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REPORT ON ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS (EOIs) FROM COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ADB: Asian Development Bank

AfDB: African Development Bank

AFR: Africa

AIS: Atlantic, Indian Ocean, and South China Seas

BGI: Blue and Green Islands

BOAD: West African Development Bank

CAF: Development Bank of Latin America

CFB: Critical Forest Biomes

CI: Conservation International

CSPP: Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution

DBSA: Development Bank of Southern Africa

EBRD: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

ECA: Europe and Central Asia

EHCS: Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains

EOI: Expression of Interest

ER: Ecosystem Restoration

FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

FECO: Foreign Economic Cooperation Office, Ministry of Environmental Protection of China

FS: Food Systems

FUNBIO: Brazilian Biodiversity Fund

GRID: Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development

IADB: Inter-American Development Bank

IFAD: International Fund for Agricultural Development

IP: Integrated Program

IUCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature

LAC: Latin America and the Caribbean

LDCs: Least Developed Countries

MDB: Multilateral Development Bank

NZNPA: Net Zero Nature Positive Accelerator

OFP: Operational Focal Point

PFD: Program Framework Document

SC: Sustainable Cities

SIDS: Small Island Developing States

STAP: GEF's Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

STAR: System for Transparent Allocation of Resources

UNDP: United Nations Development Programme

UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme

UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization

WB: World Bank

WCD: Wildlife Conservation for Development

WWF-US: World Wildlife Fund

A. INTRODUCTION

1. The [GEF-8 Programming Directions](#) includes eleven (11) Integrated Programs¹ (IPs) focused on tackling drivers of environmental degradation and advancing systems transformation through the integrated approach. The IPs cover the full spectrum of the GEF mandate as financial mechanism of major multilateral environmental agreements. They are also integral to the GEF-8 Theory of Change for achievement of a healthy, productive, and resilient environment which underpins the well-being of human societies. Furthermore, the scope and breadth of issues covered will specifically address the interest and needs of LDCs and SIDS, and as a result support their post-COVID-19 green and blue recovery effort and strengthen their role in safeguarding the planet.

2. During the June 2022 Council Meeting, the GEF Secretariat issued a *Guidance Note*² for countries and GEF Agencies on participation in the IPs. The purpose of the guidance note was to provide information to countries and Agencies on how the IPs will be operationalized to maximize their potential for achieving the outcomes established in the GEF-8 Programming Directions. It described how the focal areas will be programmed for the IPs based on indicative focal area amounts in the GEF-8 financial scenario; outlined the eligibility criteria for country participation based on the Programming Directions document; and described operational aspects related to selection of Lead Agencies and countries, including indicative timeline for roll-out of the programs.

3. Building on this guidance and following Council endorsement of Lead Agencies selected for the IPs³ at its meeting in November 2022, the GEF Secretariat notified countries and agencies on December 5, 2022, of the final timeline and process for rolling out the IPs (see Annex 1). The notice also outlined the steps for programming the IPs, from submission of the expressions of interest (EOIs) by countries to preparations for the June 2023 Work Program. This report describes how the country selection process unfolded, including trends in the interest expressed by countries, the review and assessment of EOIs, and the final list of selected country cohorts to be included in Program Framework Documents (PFDs) under each IP. The PFDs were then prepared by lead agencies of each IP and submitted to the GEF Secretariat for consideration and inclusion in upcoming Council Work Programs.

¹ The IPs are: 1) Food Systems, 2) Ecosystem Restoration, 3) Sustainable Cities, 4) Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes, 5) Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution, 6) Blue and Green Islands, 7) Clean and Healthy Ocean, 8) Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development, 9) Net-Zero Nature-positive Accelerator, 10) Wildlife Conservation for Development, and 11) Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains

² GEF/C.62/Inf.13, Guidance Note for Countries and GEF Agencies on participation in the GEF-8 Integrated Programs; <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-c-62-inf-13>

³ GEF/C.63/07, Report on Lead Agency Selection Process for the Integrated Programs; <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/gef-c-63-07>. Note: Lead Agency for the Clean and Healthy Ocean IP could not be completed because no proposals were received during the initial call.

B. PREPARATIONS FOR THE EOI PROCESS

4. To ensure that each IP achieves a robust programming towards impactful outcomes and results, the guidance note issued in June 2022 included IP-specific criteria to help countries target those IPs that offered them the best possible opportunities for supporting a green and blue recovery. This included details on objectives, priorities, and requirements for each IP, which countries can use to assess their interest and eligibility to participate. Given the linkages between the programs, countries were also encouraged to consider IPs with criteria that offer the best possible opportunity for harnessing national-level policy options toward impactful environmental outcomes. This may include, for example, alignment with large-scale development initiatives as baseline for co-financing, approach to achieving policy coherence, and existing or planned institutional frameworks or policies to scale-up financing for global environmental benefits.

5. In addition to the criteria specific to each IP, countries were also expected to demonstrate alignment and consistency with the following GEF priorities:

- *Delivery against core indicator targets* – Focus will be given to countries and their respective projects that offer demonstrable evidence of their potential to deliver significant contribution to the GEF-8 core indicator targets through IPs. The GEF-8 Results Framework and proposed targets will serve as the basis for assessing potential contributions by country.
- *Leverage potential* – The updated GEF-7 Policy on Co-financing emphasizes the need for countries to mobilize significant co-financing, including leveraged investments. The IPs are expected to play an important role in achieving portfolio level co-financing targets.
- *Private sector engagement* – The GEF-7 Programming Directions include an emphasis on engagement with the private sector. Countries will need to demonstrate commitment to engaging the private sector through, (i) the potential to influence businesses toward sustainable practices and options that generate multiple environmental benefits, and (ii) the potential to catalyze investment opportunities that can scale-up innovative technologies for global environmental benefits.
- *Gender integration* – In accordance with the goals and principles as set out in the GEF's Policy on Gender Equality, all GEF investments are required to address gender equality as a priority. The GEF Gender Implementation Strategy outlines strategic entry points for promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in the context of the GEF-8 programming.

Regional Workshops on GEF-8 Rollout

6. To further strengthen the knowledge and understanding of these IP requirements by countries, the GEF Secretariat provided detailed briefings during regional workshops on the GEF-8 roll-out. The workshop format included working sessions on each IP to clarify criteria and

requirements for participation and provide an opportunity for countries to ask questions on issues specific to their national context. Between October 2022 and January 2023, 11 regional workshops were organized, with opportunities for all GEF recipient countries to participate (Table 1, full list of participating countries is available in Annex 2). In total, more than 1,100 participants from 119 eligible countries and agencies took part in workshops either virtually or in-person.

7. Through the regional workshops, the GEF Secretariat also addressed program-level priorities to demonstrate the added-value for countries, such as potential for regional or transboundary cooperation, south-south exchange and learning, and the opportunity to harness technical expertise for developing local capacity. During the same period, national dialogues or consultations provided some countries (Mongolia, Rwanda, Gambia, Senegal, Indonesia, Philippines, Tanzania, Mauritius, and Mozambique) the opportunity to further assess potential for participation in specific IPs.

Table 1 Summary of IP Regional Workshops

Date	Region	Venue	Number of countries represented
10/4/22 – 10/6/22	West, Central and North Africa	Accra, Ghana	30
10/11/22 – 10/14/22	Eastern and Southern Africa	Kigali, Rwanda	22
10/13/22, 10/17/22⁴	Caribbean & AIS SIDS	Virtual	5
	Pacific SIDS	Virtual	8
10/24/22 – 10/26/22	Latin America	Bogota, Colombia	15
11/21/22	Asia	Virtual	14
12/4/22 – 12/10/22	Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Middle East	Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina	9
1/10/2023	Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Middle East	Virtual	6
1/10/23 – 1/12/23	Asia and Pacific	Bali, Indonesia	28
1/13/23	Pacific SIDS	Bali, Indonesia	14
1/31/23 – 2/2/23	Caribbean SIDS	Virtual	14

8. As a result of the workshops and dialogues, countries were better positioned to identify and prioritize the IP(s) for which they are best placed to demonstrate efficient use of their STAR, maximize potential for generating global environmental benefits, and contribute significantly to the program level goals of each IP. LDCs and SIDS were given particular attention to ensure that they are prepared to fully explore suitability of the IPs for their national interest, and in some cases, sub-regional or transboundary engagement. Countries were also better prepared to respond to the Calls for Expression of Interests (EOIs) when launched by the GEF Secretariat.

⁴ Caribbean, AIS SIDS, and Pacific SIDS had two sessions in both 10/13/22 and 10/17/22.

Call for EOIs

9. On January 16, 2023, the GEF Secretariat launched the Call for EOIs for 10 of the 11 IPs, with the deadline established for February 17, 2023 (see Annex 3). Countries were therefore given a full month to decide on their priority IPs for which to complete and submit an EOI. Countries interested in participating in any IP were required to complete a standard EOI template. The templates were posted on the GEF website for each IP, and accompanied by a memo with instructions for their completion and submission.⁵ Countries were allowed to submit EOIs for any of the IPs they deem as appropriate to their national interest. However, only one EOI per IP was allowed for any country.

10. Countries were also required to select and designate a GEF Agency who will help prepare and submit the EOI, and subsequently be responsible for designing the child project if the country was selected for an IP. The process for preparing the EOI was therefore a timely opportunity for countries to engage with the GEF agency, and to ensure that agency will was well-placed to provide technical support and address any concerns from countries related to GEF requirements for the IPs. To ensure full ownership of the process, all completed EOIs were required to be signed by the OFP or designated government representative or accompanied by a signed official letter from the OFP.

C. TRENDS IN THE EOI SUBMISSIONS

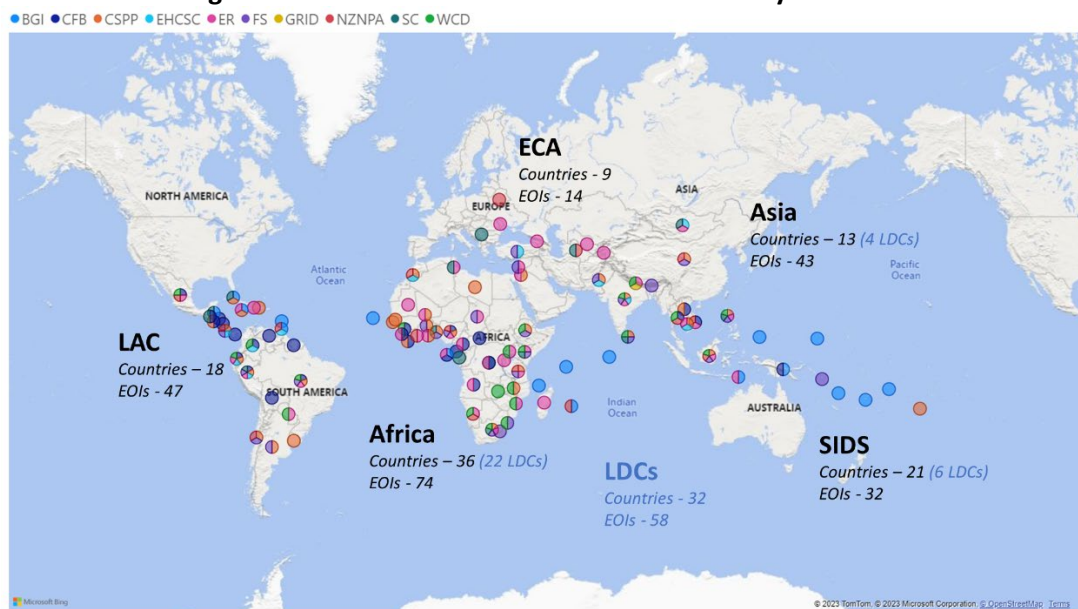
11. In total, 210 EOIs were submitted by 99 (68.75%) of the 144 eligible recipient countries for participation in the 10 IPs. IPs with the most EOI submissions were Ecosystem Restoration (41), Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution (35), Wildlife Conservation for Development (21), Blue and Green Islands (18). Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development (GRID) IP had only one submission.

Distribution of EOIs Submitted by Countries

12. Regionally, Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) had highest participation rate of 85.71% followed by Africa and Asia (both 72.0%), SIDS (61.76%) and ECA (37.5%). 32 (69.6%) of 46 countries defined as LDCs participated in the EOI submission process, a rate higher than average global submission ratio (Figure 1).

⁵ Expression of Interest Templates for GEF-8 Integrated Programs, <https://www.thegef.org/documents/expression-interest-templates-gef-8-integrated-programs>

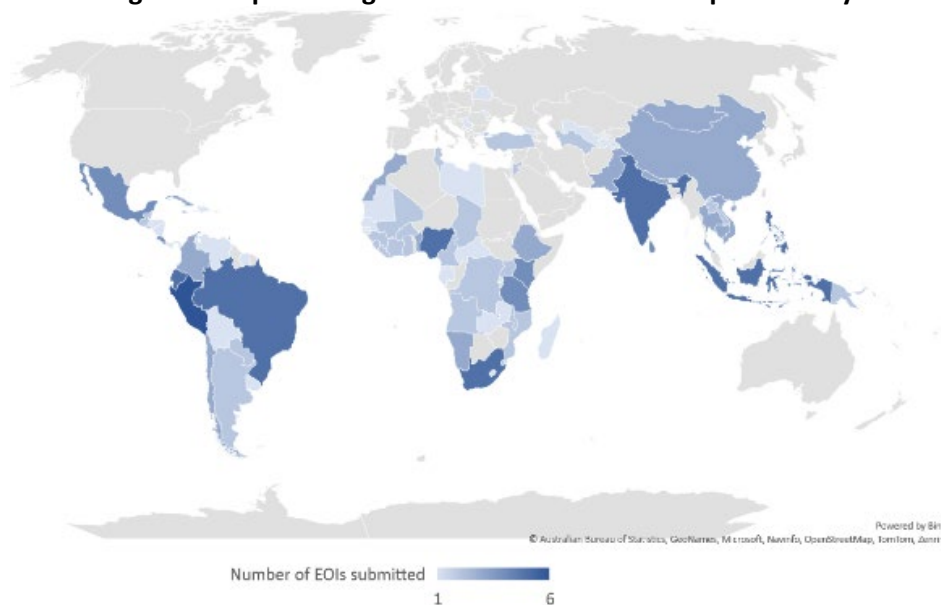
Figure 1. Global distribution of EOIs submitted by countries



13. A majority of the countries (86.9%) submitted EOIs for three or fewer IPs (See Figure 2, and Annex 6 for the full list of countries). A small group of countries submitted EOIs for four or more IPs as follows:

- Six EOIs – Peru;
- Five EOIs – Brazil, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Philippines and South Africa, and;
- Four EOIs – Costa Rica, Kenya, Mexico, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania.

Figure 2 Map showing number of EOIs submitted per Country



Distribution of EOIs Submitted by Agencies

14. Fourteen (77.78%) of the 18 GEF Agencies were involved in the EOI submissions (Table 2). Only four Agencies (CAF, EBRD, IADB and FECO) did not submit or were unassociated with EOIs for any IP. UN Agencies (FAO, UNDP, UNEP and UNIDO) together accounted for 70% of the total number of EOIs submitted, MDBs (including IFAD) for 10.95%, and NGO and others for 19.05%. Only 82 (39.05%) of the total 210 EOIs submitted directly involved the agencies that are Lead or Co-Lead of an IP, suggesting that countries were choosing agencies irrespective of their role as Lead or Co-Lead.

Table 2 Numbers of EOIs submitted by agencies for each IP

	MDB + IFAD									UN				NGO and others					Total
	ADB	AfDB	BOAD	CAF	EBRD	DBSA	IADB	IFAD	WB	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	UNIDO	CI	FECO	FUNBIO	IUCN	WWF-US	
Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes									2	6	3	3		3			8	2	27
Amazon CFB									2	1	2							2	7
Meso-America CFB										2							4		6
Congo CFB												3		1			2		6
West-Africa CFB										1				2			1		4
Indo-Malay CFB										2	1						1		4
Blue and Green Islands									1	5	6	2	1				2	1	18
Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution											13	14	4				2	2	35
Ecosystem Restoration		1						3	5	7	9	8		5			3		41
Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains										1	5	2	3						11
Food Systems								4		18	2						1		25
Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development	1																		1
Net Zero Nature Positive Accelerator										2	7	5	2						16
Sustainable Cities			1			1			2		7	2					2		15
Wildlife Conservation for Development	1								1		8	2		2			1	3	21
Total	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	7	11	39	60	38	10	10	0	1	21	8	210
	23 (10.95%)									147 (70%)				40 (19.05%)					

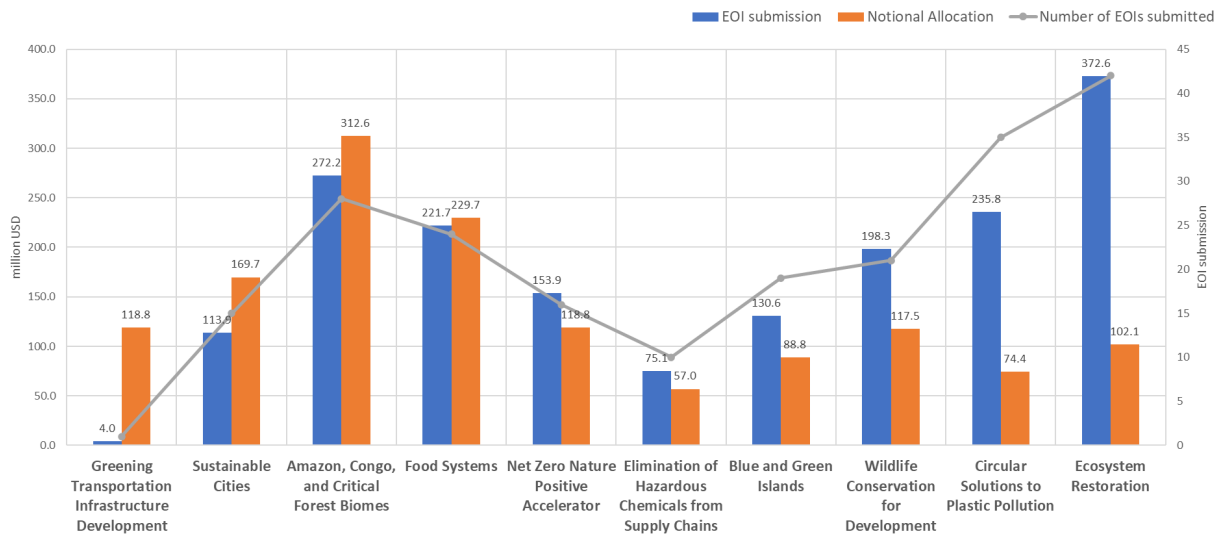
Lead

Co-Lead

Financing Requested by Countries in the EOIs

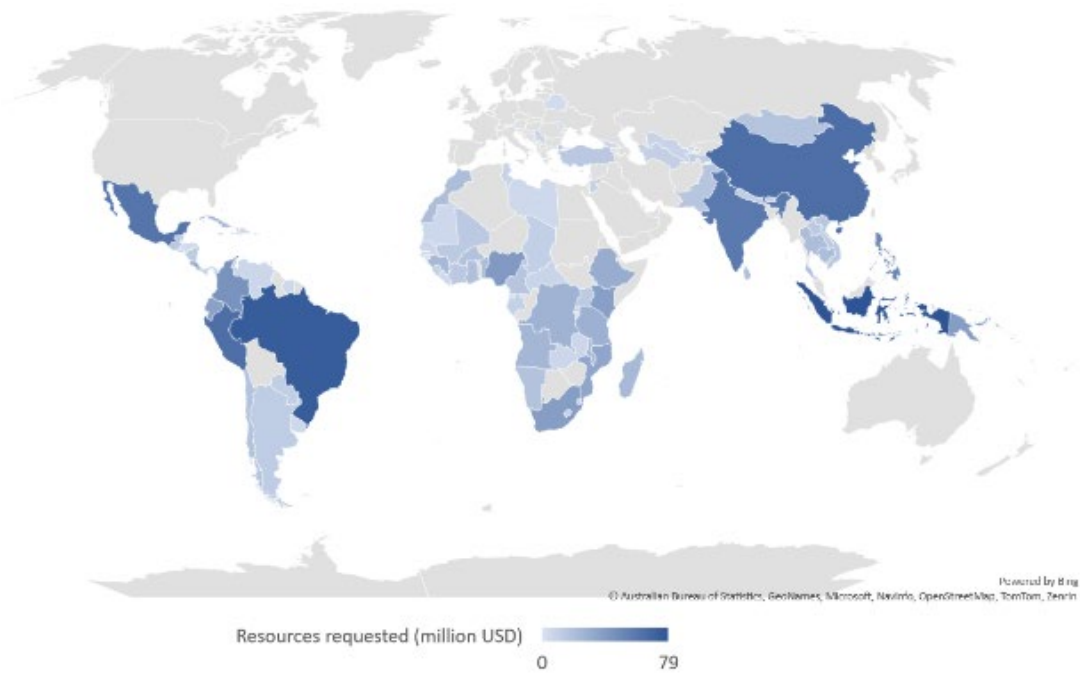
15. Through the 210 EOIs submitted, countries requested GEF financing amounting to USD 1,769 million including STAR focal area resources with the matching incentive and non-STAR focal area contributions (Figure 3). The total amount requested for some IPs were more than three times what was notionally allocated. The IPs with financing requests far exceeding notional allocation included Ecosystem Restoration, Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution, Wildlife Conservation for Development, and Blue and Green Islands. The following two other IPs had only a modest excess in the amount requested relative to the notional allocation: Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains and Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator.

Figure 3 Requested funding amount by EOI submission versus notional allocation by IP



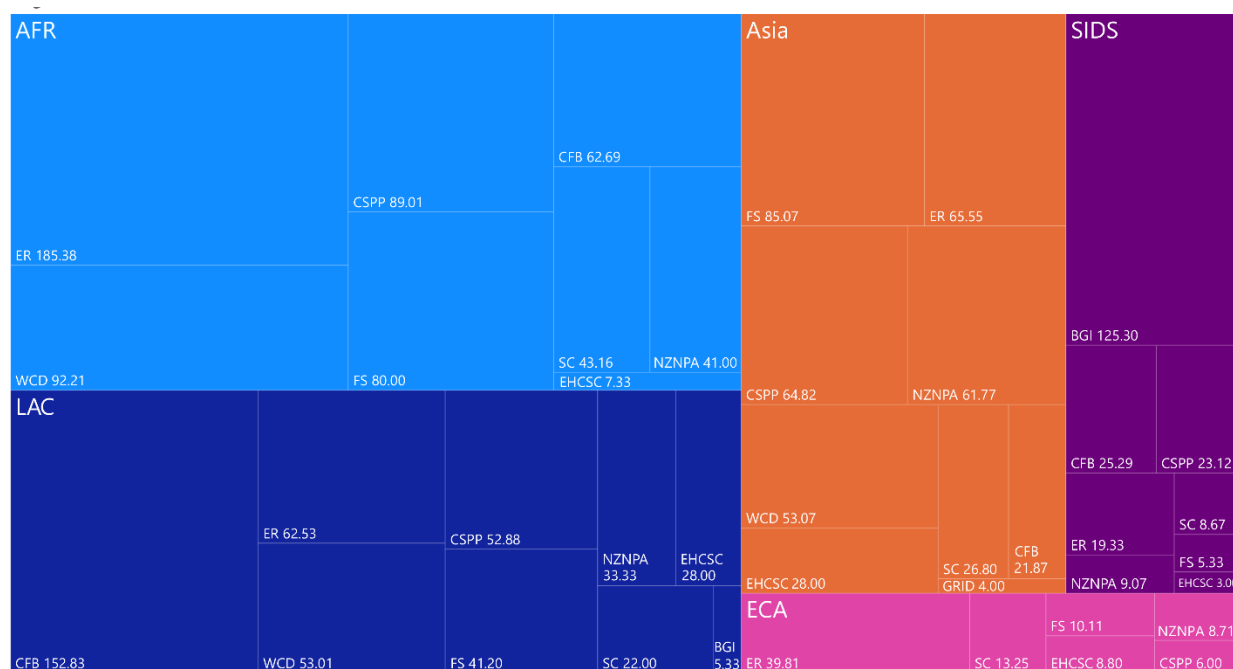
16. The resources requested in each EOI under the IPs ranged from USD 2.67 million (i.e., USD 2 million minimum required to trigger matching incentive plus USD 0.67 million with a 3:1 ratio) up to USD 29.10 million. Figure 4 shows the distribution of total resources requested by each country. As compared to Figure 2, the trend suggests that total amount requested by countries was irrespective of the number of EOI submitted.

Figure 4 Total amount of resources requested for all EOIs submitted per country



17. Regionally, countries in the Africa region requested the highest total funding of USD 601 million (34%), followed by LAC (USD 451 million, 26%), Asia (USD 411 million, 23%), SIDS (USD 219.11 million, 12%) and ECA (USD 87 million, 5%). Figure 5 shows how the share of these resources in each region are distributed across the IPs. The Ecosystem Restoration IP dominates in Africa and ECA, Critical Forest Biomes IP in LAC, and Blue and Green Islands IP in SIDS.

Figure 5 Distribution of IP resources requested by GEF administrative region



18. With respect to GEF agencies, EOIs with UNDP had the highest share of submission with USD 531 million (30%), followed by FAO (USD 324 million, 18%) and UNEP (USD 270 million, 15%). The submissions from MDB + IFAD were USD 289 million (13%) in total, the share by resource requested was higher than the share by number of submitted EOI as project from MDB+IFAD tend to be larger in terms of GEF financing than projects from UN agencies and NGOs.

D. REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF EOIs

19. Review of the submitted EOIs and selection of countries was facilitated by the GEF Secretariat in consultation with the IP Lead Agency, and with inputs and recommendations by a review committee that included representation from STAP and independent experts. Each IP constructed an EOI review and selection committee constituted by members from the GEF Secretariat, STAP, IP Lead Agency(ies) and external expert(s) who are renowned experts in the relevant sectors. The participation of external experts ensured that each committee benefited from an independent assessment of the country EOIs. Annex 4 provides a detailed composition of the EOI review committee for each IP.

20. For the IPs to achieve maximum impact, the EOI review and decision on country selection by the committees initially prioritize criteria defined under each individual IP. The assessment was therefore done using a generic template (see Annex 5) that was customized for each IP based on the established criteria. In addition, the assessment also considered the following priorities for advancing systems transformation:

- extent of contributions to GEBs,
- integration of cross-cutting themes and levers for transformation,
- potential for financial leverage, and
- commitment to engage with coordination platform.

21. To avoid conflict of interest, the Lead Agency for an IP recused itself from reviewing or assessing any EOI for which it was the Agency selected by the country. The review and assessment committees for each IP decided on the most appropriate methods for rating or scoring the EOIs. This allowed each committee the flexibility to assess the quality of EOIs relative to the IP criteria, and at the same time determine the cohort of countries that collectively represent the best opportunity for influencing transformative change through the IP. As many of the IPs were oversubscribed based on the total amount of resources requested, the committees were therefore able to recommend countries that rated high and demonstrated consistency with the overall IP ambition. In cases where the EOI raised questions that needed clarification, the committee flagged these for follow-up where necessary.

22. Each IP committee submitted an assessment report with recommended countries to the GEF Secretariat management for final decision on selection. The report documented the process and methods undertaken by each committee, as well as final ratings collectively derived and on which the final recommendations were based. Finally, the reports also offered scenarios for GEF management to consider in addressing limitations related to financing requested by recommended countries. This was particularly critical for accommodating the considerable interest shown by countries, especially LDCs and SIDS, for some IPs.

E. RESULTS OF THE EOI ASSESSMENT PROCESS

23. From a total of 210 EOI submissions, 148 (70.5%) were recommended by the assessment committees as technically sound and suitable for inclusion in an IP. The overall assessment outcome for each IP is summarized in Table 3, with the Amazon, Congo and Critical Forest Biomes IP and Greening Transportation Infrastructure IP showing 100% recommendation for all EOIs submitted. Except for the Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution and Ecosystem Restoration IPs, all IPs had more EOIs recommended than not. The latter two IPs were the two most oversubscribed both in terms of number of EOIs as well as share of resources requested relative to the notional allocations. Hence the committee recommended only countries with EOIs that were considered highest priority and significance for achieving the overall IP outcomes.

Table 3 Overall summary of EOI assessment outcomes

Integrated Program	Submission	Yes	No
Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes	27	27	-
Blue and Green Islands	18	15	3
Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution	35	15	20
Ecosystem Restoration	41	20	21
Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains	11	8	3
Food Systems	25	22	3
Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development	1	1	-
Net Zero Nature Positive Accelerator	16	12	4
Sustainable Cities	15	13	2
Wildlife Conservation for Development	21	15	6
Total	210	148	62

24. The average EOI acceptance rate by GEF administrative regions was 70.47%, with SIDS having the highest (78.13%) followed by LAC (76.60%), Asia (74.42%), and Africa (68.92%) (Table 4). It is not clear why EOIs from the ECA region had comparatively low acceptance rate (28.57%), but most of the ECA countries opted for the Ecosystem Restoration IP which was the most oversubscribed IP. The acceptance rate for LDCs was nearly 80% with 46 out of 58 EOIs recommended as technically sound.

Table 4 Assessment outcomes of EOIs by GEF administrative regions

Region	Submission	Yes	No	Acceptance Rate
Africa	74	51	23	68.92%
LAC	47	36	11	76.60%
Asia	43	32	11	74.42%
SIDS	32	25	7	78.13%
ECA	14	4	10	28.57%
Totals	210	148	62	70.47%
LDCs	58	46	12	79.31%

25. In addition to the overwhelming interest and high EOI acceptance rate for Blue and Green Islands IP, SIDS were represented in all but two of the IPs (Table 5). Overall, EOIs from 22 out of total 38 eligible recipient SIDS (57.89%) and 30 out of total 46 eligible recipient LDCs (65.23%) were accepted in at least one Integrated Program.

Table 5 Recommended EOIs from SIDS and LDC countries by IP

Integrated Program	SIDS	LDCs	Total number Recommended EOIs
Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes	3	8	27
Blue and Green Islands	15	3	15
Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution	2	4	15
Ecosystem Restoration	2	13	20
Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains	1	1	8
Food Systems	1	7	22
Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development	-	1	1
Net Zero Nature Positive Accelerator	2	1	12
Sustainable Cities	2	1	13
Wildlife Conservation for Development	-	7	15
Total	28	47	148

26. With regard to agencies, the acceptance rate on average was highest for EOIs submitted by NGOs (75%), followed by UN agencies (70.07%) and MDBs (65.22%). WWF-US, FAO, IUCN, and WB had over 70% of acceptance rate followed by CI, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO and IFAD. Though the numbers were relatively small, all EOIs submitted by ADB, BOAD, and DBSA were recommended as technical sound for selection of the countries. The distribution of recommended EOIs by agency for each IP is presented in Table 6.

Table 6 Selection result by agency for each IP

	MDB + IFAD								UN				NGO and others					Total	
	ADB	AfDB	BOAD	CAF	EBRD	DBSA	IADB	IFAD	WB	FAO	UNDP	UNEP	UNIDO	CI	FECO	FUNBIO	IUCN		WWF- US
Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes									2	6	3	3		3			8	2	27
Amazon CFB									2	1	2							2	7
Meso-America CFB										2							4		6
Congo CFB												3		1			2		6
West-Africa CFB										1				2			1		4
Indo-Malay CFB										2	1						1		4
Blue and Green Islands									1	5	5	1					2	1	15
Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution											4	7	3					1	15
Ecosystem Restoration								1	2	4	6	3		2			2		20
Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains										1	3	2	2						8
Food Systems								2		17	2						1		22
Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development	1																		1
Net Zero Nature Positive Accelerator												6	5	1					12
Sustainable Cities				1			1		2			5	2				2		13
Wildlife Conservation for Development	1								1		6	1		2			1	3	15
Total	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	7	33	40	24	6	7	0	0	16	7	148
	13 (8.78%)								103 (69.59%)				30 (20.27%)						

Lead

Co-Lead

Financing Envelope for Recommended EOIs

27. Total resources approved for the recommended EOIs across all IPs amounted to USD 1,245.68 million (Table 7). As shown in the table, the amount for some IPs far exceeded the notional allocation. In order to accommodate the high number of recommended EOIs and maximize representation by SIDS and LDCs with respect to resources requested in the EOIs, the GEF Secretariat adjusted the notional allocations between the different IPs. An important priority

in this regard was to ensure that matching incentives were available to fully meet the demands in the EOIs from SIDS and LDCs, while at the same time imposing caps on amounts requested by other countries.

Table 7 IP envelopes based on recommended EOIs

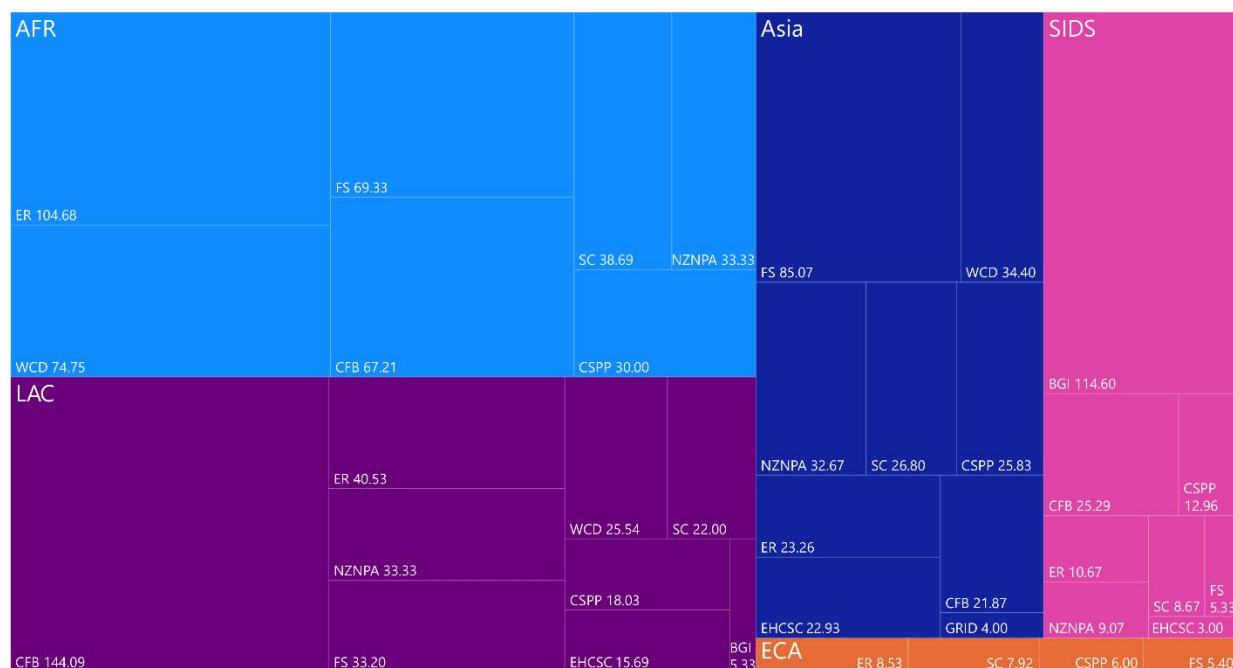
Integrated Program	Amount requested in EOIs	Notional IP allocation	Amount Programmed
Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes	262.68	312.56	258.46
Blue and Green Islands	125.30	88.80	119.93
Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution	100.83	74.42	90.20
Ecosystem Restoration	216.37	102.11	185.97
Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains	50.50	57.00	41.62
Food Systems	198.33	229.73	198.33
Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development	4.00	118.77	4.00
Net Zero Nature Positive Accelerator	108.40	118.83	108.40
Sustainable Cities	104.08	169.74	104.08
Wildlife Conservation for Development	138.82	117.52	134.69
Total	1309.31	1389.49	1245.68

28. The amounts programmed were based on the following rationale:

- For 4 IPs that were oversubscribed—Blue and Green Islands, Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution, Ecosystem Restoration, and Wildlife Conservation for Development—an increase over the notional allocation was done to accommodate the high number of recommended EOIs, most of which were from LDCs and SIDS.
- For 4 IPs—Food Systems, Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development, Net Zero Nature Positive Accelerator, and Sustainable Cities—the total amount for recommended EOIs were lower than the notional allocation. Hence no adjustment was needed since the notional allocation could accommodate all the countries.
- For 2 IPs—Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes, and Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains—the amount programmed was lower because of reductions made to non-STAR focal area contributions requested in the EOIs. The amount requested exceeded what was available in the notional allocation. The adjustment did not, however, affect or change the amounts requested in the EOIs from SIDS and LDCs.

29. As a result of the adjustments, the overall breakdown of resources between regions was responsive to demands expressed by countries. Proportionally, the Africa region accounted for the largest share with USD 418.00 million (33.56%), followed by Latin America (USD 337.76 million, 27.11%), Asia (USD 276.82 million, 22.22%), SIDS (USD 187.95 million, 15.09%) and ECA (USD 25.15 million, 2.02%). These amounts were further adjusted as a result of additional changes from decisions made by individual countries, including the decision to withdraw entirely from an IP. The final envelope for each IP will be determined by the actual amounts endorsed by countries and the amount allocated for the global or regional coordination platform.

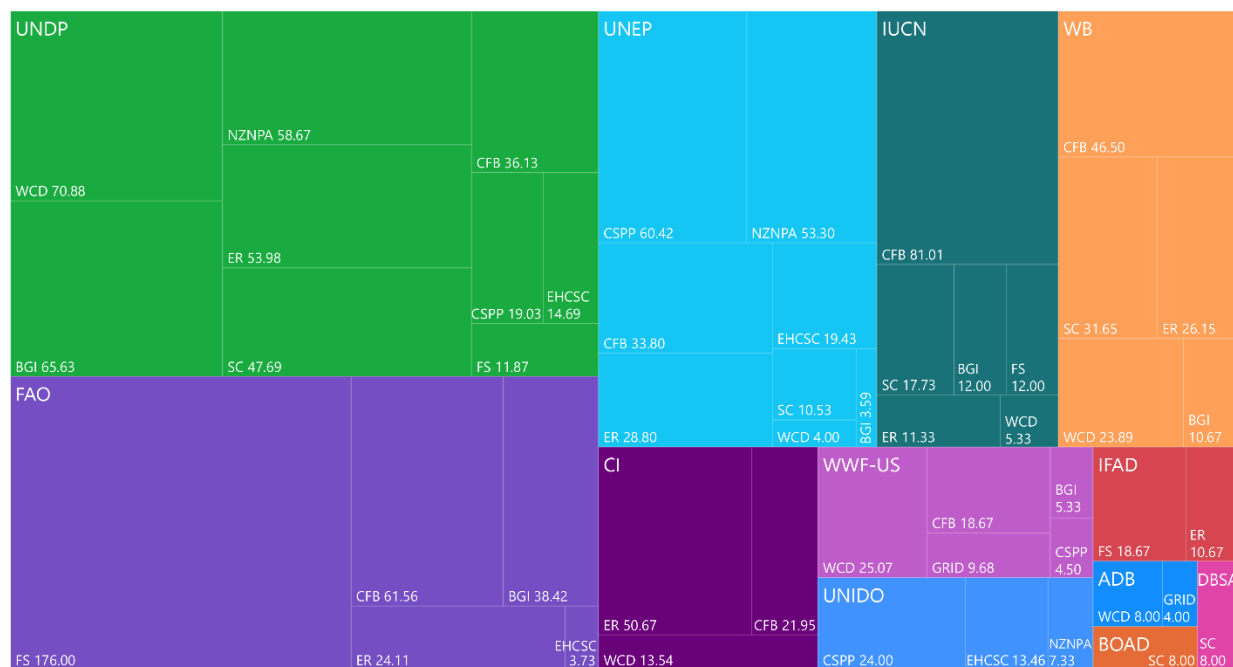
Figure 6 Share of IP resources by region for the recommended EOIs



30. The share of total IP resources programmed by GEF Agencies is presented in Figure 7, including amounts allocated for global and regional platforms.⁶ The three dominant agencies were UNDP (USD 378.57 million, 26.54%), FAO (USD 303.82 million, 21.30%) and UNEP (USD 213.86 million, 15.00%) taking more than 60% of the shares of the whole resources. The MDB+IFAD's share was USD 196.18 million, taking a 13.76% share of the whole IP envelope.

⁶ Note: For IPs with co-leads, the platform amounts were counted towards the designated Lead Agency.

Figure 7 Share of IP resources by agencies of recommended EOIs



Final Country Selections and Resource Envelopes for IPs

31. The 148 recommended EOIs included 84 countries, with at least 41 of the countries having two or more as follows;

- Six EOIs – Peru;
- Four EOIs – Philippines, Mexico, Costa Rica, South Africa;
- Three EOIs – Nepal, India, Nigeria, Thailand, Cambodia, Brazil, Viet Nam, Trinidad and Tobago, Kenya, Indonesia, and;
- Two EOIs – Papua New Guinea, Ecuador, Sierra Leone, Guatemala, Congo DR, Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Sri Lanka, Benin, Ethiopia, Chad, Pakistan, Lao PDR, Belize, Mauritius, Sao Tome and Principe, Chile, Cuba, Mongolia, Tanzania, Morocco, Eswatini, Mozambique, Colombia, Angola.

32. The number of countries' recommended EOIs per IP and GEF Administrative Region is available in Table 8, and Annex 7 shows a list of all countries that were recommended for selection by the assessment committees. The selected countries represent 84.85% of the total 99 that submitted at least one EOI for consideration under an IP, and represent 58.33% of the total eligible recipient countries.

Table 8 Number of countries accepted for each IP by GEF administrative region

(Note: The final list includes 84 countries, where some were selected for participation in multiple IPs)

	CFB	BGI	CSPP	ER	EHCS	FS	GRID	NZNPA	SC	WCD
AFR	9		5	11		9		4	5	8
Asia	3		4	3	4	7	1	3	3	4
LAC	13	1 ⁷	3	3	3	4		3	3	3
SIDS	2	14	2	2	1	1		2	1	
ECA			1	1		1			1	

33. With the adjustments made to accommodate all recommended EOIs, the total resource envelope for the IPs was USD 1,426.07 million, including amounts allocated for the global or regional platforms. Regionally, the final breakdown of this total amount includes USD 433.00 million (30.36%) for the Africa region, USD 356.76 million (25.02 %) for Latin America, USD 283.99 million (19.91%) for Asia, USD 187.95 million (13.18%) for SIDS, and USD 25.15 million (1.76%) for ECA.

34. The amounts for IP platform were allocated based on the size of the overall program portfolio, such as number of countries selected, geographical scale, and the need for leveraging diverse initiatives and stakeholders. The platforms will be designed as separate child projects focusing on program-level priorities, including governance, knowledge management, and monitoring and reporting.

F. NEXT STEPS

35. Countries were notified of the selection decisions on March 17. For those countries that were not selected, the GEF Secretariat was available to respond to request for details on the assessment of their EOIs. For those countries selected to participate in each IP, the Secretariat requested for them to work with their respective GEF Agencies to complete and submit a Concept Note that outlines the proposed project in accordance with the GEF requirements. The Concept Note was intended to build on information provided in the EOI and provide specific details on how the proposed project will deliver multiple global environmental benefits through the IP approach to systems transformation. It also outlined how GEF policies and guidelines on Environmental and Social Safeguards, gender equality⁸ and stakeholder engagement,⁹ and

⁷ Belize is categorized under Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region as GEF administrative region but falls under UN SIDS category

⁸ GEF Policy and Guidelines on Gender Equality, <https://www.thegef.org/documents/gender-equality>

⁹ GEF Policy and Guidelines on Stakeholder Engagement, <https://www.thegef.org/documents/stakeholder-engagement>

specifically with Indigenous Peoples¹⁰ where such engagement is critical for achieving program goals. The completed Concept Notes were to be accompanied by Letters of Endorsement (LOEs) from GEF Operational Focal Points as confirmations of amounts allocated.¹¹

36. The Concepts Notes were made available directly to the IP Lead Agency, which is responsible for preparation of the Program Framework Document (PFD). The PFD is prepared in accordance with GEF project cycle guidance and serves as basis for subsequent development and design of all child projects, to ensure overall coherence and consistency in delivering the IP. It also includes explicit guidance to all participating countries on specific issues that must be addressed during child project design stage.

37. Depending on resource availability in the Trust Fund, the GEF Secretariat will decide on a subset of the IPs to be included in the Work Program for consideration by Council at its meeting in June 2023. In addition to resource considerations, the IPs will be prioritized based on the need to present a compelling Work Program that demonstrates appropriate balance in programming across the GEF focal areas, and representation across regions and between agencies. IPs that are not considered for the June Work Program will be deferred to the following Council meeting.

38. Upon approval of the PFD by the Council, Agencies selected by participating countries, in coordination with the Lead Agency and other participating stakeholders, will proceed with preparing their respective Child Projects for CEO Endorsement/Approval. Consistent with existing policies, and with the expectation that most of them are submitted within the Program Commitment Deadline, all child projects under the IPs will be circulated to Council for review and comment four weeks in advance of CEO Endorsement/Approval.

39. Finally, the GEF Secretariat will plan for a call for EOIs for the Clean and Healthy Oceans IP, pending finalization of the Lead Agency selection process and endorsement at the June 2023 Council meeting. The call will also consider a second round for IPs that were undersubscribed from the first round, as this will give additional countries an opportunity to submit EOIs.

¹⁰ GEF Policy and Guidelines on Engagement with Indigenous Peoples,
<https://www.thegef.org/documents/indigenous-peoples>

¹¹ Note: During this period of preparing Concept Notes, countries could choose to adjust STAR amounts approved by the GEF as long as the amount was not increased. Additionally, countries could also choose to withdraw from participating in an IP for which it was selected.

ANNEX 1. NOTIFICATION SENT TO OFPs AND GEF AGENCIES ON TIMELINE ROLLING OUT IPs

05 December 2022

To: GEF Operational Focal Points and Agencies

Re: Timeline and Process for Operationalizing the GEF-8 Integrated Programs

During its 62nd meeting, the Council considered and approved the document [GEF/C.62/05/Rev.01](#), which outlined the terms of reference, criteria, and process for selection of Lead Agency for the eleven (11) GEF-8 Integrated Programs (IPs). Through a process facilitated by the GEF Secretariat, Lead Agencies are now confirmed for ten (10) of the IPs. The GEF Council at its 63rd Meeting [endorsed](#) the GEF Agencies selected as shown in the table below. The selection of Lead Agency for the *Clean and Healthy Ocean IP* is still pending and will be completed ahead of the June 2023 Council meeting.

GEF-8 IP*	Lead Agency(ies)
Food Systems	FAO-IFAD
Ecosystem Restoration	CI
Sustainable Cities	WB
Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes	
<i>Amazon Basin</i>	WB
<i>Congo Basin</i>	UNEP
<i>Indo-Malay</i>	IUCN-FAO
<i>Meso-America</i>	IUCN
<i>West Africa</i>	CI
Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution	UNEP-WWF
Blue and Green Islands	UNDP
Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development	WWF
Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator	UNEP-ADB-CAF
Wildlife Conservation for Development	WB
Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains	UNEP

*Note: *Clean and Healthy Ocean IP* is missing from this table because selection of Lead Agency is still pending but will be completed ahead of the June 2023 Council meeting.

At the 62nd Council Meeting, the GEF Secretariat also presented the document [GEF/C.62/Inf.13](#) on *Guidance Note for Countries and GEF Agencies on participation in the GEF-8 Integrated Programs*. Building on information in this document and with the Lead Agencies now selected for 10 IPs, the GEF Secretariat has set forth the following timeline and some key deadlines for programming:

- the official call and template for “Expression of Interests” (EOIs) for participation in the IPs will be released by **16 January 2023**; the EOI will contain detailed instructions and requirements for each IP so interested countries can provide the best possible representation of their commitment to contribute toward program targets and outcomes, and the agency they choose to work with for their child project;
- the deadline for submission of completed EOIs will be **17 February 2023**;

- in accordance with the GEF-8 Programming Directions Document, the GEF Secretariat and Lead Agency in consultation with STAP, will evaluate and select qualified submissions for each of the IPs and incorporate them into Program Framework Documents (PFDs); countries selected will be notified and requested to complete and submit Concept Note templates for their child projects to be included in the PFD by **end March 2023**;
- subject to extent of subscription by countries and availability of funds, an initial batch of IPs with fully developed PFDs will be considered for presentation at the **June 2023 Council meeting**, following the regular calendar for composition of Work Program;
- fully subscribed IPs with PFDs that do not make it into the June 2023 Work Program will be included in the **December 2023** Work Program;
- an additional deadline for country EOIs will be established during the **second half of 2023** for remaining IPs and those IPs that were not fully subscribed; the selected countries will be included in new or updated PFDs for the **December 2023** Work Program.

We hope that this will help you plan accordingly. If you have any questions, please send a message to Mohamed Bakarr (mbakarr@thegef.org) in the GEF Secretariat.

ANNEX 2. LIST OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN EACH REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Date	Region	Venue	Number of countries represented	Total Participants	List of countries represented
10/4/22 – 10/6/22	West, Central and North Africa	Accra, Ghana	30	122	Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, DR Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia
10/11/22 – 10/14/22	Eastern and Southern Africa	Kigali, Rwanda	22	90	Botswana, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
10/13/22, 10/17/22	Caribbean & AIS SIDS	Virtual	5	48	Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis
	Pacific SIDS	Virtual	8	25	Cook Islands, Maldives, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, PNG, Solomon Islands, Tonga
10/24/22 – 10/26/22	Latin America	Bogota, Colombia	15	150	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela
11/21/22	Asia	Virtual	14	80	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam
12/4/22 – 12/10/22	Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Middle East	Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina	9	70	Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iran, Jordan, Moldova, Montenegro, Türkiye, Ukraine
1/10/2023	Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Middle East	Virtual	6	123	Azerbaijan, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
1/10/23 – 1/12/23	Asia and Pacific	Bali, Indonesia	28	230	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, (Vanuatu – virtual)
1/13/23	Pacific SIDS	Bali, Indonesia	14		Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, (Vanuatu – virtual)
1/31/23 – 2/2/23	Caribbean SIDS	Virtual	14	113	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, St Vincent and the Grenadines

ANNEX 3. CALL ISSUED TO OFPPS AND AGENCIES FOR EOIS IN THE GEF-8 INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

16 January 2023

FROM: GEF Secretariat

TO: GEF Operational Focal Points and Agencies

The GEF Secretariat is pleased to announce a **Call for Expression of Interest (EOIs)** from countries for joining in the GEF-8 **Integrated Programs (IPs)**. The EOI process is intended to serve two major purposes: *first* is to enable countries to provide adequate information on the suitability of their proposed child projects within the IP(s); and *second* is to enable the GEF to assess eligibility and strategic positioning of the country to contribute toward systems transformation through the IP as described in the GEF-8 Programming Directions document. Countries are therefore expected to carefully evaluate the prioritization of the STAR allocations to the IPs, in line with their national priorities. Submission of an EOI is not a guarantee that the country will be selected to participate in the IP.

Preparation of EOIs

Countries interested in participating in each of the IPs are invited to complete the respective template provided here: <https://www.thegef.org/documents/expressions-interest-templates-gef-8-integrated-programs> and taking notice of the [Guidance Note for Countries and GEF Agencies on participation in the GEF-8 Integrated Programs](#).

For the preparation of the EOIs, countries are encouraged to work closely with the GEF Agency(ies) of their choice and note the following provisions:

- Only one (1) EOI will be considered from a country for each of the IPs, but countries are welcome to submit EOIs for more than one IP if they choose to do so. The appropriate EOI template must be used for each IP, and due diligence must be exercised on word limits imposed when responding to questions in each section.
- For an EOI to be considered under an IP, countries must commit the minimum threshold of US\$2 million from the country's STAR allocation to trigger the matching incentive based on the 3:1 ratio. For some IPs where requests for non-STAR resources are possible, this information will be provided in the EOI template.

There is no fixed maximum limit for STAR funds that can be allocated by a country for a proposed child project under an IP. Because of the limited amount of incentive funds available under each IP, however, the GEF Secretariat will evaluate and consult on a case-by-case basis for what would be the most suitable grant envelope for an EOI that is selected.

- The amount of STAR funds allocated for the proposed child project can be drawn from any or, more likely, from a combination of resources from the STAR focal areas (Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Land Degradation). While these funds are flexible when allocated to the child project, the usage of focal area resources must be justified through the lenses of expected global environmental benefits, in accordance with GEF-8 targeted core indicators.

Submission of EOIs

- The EOI should be submitted by a GEF agency selected by the country for developing and implementing the proposed child project under the IP.
- The completed EOI must be signed by the GEF Operational Focal Point or Designated Official in the country and submitted as an email attachment with the following file name format: **CountryName_IPName_CompletedEOIDate**
- Supporting documents are allowed if appropriately referenced in the EOI and sent as separate attachments in the same email. EOIs and accompanying information should be sent to the following address: integratedprogramseoi@thegef.org with Cc to: mbakarr@thegef.org, mcallenberg@thegef.org; tkim5@thegef.org
- The deadline for submission is **February 17, 2023**.

Review of EOIs

The GEF Secretariat and the Lead Agency for each IP will be responsible for reviewing the EOIs, in close consultation with the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP). During the review, agencies and countries may be consulted for additional information if needed. In cases where the Lead Agency is also serving as the agency for a country's child project, the GEF Secretariat will address potential conflicts of interest.

Countries selected will be notified by latest **March 15, 2023** and requested to complete and submit Concept Note templates for their child projects by latest **March 30, 2023**. Depending on availability of funds, Concept Notes of selected countries will be included in the respective PFD that will be prepared by the Lead Agency for each IP.

For questions and any additional information on the EOI templates, please contact the respective GEF Secretariat lead as indicated below:

GEF-8 IP	GEF Secretariat Lead
Food Systems	Peter Mbanda Umunay, pumunay@thegef.org
Ecosystem Restoration	Ulrich Apel, uapel@thegef.org
Sustainable Cities	Aloke Barnwal, abarnwal@thegef.org
Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, jsinnassamy@thegef.org Pascal Martinez, pmartinez2@thegef.org
Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution	Leah Karrer, lkarrer@thegef.org
Blue and Green Islands	Asha Bobb-Semple, abobbsemples@thegef.org Sarah Wyatt, swyatt@thegef.org
Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development	Mark Zimsky, mzimsky@thegef.org
Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator	Filippo Berardi, fberardi@thegef.org
Wildlife Conservation for Development	Adriana Moreira, amoreira@thegef.org Hannah Fairbank, hfairbank@thegef.org
Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains	Anil Sookdeo, asookdeo@thegef.org

*Note: *Clean and Healthy Ocean IP* is missing from this table because selection of Lead Agency is still pending but will be completed ahead of the June 2023 Council meeting.

ANNEX 4. LIST OF EOI ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MEETING DETAILS

Integrated Program	Committee member				Review Committee Meeting
	GEF Secretariat	STAP	Lead Agency	External	
CFB					
Amazon	Pascal Martinez	John Donaldson	Ana Maria Gonzalez Veloza (WB)	Maria DiGiano (Moore Foundation)	03/26/2023
Congo	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy	John Donaldson	Adamou Bouhari, Eric Mugo (UNEP)	Patrice Bigombe (University of Yaounde), Richard A'tyi (CIFOR-ICRAF)	03/02/2023
Meso-America	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, Pascal Martinez	Alessandro Moscuza	Joshua Schneck, Tony Nello (IUCN)	Esteban Brenes-Mora (RE:WILD), Elma Kay (Belize Maya Forest Trust)	03/02/2023
Indo-Malay	Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, Teayeon Kim	Blake Ratner, Virginia Gorsevski	Anshuman Saikia (IUCN), Sheila Wertz-Kanounnikoff, Lianchawii Chhakchhuak (FAO)	Sonya Dewi (CIFOR-ICRAF)	03/01/2023
West-Africa	Mohamed Bakarr, Jean-Marc Sinnassamy	Alessandro Moscuza	Free De Koning, Orissa Samaroo, Charity Nalyanya (CI)	Annette Lanjouw (Arcus Foundation)	03/01/2023
BGI	Asha Bobb-Semple, Sarah Wyatt	Blake Ratner and Virginia Gorsevski	Penny Stock, Midori Paxton, Bonnie Rusk (UNDP)	Mary Ruckelshaus (The Natural Capital Project Stanford University)	03/02/2023
CSPP	Leah Karrer, Evelyn Swain	Sunday Leonard and Miriam Diamond	Heidi Savelli, Feng Wang (UNEP), Renae Stenhouse, Alix Grabowski (WWF-US)	Ellen Martin (Circulate Initiative)	03/01/2023, 03/02/2023
ER	Ulrich Apel	Graciela Metternicht	Ruth Metzel (CI)	Robin Chazdon (University of Connecticut)	02/24/2023, 03/01/2023, 03/03/2023
EHSCS	Anil Sookdeo, Astrid Hillers, Matthew Reddy	Sunday Leonard, Miriam Diamond	Ludovic Bernaudat, Eloise Touni, Peggy Lefort (UNEP)	Ricardo Barra (University of Concepción)	03/07/2023

Integrated Program	Committee member				Review Committee Meeting
	GEF Secretariat	STAP	Lead Agency	External	
FS	Peter Umunay, Remy Ruat, Teayeon Kim, Mohamed Bakarr	Mark Smith, Guadalupe Duron	Jeffery Griffen, Hernan Gonzalez, Sameer Karki (FAO), Janie Roux, Paola Palestini, Anna Tengberg (IFAD)	Bruce Campbell (CIAT – CGIAR)	03/07/2023-03/10/2023 (design workshop)
GRID	Mark Zimsky, Hannah Fairbank	Ed Carr, Alex Moscuzza	Kate Newman, Renae Stenhouse (WWF-US)	Roberto Mezzalama (WSP)	03/02/2023
NZNPA	Filippo Berardi, Patricia Huidobro, Remy Ruat, Mia Callenberg	Sunday Leonard, Ngonidzashe (Ngoni) Chirinda	Joy Kim, Geordie Colville, Ruth Coutto (UNEP), Arun Abraham (ADB), Rene Gomez-Garcia (CAF)	Marcela Jaramillo, Richard Baron, Siddharth Pathak, Dana Schran (2050 Pathways Platform)	02/21/2023, 02/28/2023
SC	Aloke Barnwal, Mia Callenberg	Sunday Leonard, Ngonidzashe Chirinda	Xueman Wang, (WB)	Ripin Kalra (University of Westminster)	03/02/2023
WCD	Adriana Moreira, Hannah Fairbank	John Donaldson, Alex Moscuzza	Lisa Farroway (WB)	Mary Rowen (USAID)	03/01/2023, 03/02/2023

ANNEX 5. GENERIC EOI TEMPLATE FOR GEF-8 INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

Proposed Format and Structure

WHY

Country Context and Rationale

This part should enable the country to provide an overall rationale and justification for the EOI, based on its strategic positioning relative to the systems transformation proposed. Essentially, the country needs to demonstrate that it has or is working to develop the national level framework (policy, institutional, etc.) and enabling environment to advance the IP approach, and to move relatively quickly with designing and delivering a project under the program.

Questions	Response (max 500 words)
National commitment, policies and links to MEAs	
Engagement with relevant regional / global fora / platforms	
Others?	

WHAT

Criteria for Child Project

This part will enable the country to describe how the proposed child project meets all the required criteria for GEF financing under the IP.

Max 500 words

Suitability for the Integrated Approach

This part will enable the country to justify how the integrated approach proposed for the IP is an appropriate and suitable option for tackling the systemic challenges identified, and to achieve the desired transformation with multiple global environmental benefits. This part should also include existing or planned baseline investments, and the incremental reasoning for GEF financing under the IP.

Questions	Response (max 500 words)
Description of the integrated approach to be developed and implemented	
Levers of transformation to be targeted	
Stakeholder engagement / roles / expectations	Government: Private sector: CSOs / IPs / CBOs: Technical / Research institutions:
Contribution to GEF8 GEB targets (core Indicators)	

WHERE

Target Geographies

This part will allow the country to describe the specific geography (landscapes / cities / basins / watersheds / etc) targeted for the IP. The description will include details of the systemic drivers of environmental degradation relative to the IP agenda, with sound data to demonstrate the magnitude and scale of the challenges. Multiple geographies are allowed provided they are justified as part of a national strategy to achieve transformational change.

Target Geography: [... Name]	
Scale / coverage	
Importance	
Systemic challenges	
Affected population / beneficiaries	

RESOURCES

Financing for the Child Project

This part will summarize the proposed GEF financing and co-financing (including sources), as well as the GEF agency(ies) and other entities to be engaged.

Proposed GEF Agency(ies)¹	
Proposed executing entity(ies)²	
Potential sources, types and amounts of co-financing	
Indicative amount of GEF STAR resources to be requested³	LD: BD: CC:

EOI to be signed by OFP and submitted by GEF agency selected by country

¹ The choice of GEF Agency(ies) should be informed by a thorough consideration of which Agency(ies) is/are best equipped to support the implementation of the priorities identified for GEF financing.

² This refers to the institution(s) that would be directly responsible for implementing the priorities identified for GEF support, e.g. national government agency(ies).

³ A minimum of \$2 million from the country's STAR allocation is required to trigger the IP incentive; the STAR amounts will be matched at ratio of 3:1. STAR resources can be drawn from any of three focal areas, or proportionally across all three in accordance with the overall focus of the proposed project. All STAR resources programmed under the IP will be combined with the matching incentive as single GEF grant per country and should include amounts for Project Preparation Grant (PPG) and GEF Agency Fee.

ANNEX 6. FULL LIST OF COUNTRY SUBMISSION AND SELECTION RESULT

(Note: YES = EOI was recommended; No = EOI was not recommended)

	BGI	CFB	CSPP	EHCS	ER	FS	GRID	NZNPA	SC	WCD
Angola		Yes			Yes					
Argentina			No			Yes				
Belarus								No		
Belize	Yes								Yes	
Benin			No			Yes			Yes	
Bhutan						Yes				
Bolivia		Yes								
Brazil		Yes	Yes		Yes	No				No
Burkina Faso			Yes			Yes				
Cabo Verde	Yes									
Cambodia			Yes	Yes	Yes					
Cameroon		Yes			No					
Central African Republic		Yes								
Chad					Yes	Yes				
Chile			No			Yes		Yes		
China			No			Yes		No		
Colombia		Yes		No						Yes
Comoros	Yes									
Congo									Yes	
Congo DR		Yes			Yes					
Cook Islands			Yes							
Costa Rica			Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes		
Cote d'Ivoire					Yes			Yes		
Cuba	Yes		No						Yes	
Dominican Republic			Yes							
Ecuador		Yes	No	Yes	No					No
El Salvador		Yes	No							
Equatorial Guinea		Yes								
Eswatini						Yes				Yes
Ethiopia			No			Yes				Yes
Fiji	No									
Gabon									Yes	
Gambia			No							
Georgia					No					
Ghana			No		No					
Guatemala		Yes							Yes	
Guinea		Yes								Yes
Haiti					Yes					
Honduras		Yes								
India			Yes	Yes	No	Yes				No
Indonesia			No		No	Yes		Yes		Yes

	BGI	CFB	CSPP	EHCSC	ER	FS	GRID	NZNPA	SC	WCD
Jamaica	No		No		No					
Jordan			Yes		No					
Kenya					No	Yes			Yes	Yes
Lao PDR		Yes	Yes							
Lebanon					No	No				
Lesotho						No				
Liberia		Yes	No							
Libya			No							
Madagascar					Yes					
Malawi			No							Yes
Maldives	Yes									
Mali			No		Yes					
Mauritania					Yes					
Mauritius	Yes							Yes		
Mexico		Yes			Yes			Yes		Yes
Micronesia	Yes									
Moldova					No					
Mongolia				Yes	No				Yes	
Morocco			Yes	No				Yes		
Mozambique					Yes					Yes
Namibia					No			No		No
Nepal					Yes		Yes			Yes
Nicaragua		Yes								
Nigeria		Yes	Yes		No	Yes		Yes		
Pakistan			No	Yes		Yes				
Palau	Yes									
Panama		Yes								
PNG	Yes	Yes								
Paraguay					No					Yes
Peru		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	
Philippines			Yes		No	Yes			Yes	Yes
Rwanda					Yes					
Samoa	Yes									
Sao Tome and Principe	No	Yes			Yes					
Senegal			Yes							
Serbia									Yes	
Seychelles	Yes									
Sierra Leone		Yes			Yes					
Solomon Islands						Yes				
South Africa			Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes	No
Sri Lanka			No			Yes			Yes	No
St. Lucia	Yes									
Suriname		Yes								
Tajikistan					No					
Tanzania			No		No	Yes		Yes		

	BGI	CFB	CSPP	EHCS	ER	FS	GRID	NZNP	SC	WCD
Thailand		Yes						Yes		Yes
Timor Leste	Yes				No					
Trinidad and Tobago	Yes			Yes				Yes		
Tunisia					No				No	
Turkiye				No		Yes				
Turkmenistan								No	No	
Uganda					No					Yes
Uruguay			No							
Uzbekistan					Yes					
Vanuatu	Yes									
Venezuela		Yes								
Viet Nam		Yes			Yes			Yes		
Zambia										Yes

ANNEX 7. LIST OF ALL COUNTRIES SELECTED IN THE ASSESSMENT

GEF Region	CFB	BGI	CSPP	ER	EHSC	FS	GRID	NZNPA	SC	WCD
AFR	Guinea Sierra Leone [†] Congo DR [†] Cameroon CAR [†] Equatorial Guinea Angola [†] Liberia [†] Nigeria		South Africa Senegal Morocco Burkina Faso [†] Nigeria	South Africa Sierra Leone [†] Congo DR [†] Mozambique [†] Chad [†] Cote d'Ivoire Angola [†] Rwanda [†] Mali [†] Mauritania [†] Madagascar [†]		South Africa Eswatini Kenya Tanzania [†] Chad [†] Benin [†] Burkina Faso [†] Ethiopia Nigeria		Morocco Tanzania [†] Cote d'Ivoire Nigeria	South Africa Congo Kenya Gabon Benin [†] Ethiopia [†]	Guinea [†] Malawi [†] Kenya Mozambique [†] Uganda Zambia [†] Eswatini Ethiopia [†]
Asia	Thailand Lao PDR [†] Viet Nam		Philippines Cambodia [†] Lao PDR [†] India	Cambodia [†] Viet Nam Nepal [†]	Mongolia Cambodia [†] India Pakistan	Philippines Sri Lanka Indonesia India Pakistan Bhutan [†] China	Nepal [†]	Thailand Indonesia Viet Nam	Philippines Sri Lanka Mongolia	Philippines Thailand Indonesia Nepal [†]
ECA			Jordan	Uzbekistan		Türkiye			Serbia	
LAC	Peru Guatemala Mexico Brazil Colombia Ecuador Bolivia Panama Honduras Venezuela Suriname [‡] Nicaragua El Salvador	Belize [‡]	Peru Costa Rica Brazil	Peru Mexico Brazil	Peru Costa Rica Ecuador	Peru Costa Rica Argentina Chile		Costa Rica Mexico Chile	Peru Guatemala Belize [‡]	Paraguay Mexico Colombia
SIDS	Sao Tome and Principe [†] PNG	Trinidad and Tobago PNG Cuba Mauritius Maldives Samoa Timor Leste [†] Seychelles St. Lucia Cabo Verde Comoros [†] Vanuatu Micronesia Palau	Dominican Republic Cook Islands	Sao Tome and Principe [†] Haiti [†]	Trinidad and Tobago	Solomon Islands		Trinidad and Tobago Mauritius	Cuba	

[†] LDCs

[‡] Suriname and Belize are categorized under Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region as GEF administrative region but falls under UN SIDS category