structure projects to attract institutional investment

STRUCTURE	
Debt	
Equity	

Grant →

# Wildlife Conservation Bond (GEF-7, 10330)



# Use of Non-Grant Instruments: 2 entry points

	GOAL	FEATURES	PROJECTS
<p><b>“BLENDED FINANCE PROGRAM” (NGI SET-ASIDE)</b></p>	<p>Mobilize <b>private sector</b> investment</p>	<p>Investment has potential for generating <b>reflows back to the GEFTF</b></p> <p><b>Separate Call for Proposals (CfP)</b> and rules for selection of projects</p>	<p><b>NGI window GEF-7 supported projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>GEFID 9370 Meloy Fund (CI)</i></li> <li>• <i>GEFID 10330 Wildlife Conservation Bond (WB)</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>STAR OR IW/CW ALLOCATION</b></p>	<p>Mobilize <b>public/private sector</b> investment</p>	<p>Investment <b>reflows stay in the country</b></p> <p>Selection and allocation depend on <b>Country priorities.</b></p>	<p><b>GEF-3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>GEFID 2108 Philippines Sustainable Energy Finance Program (WB)</i></li> </ul>

# Terms and conditions NGI (GEF/C.63/12, FI/PL/02)

## Financial products

Risk mitigation products, Equity, Debt,  
Convertible and contingent instruments,  
Grant for Technical Assistance

## Minimum Concessionality\*

Should be justified and documented

\* Means recipients of concessional finance would not fully self-finance the initiative without GEF support, to avoid crowd-out other sources of financing

## Financing Amount

< \$15M

(exception for global/regional project  
with high impact)

## Maximum maturity

< 20 years

## Currency

Local currencies are acceptable  
with risk and hedging strategy  
disclosed and quantified



# Questions?



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# AGENCY FACTSHEET

## Overview of GEF Agency's Engagement

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March 21, 2023



# Piloting the Agency Factsheets

Helping Identify each Agency's GEF Investments





## AGENCY:

FAO



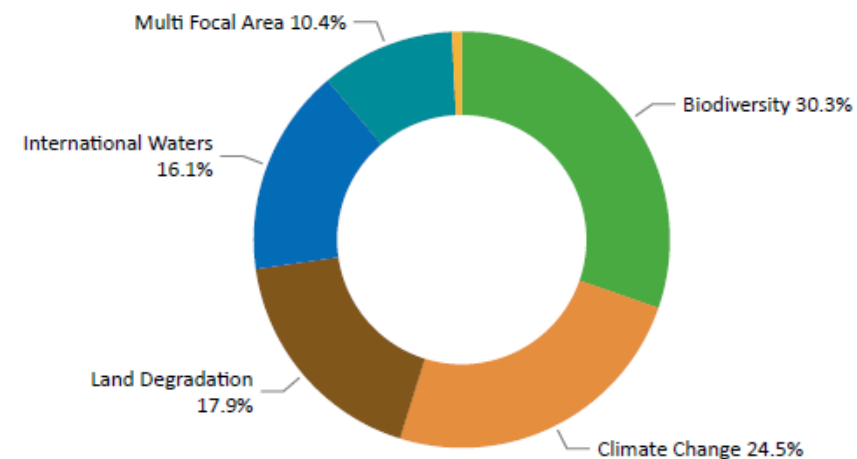
## Agency Profile

Accreditation Year	2002
Geographic Scope	Global

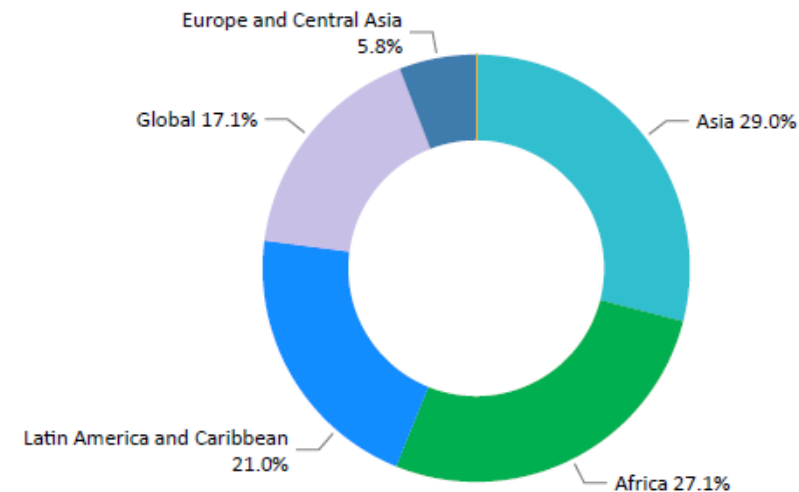
## Portfolio Across GEF-Managed Trust Funds

	GEF - 3	GEF - 4	GEF - 5	GEF - 6	GEF - 7	GEF - 8	Total
GEF Trust Fund (\$m)	13.9	76.7	282.1	246.7	693.9	7.3	1,320.6
LDCF (\$m)		2.4	83.8	23.9	120.3		230.5
SCCF (\$m)			20.2	2.8	1.3		24.4
Total (\$m)	13.9	79.1	386.2	273.4	815.5	7.3	1,575.4
Number of Projects							
FSP	1	17	71	38	87	1	215
MSP		6	9	8	28	1	52
EA			6		3		9
PFD				2	2		4

## Financing by Focal Area



## Financing by Region

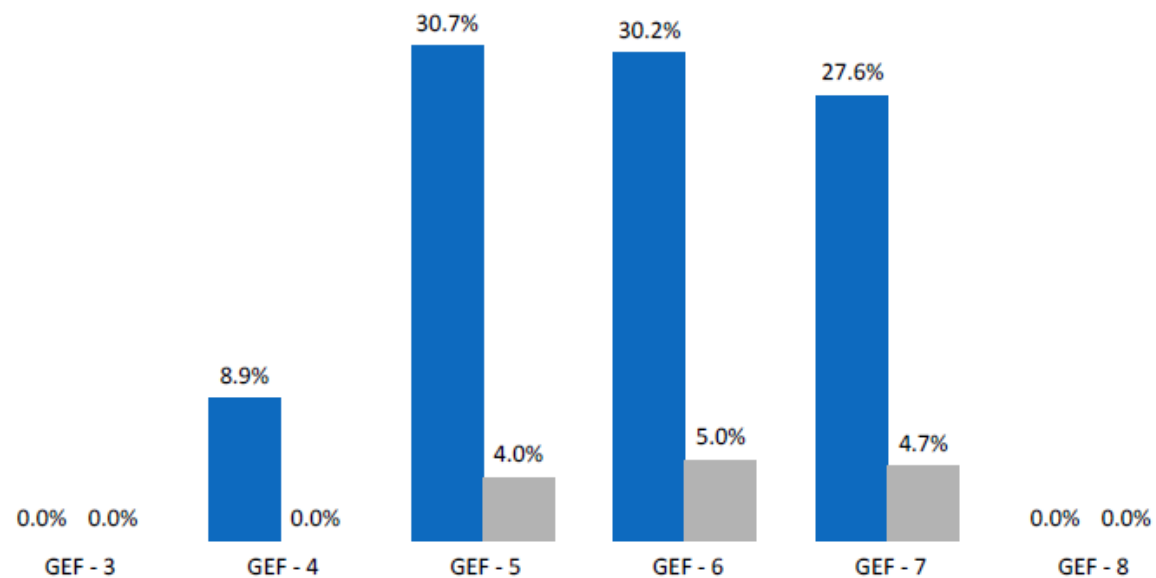


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### Share of Financing by Country Groups

● LDC ● SIDs

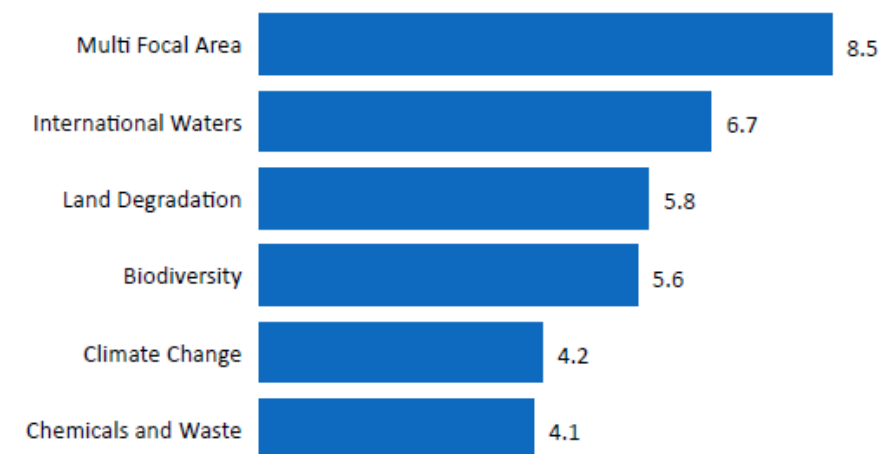


### Distribution of GEF-7 Projects by Status

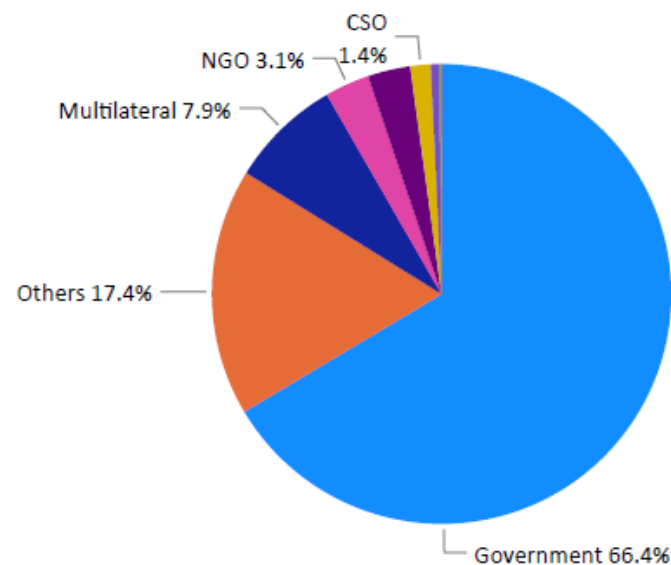
● CEO Endorsement Cleared ● CEO Endorsement Pending ● Council Approved ● Under Implementation



### Co-Financing Ratio by Focal Area (X:1)



### Financing by Type of Executing Agencies (%)



\*Unless specified, all charts include GEF Trust Fund, LDCF, and SCCF funding

# Agency Effectiveness and Efficiency

FAO



- Above 80% of the portfolio
- From 60% to 80% of the portfolio
- Below 60% of the portfolio

Indicator	GEF Average - FY22	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY22 # of Projects
Time from CEO endorsement (FSP) / CEO approval (MSP) to first disbursement below 18 months	85 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	86 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	50 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	100 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	56 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	9
Time from CEO endorsement (FSP) / CEO approval (MSP) to first disbursement below 18 months - MSPs only (%)	76 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	100 <span style="color: green;">●</span>		100 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	40 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	5
Time from CEO endorsement (FSP) / CEO approval (MSP) to first disbursement below 18 months - FSPs only (%)	90 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	83 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	50 <span style="color: red;">●</span>		75 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	4
Time from CEO endorsement to mid-term review submission below 4 years	50 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	63 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	71 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	41 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	62 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	13
MSP age below 4 years (%)	61 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	90 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	57 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	80 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	90 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	49
FSP age below 6 years (%)	81 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	93 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	96 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	86 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	90 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	49
Completed projects with a timely Terminal Evaluation (%)	87 <span style="color: green;">●</span>				85 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	13
Disbursement ratio of ongoing portfolio (%)	19 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	13 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	26 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	19 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	24 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	62
Projects rated in the satisfactory range for both Implementation Progress and Development Outcome (%)	80 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	90 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	92 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	90 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	96 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	74
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Proactivity index (%)	77 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>				100 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	7
Projects with disbursement in the past year (%)	89 <span style="color: green;">●</span>		99 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	97 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	100 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	62
Over 50% disbursed balance 3+ years into MSP implementation (%)	75 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	100 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	75 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	100 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	100 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	7
Over 50% disbursed balance 5+ years FSP implementation (%)	91 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	89 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	87 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	94 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	92 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	38
Projects with financial closure after Terminal Evaluation submission (%)	85 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	62 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	56 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	65 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	60 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	63
Projects financially closed on time in the last year (%)	64 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	80 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	0 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	25 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	0 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	7
Projects with co-financing materialized higher than 35% at MTR (%)	51 <span style="color: red;">●</span>		50 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	73 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	57 <span style="color: red;">●</span>	14
Co-financing materialized higher than 80% at Terminal Evaluation (%)	50 <span style="color: red;">●</span>		65 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	138 <span style="color: green;">●</span>	62 <span style="color: gold;">●</span>	13

# Accessing Agency Factsheets during the ECW

## QR Code



GEF ECW  
Southern Africa

# EMPOWERING THE GEF OFPs

## Best Practice & Info Sharing

Introducing Philippines National Steering  
Committee

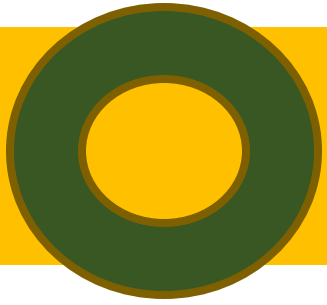
Coordination with Convention  
Focal Points

Group Exercise & Discussion



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**AGENDA**



# New Global Programme on Biodiversity Finance

Funds from Set Aside (NOT Biodiversity STAR funds)

USD 300,000 available

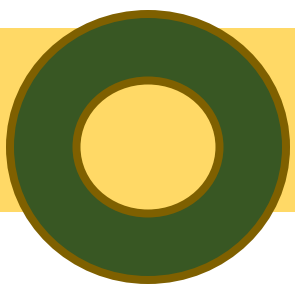
Objectives of new Programme – Develop own National Biodiversity Finance Plan

Implementing Agency – UNDP (with a Global Support Team)

Action Needed – Send Letter of Endorsement to UNDP if interested

This is Second Cohort – if you did not apply for the first cohort





### Biodiversity Finance Policy and Institutional Review

to identify the most relevant stakeholders, map subsidies harmful to biodiversity, identify barriers in the national budgeting process and produce an inventory of existing finance solutions;

### Biodiversity Expenditure Review:

to assess the biodiversity relevance of major programmes and organisations,  
  
provide guidance to determine accurate attribution levels, and identify challenges for financial delivery;

### Financial Needs Assessment

to establish which policies define the national biodiversity needs,  
  
prioritise, and cost their activities;

### The Biodiversity Finance Plan

carrying forward all findings and recommendations of previous assessments, identifying the optimal mix of prioritised finance solutions and elaborating a business case for adopting them.

It is expected that the implementation of the work in countries will be led by the Ministry of Finance in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and other line ministries.

# Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) provided by the GEF

## Report

### BTR and NC preparation

- Additional to STAR allocation
- Support for the preparation of the first and subsequent Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) and National Communications (NC)
- Countries must submit their BTRs every 2 years, starting on Dec 2024 (SIDS and LDCs can submit at their discretion)
- Refer to [Info Note GEF/C.62/Inf.15](#).
- Based on decision 8c/CMA.4 para 10, countries can provide inputs to the GEF on how support provided to prepare BTRs could be best achieved.

## Capacity

### Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)

- Additional to STAR allocation
- CBIT supports developing countries to build institutional and technical capacity to meet enhanced transparency requirements as defined in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.
- The CBIT plays a key role to assist countries with tools and training as they prepare their BTRs.
- More information [in this link](#).

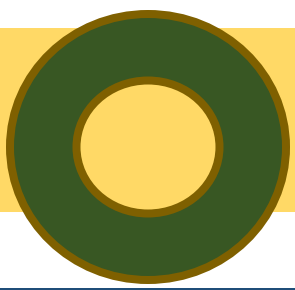
## Global Support

### Support platform

- The CBIT Global Support Program (CBIT-GSP) is a one-stop-shop for transparency.
- Provides most up-to-date information on transparency (e.g., country profiles, events, webinars, training)
- Hosts 10 regional networks to support and foster South-South collaboration and knowledge exchange.
- More information [in this link](#).

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# Chemicals and Waste: COPs and Related Meetings

## SAICM

The 4th Intersessional Process going on in Nairobi in the lead up to the 5th International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM 5) in Bonn in September this year. ICCM 5 will decide on the post 2020 framework for the sound management of chemicals and waste.

## Stockholm Convention

The 11th Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention will be held in May this year jointly with the 11th COP of the Rotterdam Convention and the 16th COP of the Basel Convention. There will be regional preparatory meetings for the COPs.

## Stockholm Convention

At last Stockholm COP 10 new chemicals were added which will require an update to their national implementation plans for which there are available resources.

## Minamata Convention

The Minamata COP 5 will be held in November 2023. Regional Prep meetings ongoing. Funding available for Minamata Initial Assessments (MIAs) for countries that are Party or signatory that have not yet accessed these resources. Additionally for countries that have ASGM within their territories can apply for ASGM National Action Plans.



# UN Convention on Land Degradation

We are supporting the countries to prepare their national report and organize some capacity building activities.

Countries need to finalize their SSFA (Small Scale Financial Agreements) for funds to be released

Countries should send their national report through the online platform (PRAIS4) by end of June 2023.

Global report at the CRIC (Samarkand, Uzbekistan, October 9-13, 2023).



PAST  
CHALLENGES  
ON PROJECT  
DEVELOPMENT

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Proposals were endorsed on a *first come, first served* basis

2

Submission of project proposals are donor-driven

3

Lack of long-term strategic direction in programming



INITIATIVES

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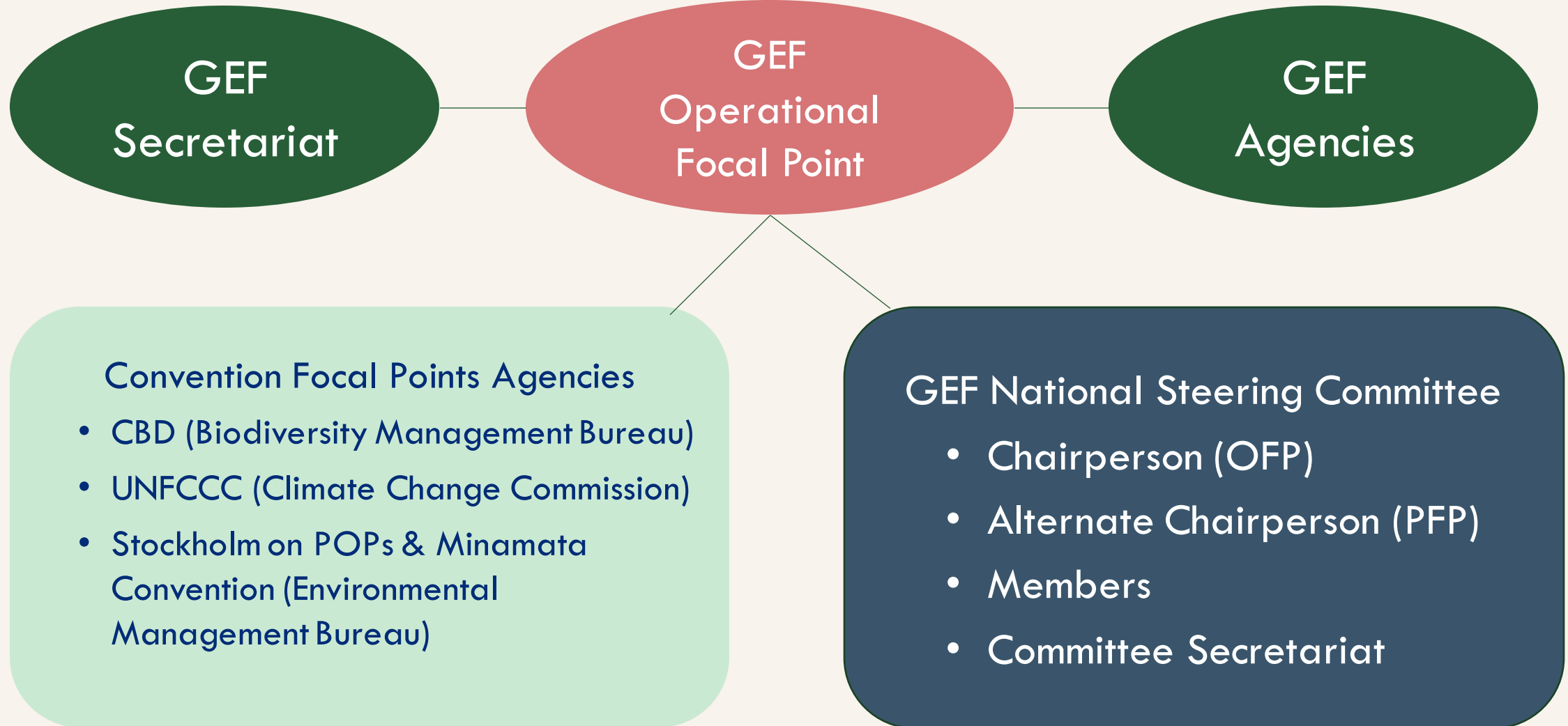
**Government interagency mechanism** headed by the GEF OFP & PFP with Convention focal points

2

**Technical Working Groups** comprising of the Convention focal points which review the GEF project proposals

3

**GEF National Steering Committee** (created in GEF-4 cycle)  
✓ *Inclusive membership composition*  
✓ *Transparent decision-making process*



# PHILIPPINES

## *Inclusive Coordination* **STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Department of Environment  
& Natural Resources  
(Chairperson: OFP)

National Economic &  
Development Authority  
(Co-chairperson: PFP)

Biodiversity Management  
Bureau

Department of Foreign Affairs

Environmental Management  
Bureau

Department of Interior & Local  
Government

Climate Change Commission

Department of Finance

Soils & Water Management  
Bureau

League of Cities &  
League of Municipalities

Department of Energy

National Commission on  
Indigenous Peoples

Civil Society Organizations

## CSO Representation in the Steering Committee

### Role of CSO members in the committee and GEF projects

Propose potential projects, execute certain components of projects, co-financing, coordinate in national & local levels, directly interact with local beneficiaries through outreach & consultations, bring specialized experience & local knowledge in the monitoring & evaluation of projects

### Role of OFP in supporting CSO capacity building

- OFP ensures CSOs participate in GEF workshops, national dialogues & trainings.
  - OFP engages CSOs in GEF project pipeline development and provides opportunities to execute GEF projects.
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- In 2011, 3 CSO representatives were elected to the committee.
  - In 2019, CSO representation was increased to 5 members with the inclusion of CSOs from the 3 major island groups.
  - In GEF-7, Philippines GEF CSO Network was created.



## PHILIPPINES

GEF featured story for International Women's Day  
Good example of local CSO's Role in empowering women







PHILIPPINES

*Transparency*

**STEERING  
COMMITTEE  
PROJECT  
SELECTION  
CRITERIA**

## GEF-8 Project Selection Criteria

- Alignment with country priorities & frameworks (geo-spatial, thematic areas) and international commitments.
- With potential for scalable transformation & impacts, e.g., biodiversity corridor/landscape approach, demonstration models for upscaling/replication.
- Addressing systemic barriers (policy support, institutional changes, capacity-building, public investments), thus, with potential to provide solutions to interrelated drivers of environmental degradation (e.g., BD and CC).
- With opportunities for local innovative solutions & stakeholder engagement towards empowerment of women, youth and indigenous peoples.
- With potential to unlock private sector resources and engagement.
- Alignment with GEF programming strategy.
- Demonstrating approaches to address the intersectionality of sectors to enhance climate & disaster resilience.



# Group Exercise & Discussion



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