



GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop Amman, Jordan



global
environment
facility
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

September 24-27, 2023

A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

Largest environmental multi-donor trust fund in the world

Financial mechanism of five international environmental conventions



18 IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

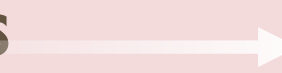


GOVERNANCE

GUIDANCE

CONVENTIONS

CBD
UNFCCC
UNCCD
Stockholm (POPs)
Minamata



COUNCIL

32 Constituencies



SECRETARIAT

INDEPENDENT
EVALUATION OFFICE

STAP

TRUSTEE

ACTION

185 member governments

COUNTRIES

Operational & Political Focal Points
Convention Focal Points
Civil Society
Indigenous peoples
Private Sector

18 AGENCIES

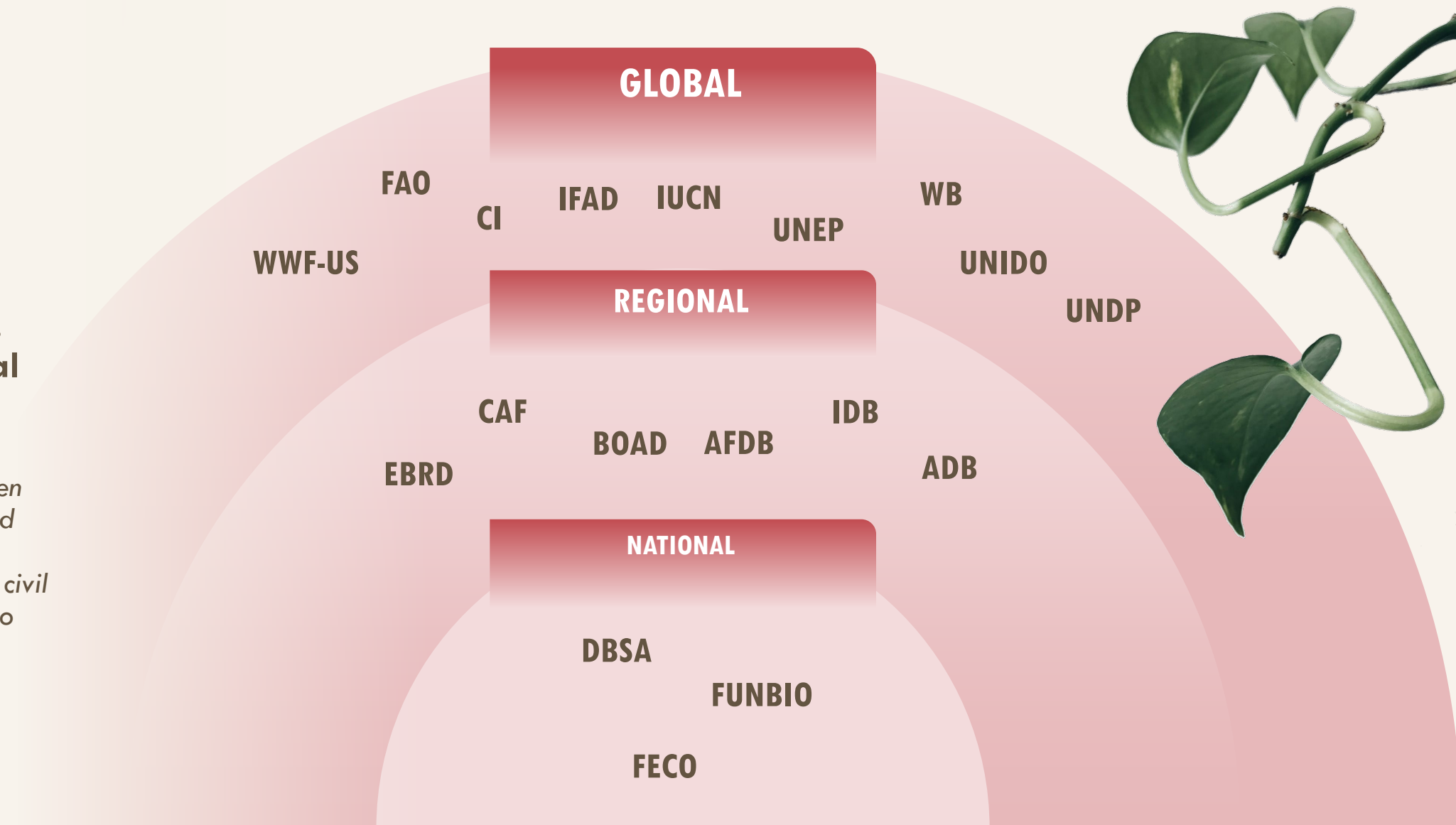
EXECUTING ENTITIES



18 GEF AGENCIES

The GEF Agencies are the operational arm of the GEF.

They work closely with project proponents - often government agencies and other national organizations, including civil society organizations - to design, develop and implement GEF-funded projects and programs.



GEF-8 Resources

4-year

replenishment cycle
from July 1, 2022
to June 30, 2026

\$5.33 billion

pledged by
39 donor nations

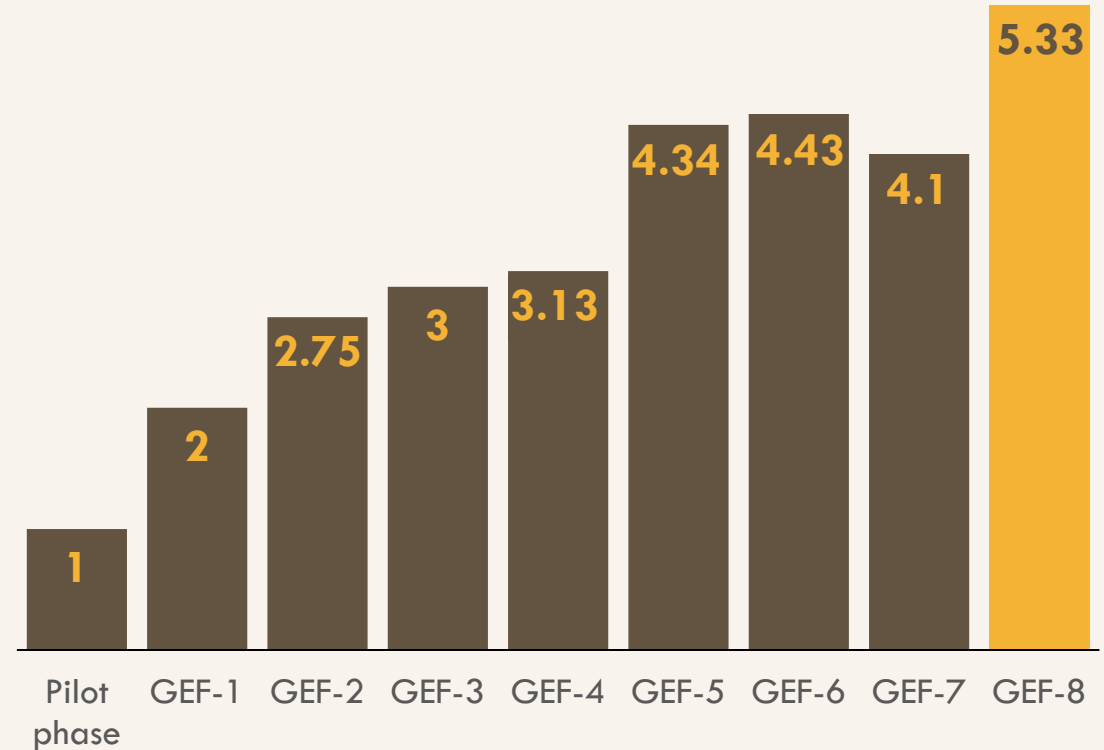
Country 'STAR'

allocation

GEF-8 strategy responds to conventions and takes **an integrated approach to systems transformation**

GEF Replenishment Cycles

(billion USD)



GEF Family of Funds

Trust Fund that serves CBD, CCD, Minamata Convention, Stockholm Convention, UNFCCC

GEF Trust Fund



Climate Change



Biodiversity



Land Degradation



Integrated Programs



International Waters



Chemicals and Waste

Trust Funds that serve UNFCCC

LDCF

SCCF



Climate Adaptation

CBIT Trust Fund



CBIT

Trust Fund that serves CBD

NPIF Fund



Nagoya Protocol

to be discussed at June 2023 GEF Council

GBF Fund

GEF Trust Fund as a *Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF)*

The World Bank can play many different roles in FIFs

Trustee Only

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Examples include:
CGIAR
Pneumococcal Advanced Market Commitment
Int. Fin. Fac. For Immunization
Global Fund for Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria
AgResults

Trustee and an Implementing Entity

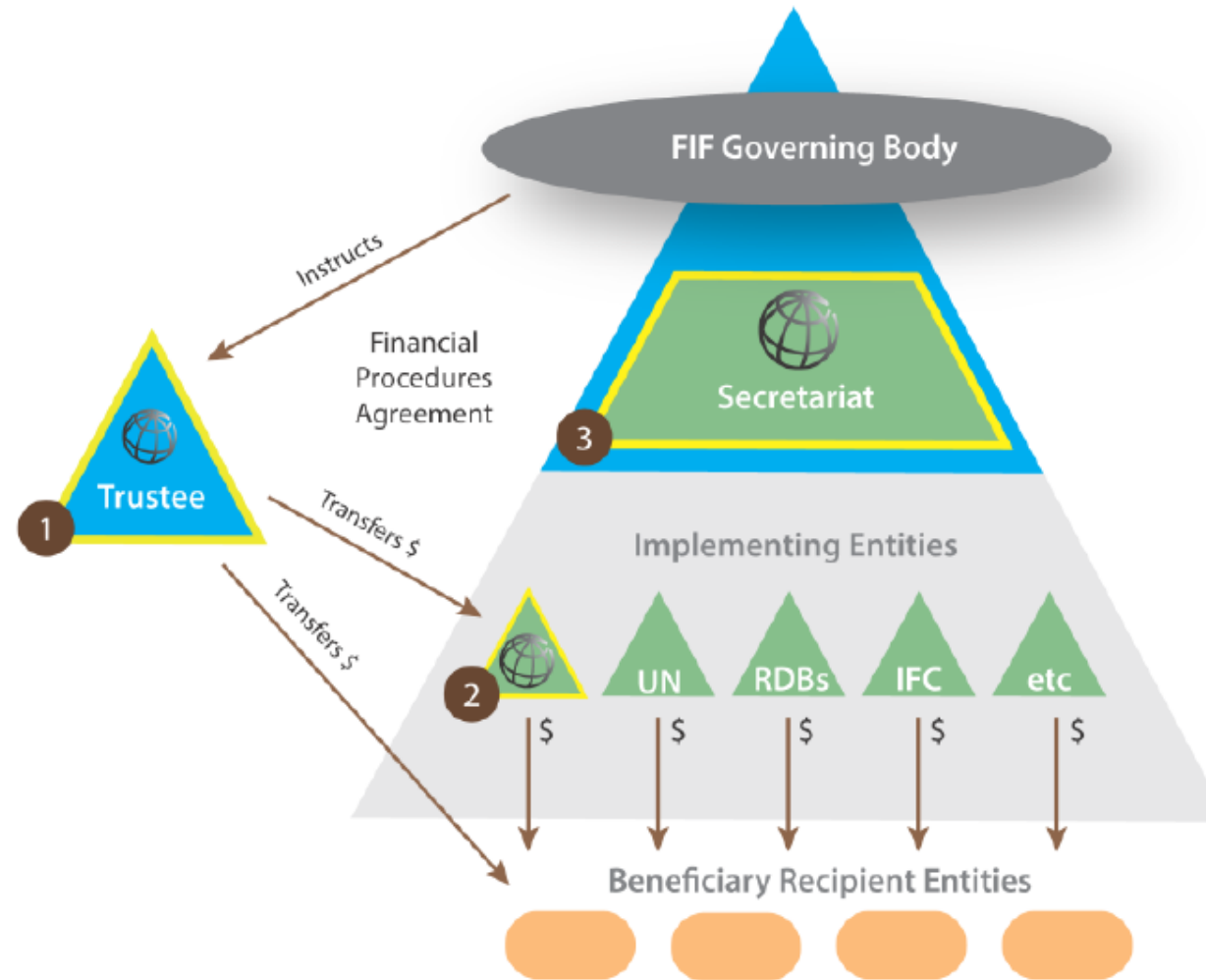
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Examples include:
Green Climate Fund

Trustee, Host to Secretariat and an Implementing Entity

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Examples include:
Global Environment Facility
Global Partnership for Education
Climate Investment Funds
Global Agriculture and Food Security Program
Global Concessional Finance Facility
Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative



GEF-8 SYSTEM OF TRANSPARENT ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES (STAR)

GEF TRUST FUND (\$5.33B)

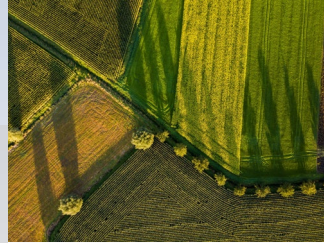
BIODIVERSITY



CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION



LAND DEGRADATION



CHEMICALS & WASTE



INTERNATIONAL WATERS



GEF-8 STAR allocation (\$2.43B)

Integrated Programs Incentive & Contributions

Enabling Activities, CBIT

Global & Regional Set-aside

Non-Grant Instrument (NGI)

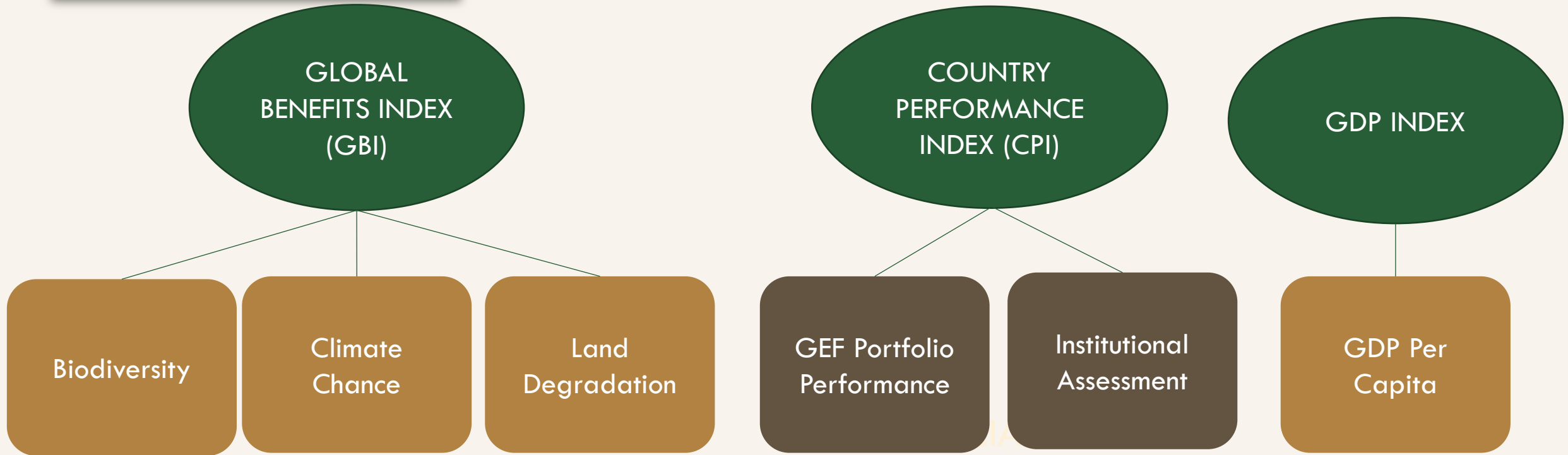
Small Grants Program (SGP)

Innovations Window

COUNTRY	BIODIVERSITY	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION	LAND DEGRADATION	TOTAL
Bangladesh	4.00	4.58	2.00	10.58
Bhutan	4.00	2.00	2.00	8.00
Cambodia	4.65	2.00	3.14	9.80
China	43.64	47.02	3.03	93.68
Cook Islands	4.00	2.00	2.00	8.00
Fiji	7.96	2.00	2.00	11.96
India	43.78	41.65	3.89	89.32
Indonesia	82.15	20.05	1.45	103.65
Kiribati	4.58	2.00	2.00	8.58
Lao People's Democratic Republic	6.75	2.00	2.15	10.90
Malaysia	19.90	5.01	1.41	26.32
Maldives	4.00	2.00	2.00	8.00
Marshall Islands	4.41	2.00	2.00	8.41
Micronesia (Federated States of)	5.15	2.00	2.00	9.15
Mongolia	4.72	1.60	3.77	10.08
Nauru	4.00	2.00	2.00	8.00
Nepal	5.19	2.00	2.13	9.33
Nive	4.00	2.00	2.00	8.00
Pakistan	5.74	7.35	4.68	17.77
Palau	4.00	2.00	2.00	8.00
Papua New Guinea	25.04	2.00	2.00	29.04
Philippines	45.51	5.45	1.80	52.76
Samoa	4.00	2.00	2.00	8.00
Solomon Islands	9.33	2.00	2.00	13.33
Sri Lanka	13.91	2.04	3.05	19.00

GEF-8 STAR FORMULA

$$\text{GBI}^{0.8*} \text{CPI}^{1.0*} \text{GDP}^{-0.16}$$



Funding envelope

Floors

Index weight

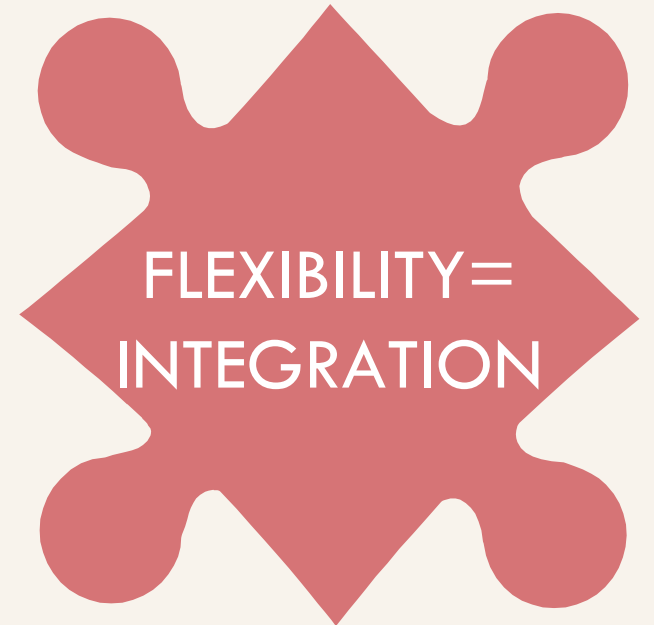
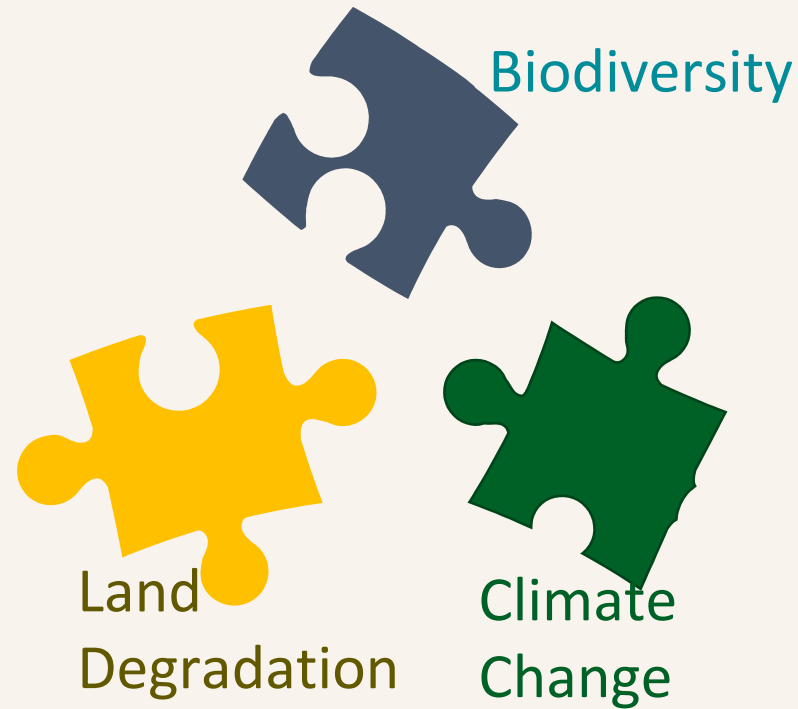
Ceilings

STAR COUNTRY ALLOCATION SYSTEM

Countries can move STAR allocated resources across the 3 focal area lines



**FULL
FLEXIBILITY**



STAR COUNTRY ALLOCATION SYSTEM

GEF-8 STAR Competition Window



Cohort

Top-5 STAR recipients:
Indonesia, China, India, Brazil and Mexico



Targeted Amount

US \$38 million



Ceiling

a single country can receive maximum **US\$9 million** from this competitive window



Theme

encourage country-driven investments that enhance **domestic policy coherence**



Procedures of Access

Annex IC: Procedures of access and operational guidelines for the competitive funds

The GEF-8 STAR Policy and STAR Guidelines, including the operational details of the competitive window, is available [here](#).

GEF Policy Framework



GEF Policies & Guidelines:

<https://www.thegef.org/projects-operations/policies-guidelines>

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS

OBJECTIVE

To enhance the environmental and social outcomes of GEF-financed projects

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

to identify and address environmental and social risks and potential impacts in GEF projects and programs



Anticipate social and environmental risks and impacts



Plan to avoid or mitigate risks and impacts



Manage and monitor implementation



Respond to issues as they arise

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS

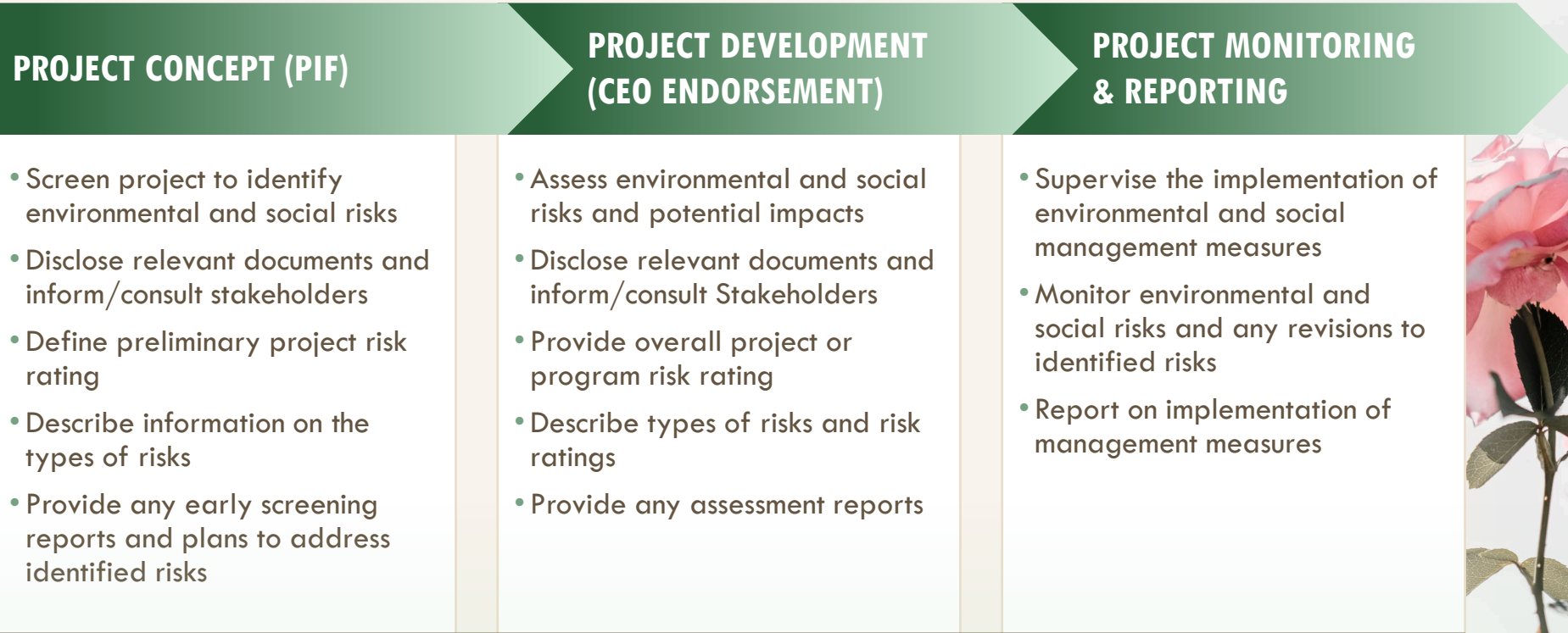


- Climate Change/ Disaster Risks
- Disability Inclusion

- Disadvantaged or Vulnerable Individuals or Groups
- Adverse Gender related Impacts (gender-Based Violence)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS

SAFEGUARDS BY STEP



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE

To promote the inclusive and meaningful participation of stakeholders in gef's governance and operations

REQUIREMENTS *GEF's Operational Policies "shall provide for full disclosure of all non-confidential information, and consultation with, and participation as appropriate of, major groups and local communities, throughout the project cycle."*

(Paragraph 5 of GEF Instrument)



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

ENGAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

- Constructive, responsive, accountable and transparent
- Fair, balanced, and inclusive participation
- Sustained commitment and action
- Supported by appropriate documentation and information

ENGAGEMENT BY STEP

PROJECT CONCEPT (PIF)

- Provide a description of any consultations conducted during project development
- Provide information on how Stakeholders will be engaged and means of engagement throughout the project cycle

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT (CEO ENDORSEMENT/APPROVAL)

- Provide Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEP) or equivalent documentation
 - *Stakeholders who have been and will be engaged*
 - *Means of engagement*
 - *Dissemination of information*
 - *Roles and responsibilities*
 - *Resource requirements*
 - *Timing of engagement*

PROJECT MONITORING & REPORTING

- Report progress, challenges and outcomes of the implementation of stakeholder engagement

GENDER EQUALITY

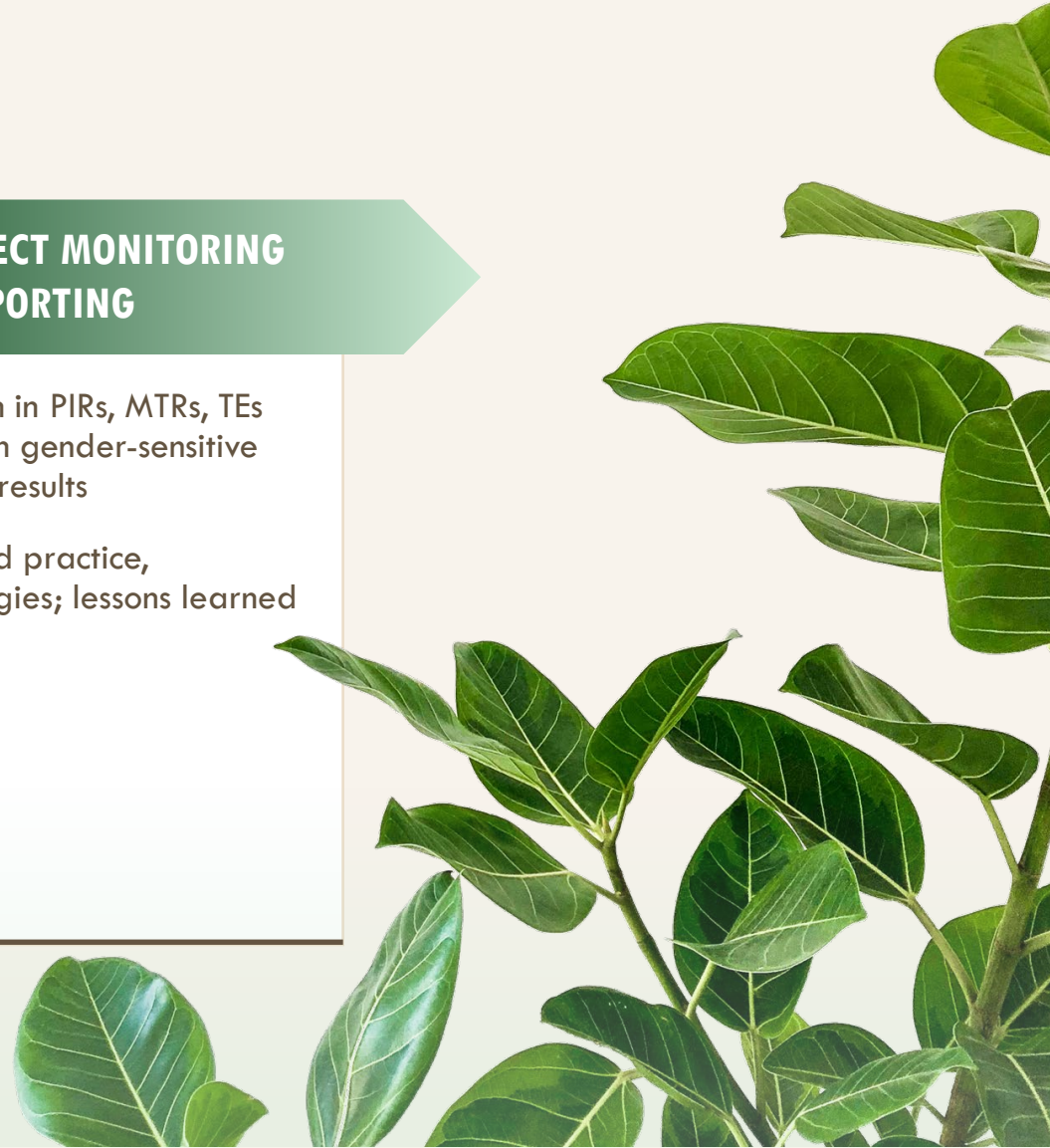
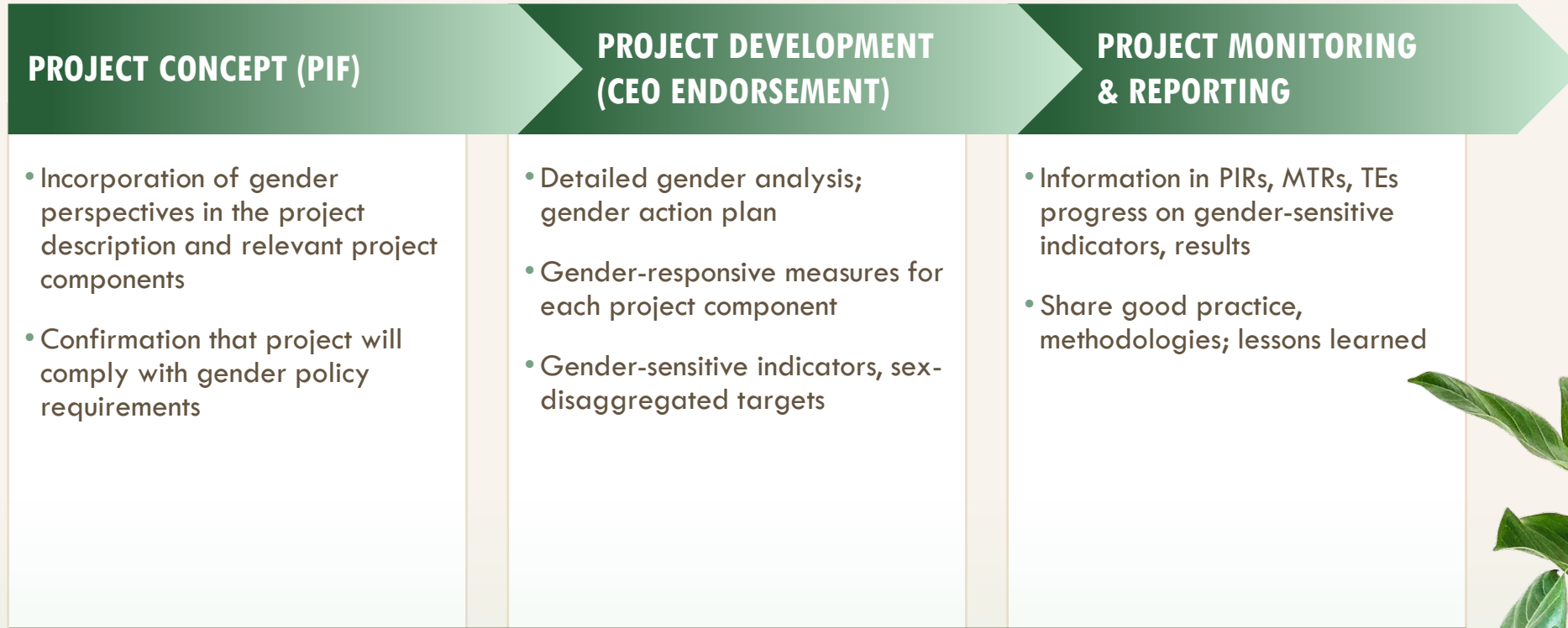
OBJECTIVE

To ensure equal opportunities for women and men to participate in, contribute to and benefit from GEF-financed interventions

Catalyzing for gender-responsive approaches in environmental projects
Ensuring that gender inequalities are addressed
Promoting women as partners and beneficiaries
Codifying minimum requirements in project design and implementation



GENDER EQUALITY



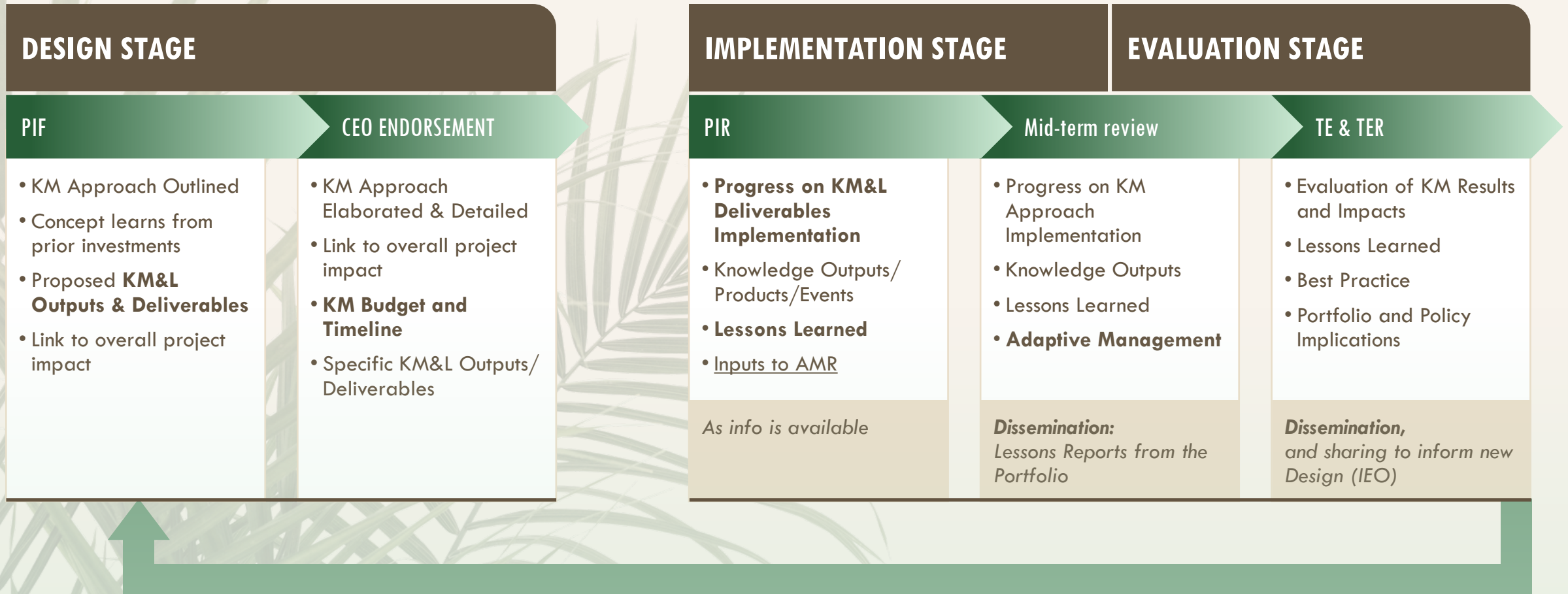
ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING IN GEF PROJECTS/PROGRAM



- 1** An overview of existing lessons and best practice that inform the project/program concept
- 2** Plans to learn from relevant projects, programs, initiatives & evaluations
- 3** Processes to capture, assess and document info, lessons, best practice & expertise generated during implementation
- 4** Tools and methods for knowledge exchange, learning & collaboration (at both program & project levels), including knowledge platforms and websites
- 5** Knowledge outputs to be produced and shared with stakeholders (at both program & project levels)
- 6** A discussion on how knowledge and learning will contribute to overall project/program impact and sustainability
- 7** Plans for strategic communications
- 8** Budget and timelines for KM Approach implementation/delivery (required at CEO endorsement stage)

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT & LEARNING

Using, Generating, Capturing and Sharing Knowledge



KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING



Process of capturing and sharing results and lessons from projects to

- Inform global, regional and national policy dialogues
- Improve the impact of GEF projects

PRODUCTS



RESULTS

Good Practice Briefs

PUBLICATIONS AND LEARNING

The Art of Knowledge Exchange
GEF Academy
GEF Kaleo “Ask the Expert”

KNOWLEDGE PLATFORMS

GEF OFP Knowledge & Collaboration Platform (KCP)

FIDUCIARY STANDARDS

OBJECTIVE

To Strengthen financial and programmatic accountability of the GEF by requiring that all GEF Partner Agencies meet the agreed minimum fiduciary standards

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

I. Project/Activity Processes and Oversight Criteria

- *Project Appraisal Standards*
- *Procurement Processes*
- *Monitoring and Project-at-Risk Systems*
- *Project Completion and Financial*
- *Evaluation Function*

II. Governance Framework Criteria

- *External Financial Audit*
- *Financial Management and Control Frameworks*
- *Oversight of Executing Entities*
- *Code of Ethics/Conduct for GEF Partner Agency staff*
- *Internal Audit*
- *Investigation Function*
- *Hotline & Whistleblower*
- *Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism*

REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON MISUSE OF FUNDS

- Accountable to GEF Agency
- Addresses any issue in accordance with Executing Entity Policies and Procedures

Executing Entity

GEF Agency

- Accountable to GEF Council
- Addresses any issue in accordance with Agency Policies and Procedures

GEF Council

- May request additional information (directly or through Trustee) or special audit
- May instruct Trustee to suspend cash transfers



CONFLICT RESOLUTION SYSTEM

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Agencies have independent accountability and grievance systems to receive complaints

Report to Council on cases and new developments in real time

Purposes:

- Voice and right of recourse for affected people
- Enlist their expertise for accountability and better results
- Identify potential issues of fraud and corruption

Prompt reporting to Council – transparency and confidentiality



CONFLICT RESOLUTION SYSTEM

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Two main GEF Policies set out the minimum requirements

- Policy on Environmental and Social Safeguards (independent accountability and problem-solving systems)
- Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards: independent investigative unit

Currently around 40 cases

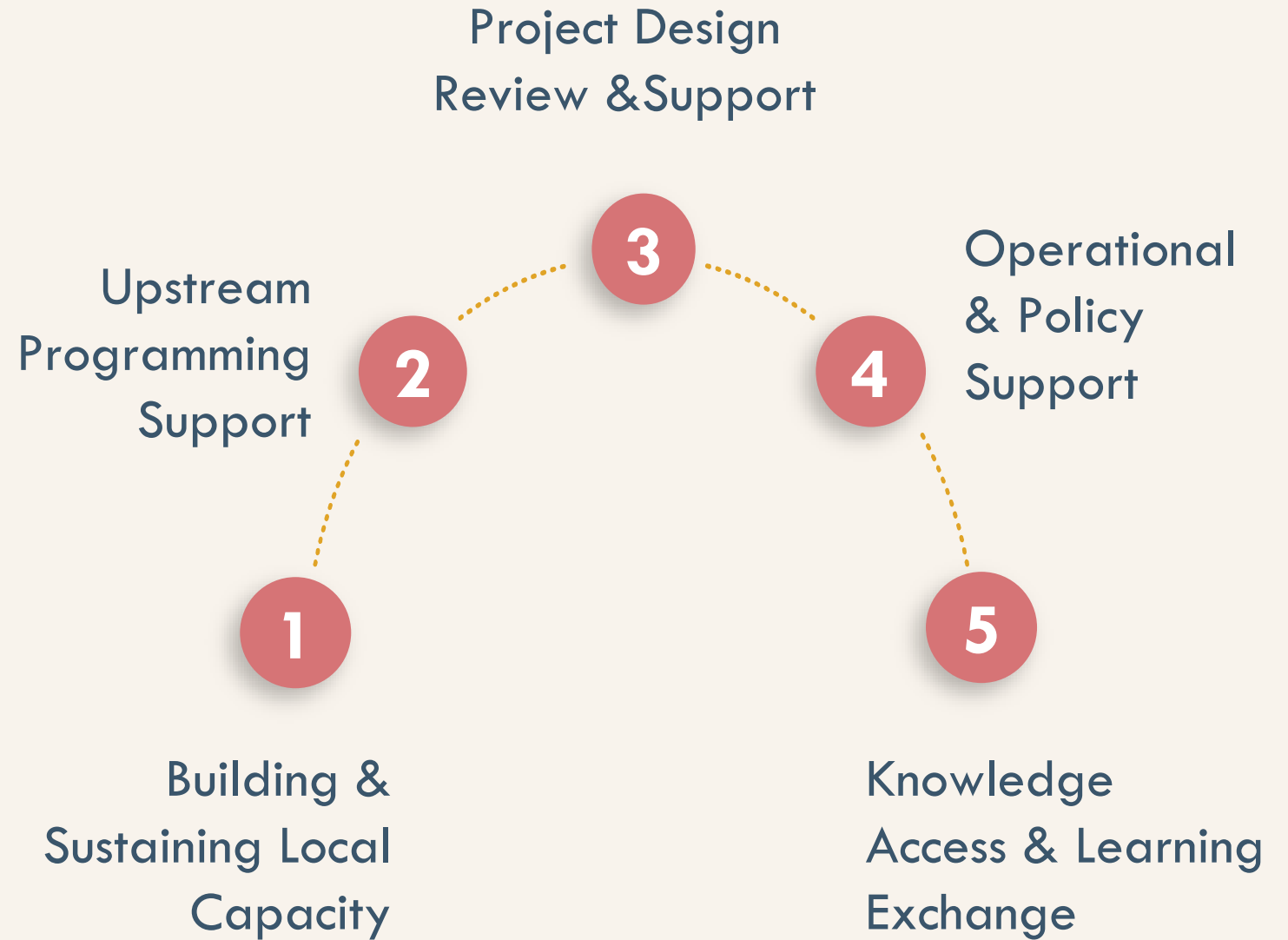
- Safeguards-related cases: safeguards, consultations, land disputes; FPIC; human rights
- Fiduciary-related cases: misuse of funds, procurement, whistleblower protection

Important to hear the concerns, be proactive, build awareness



Questions?

COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY



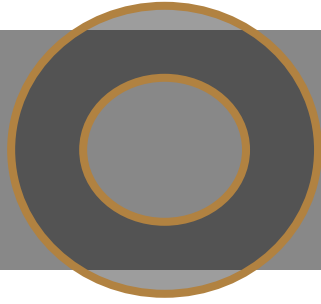
IMPLEMENTATION COMPONENTS

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

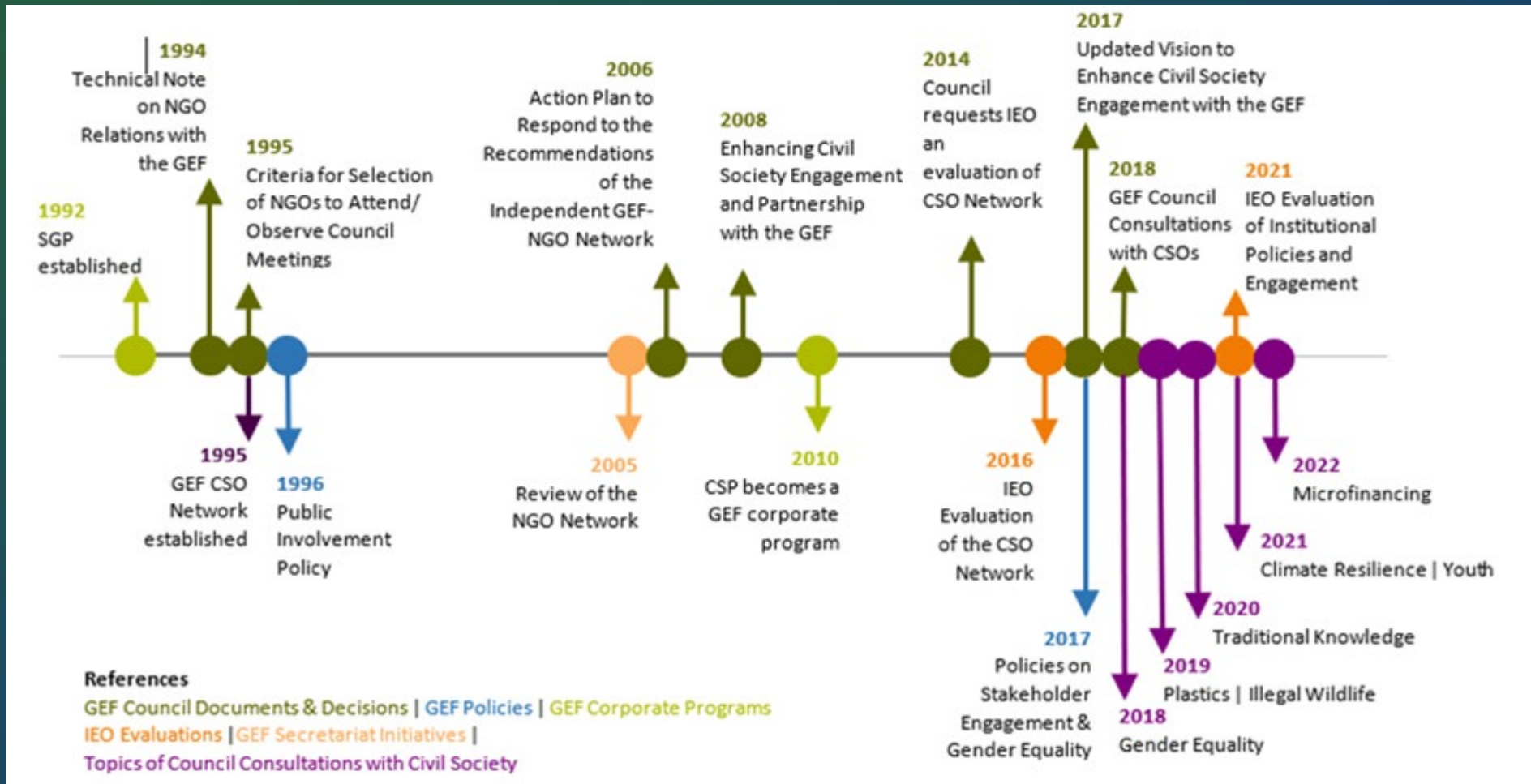
Contribute co-financing

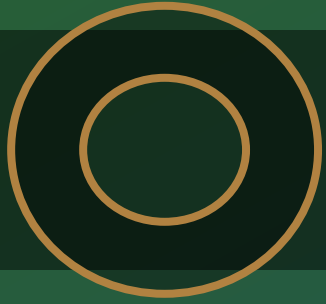
Influence GEF policy and strategies





GEFs Evolving Engagement with Civil Society





GEFs CSO Network

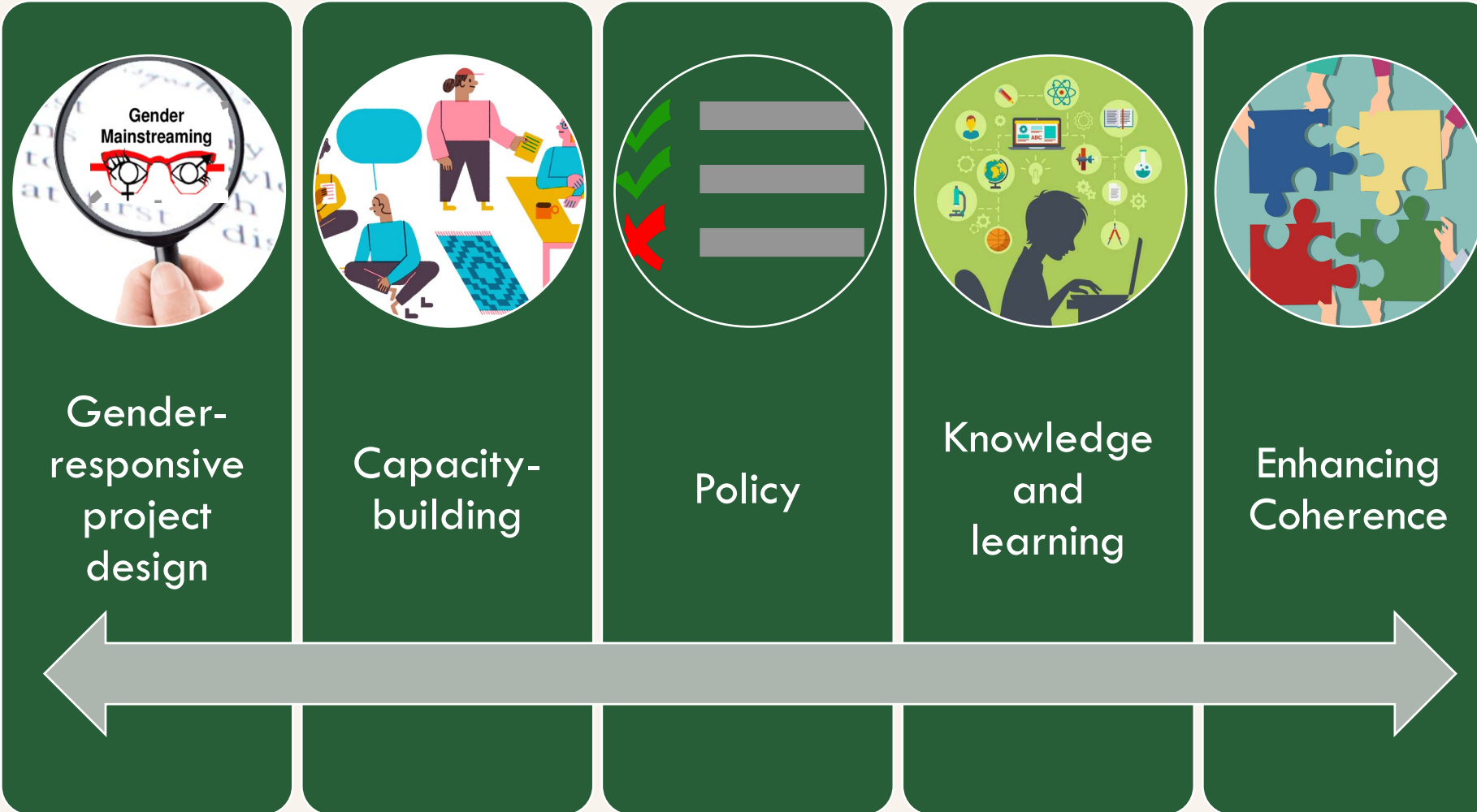
A voluntary network established in 1995

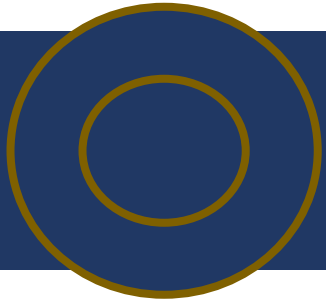
- Organized around Regional Focal Points, Chair, Vice Chair and a Network Secretariat.

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

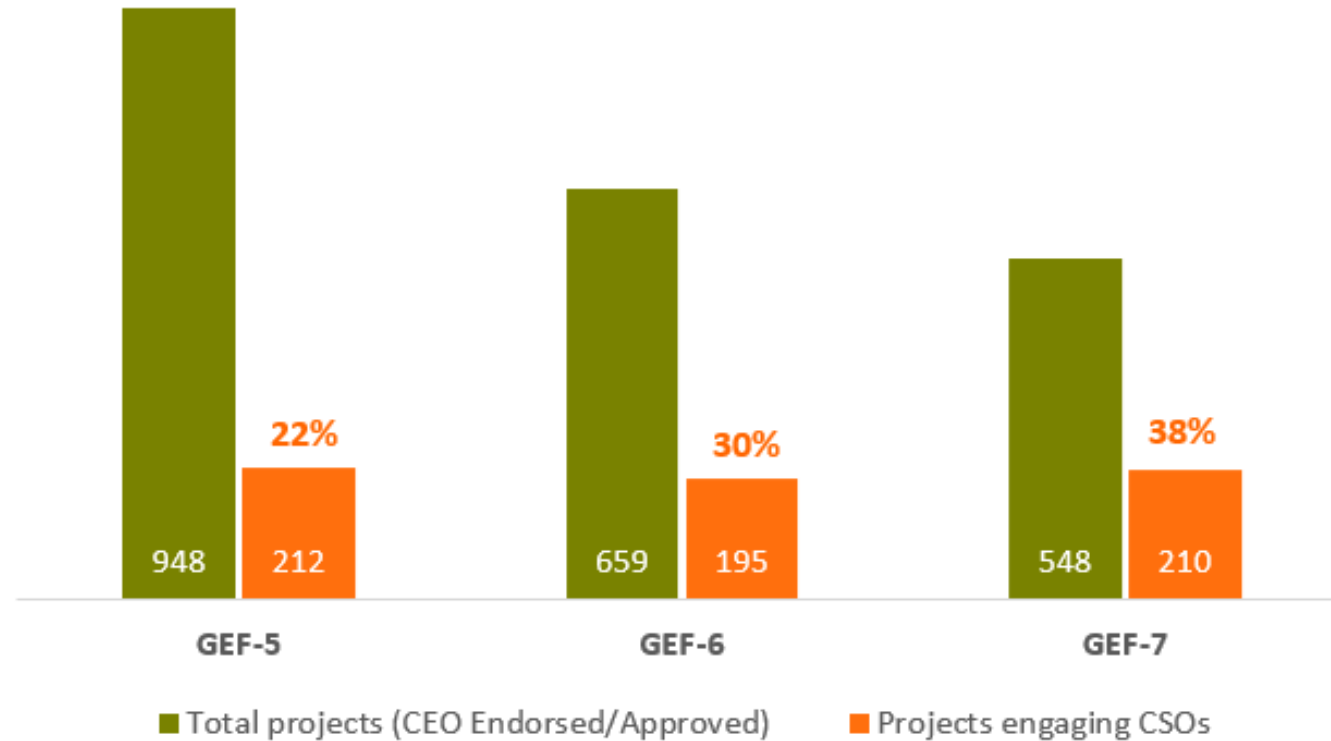
GEF Gender Partnership

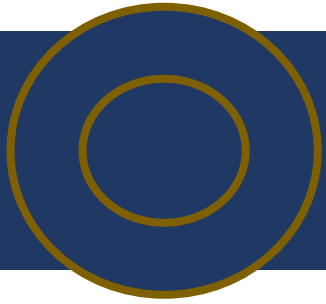




CSO Engagement in GEF Projects by Cycle

Increasing CSOs
involvement in GEF
projects

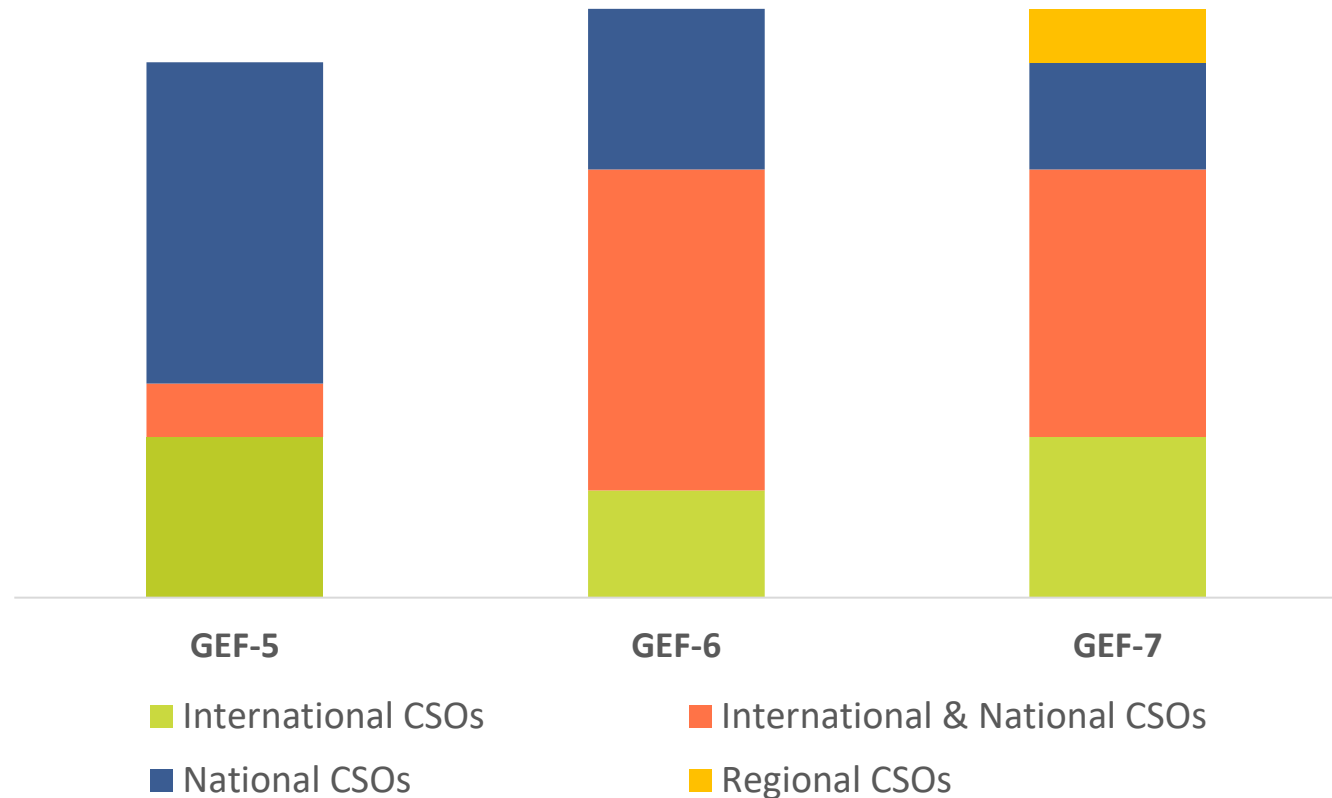




CSO Engagement in GEF Projects

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 MENA

Jordan, September 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

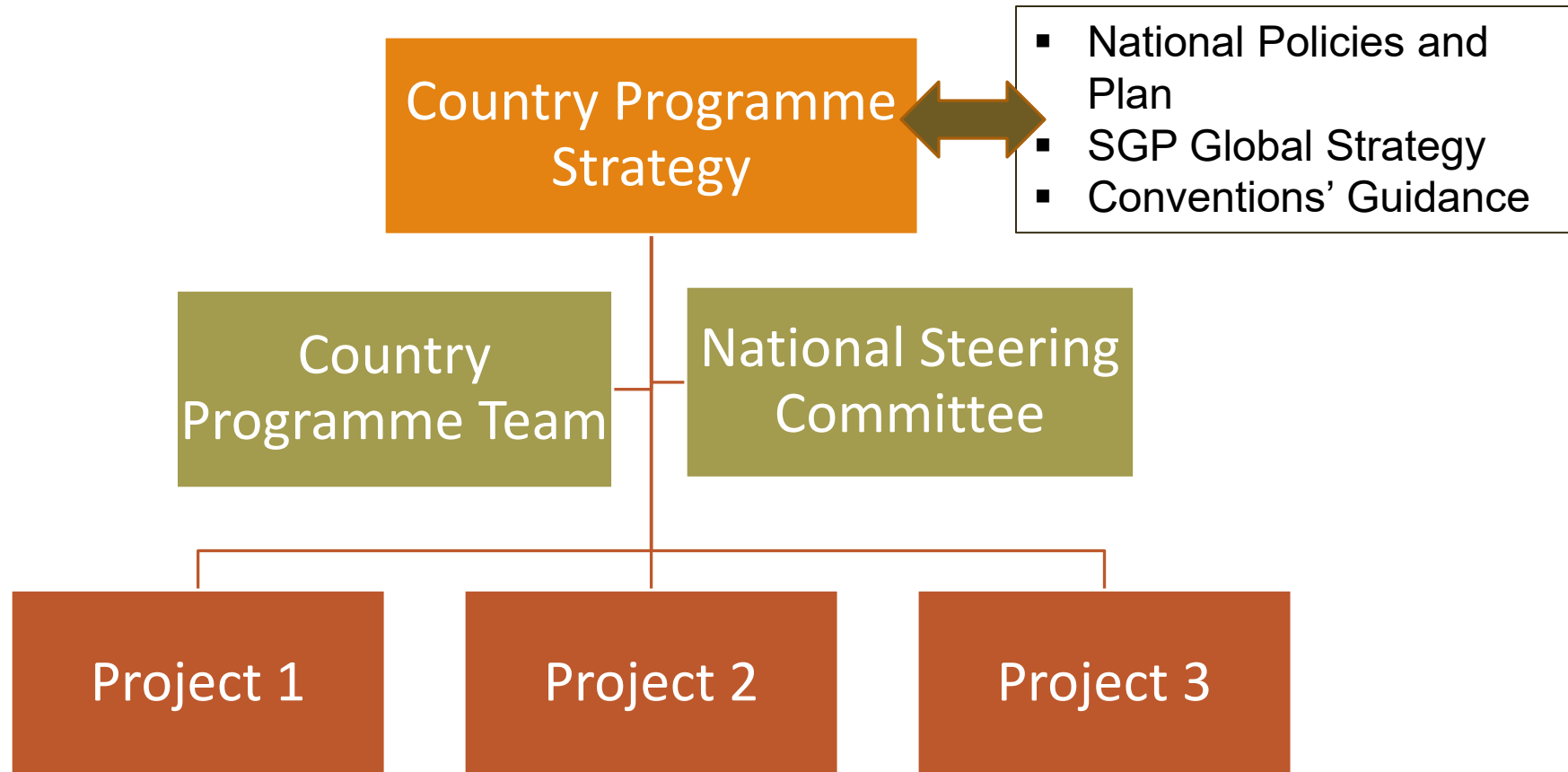
INNOVATION

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

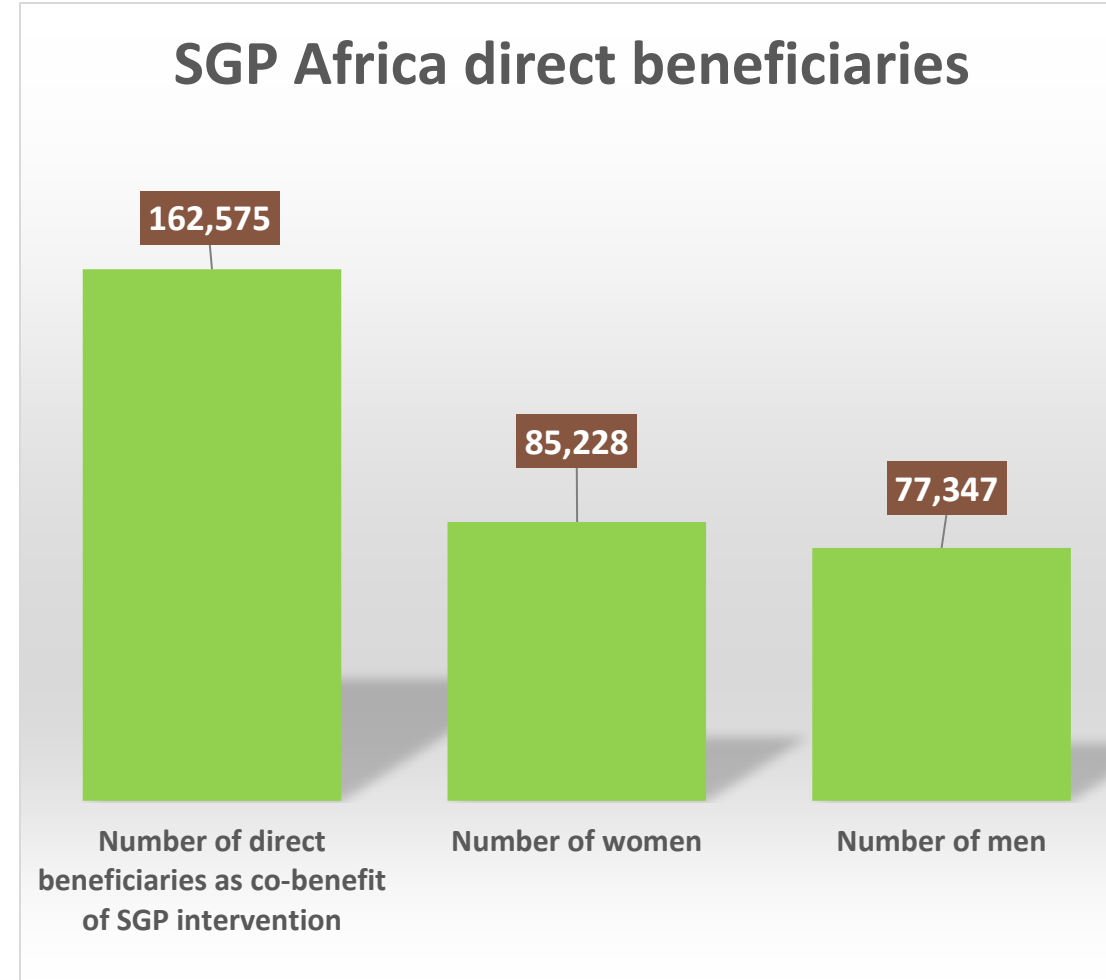
- Planning Grants - Maximum \$5K
- Full Size Grants - Maximum \$50K
- Strategic Grants - Maximum \$150K
- Capacity Development Grants (10% of country total grants allocation)



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

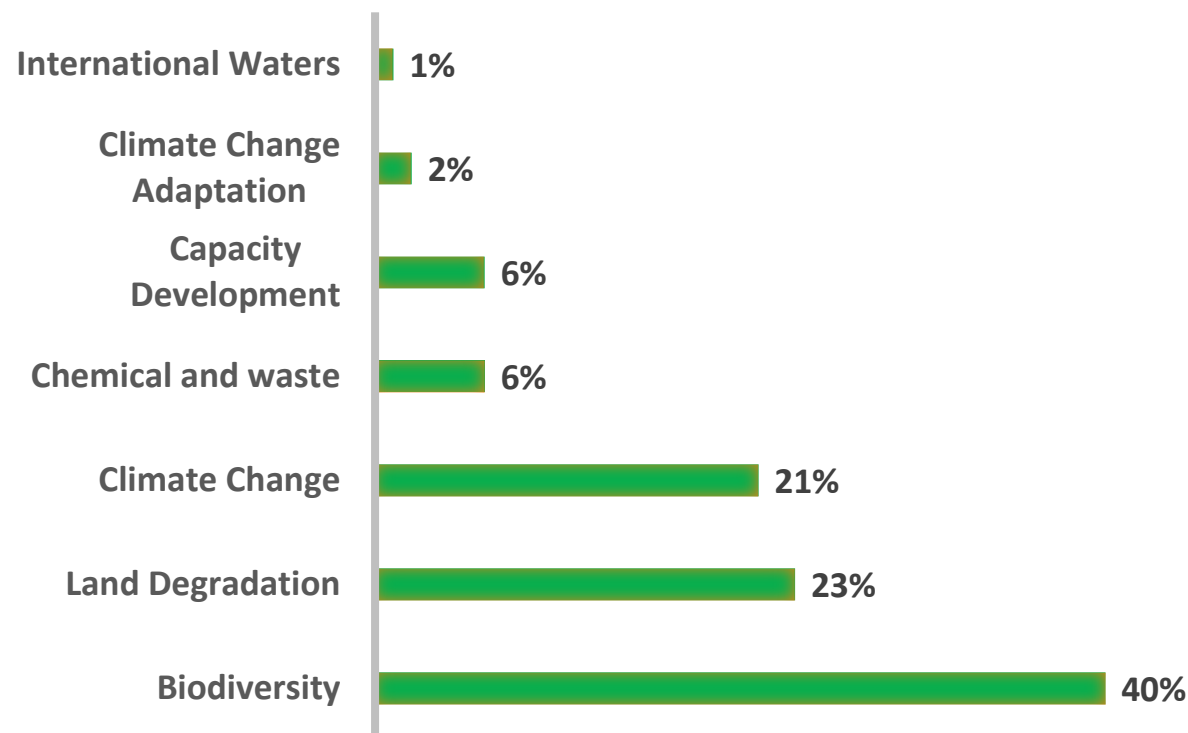
GLOBAL STRATEGIC & INTEGRATED APPROACH

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 use
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
Biodiversity	90,500 hectares of target landscapes/seascapes under improved community conservation and sustainable use
Climate Change	2,950 hectares of forests and non-forest lands with restoration and enhancement of carbon stocks initiated through completed projects
Land degradation	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
International waters	150 hectares of seascapes covered under improved community conservation and sustainable use management systems
Chemical and waste	104,200 tons of Solid Waste avoided from open burning

LOCAL ACTION GLOBAL IMPACT

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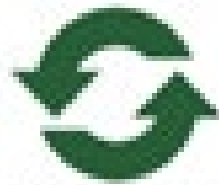
GEF Small Grants Program (SGP)



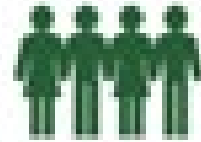
- A flagship corporate program of the GEF
- Demand-driven grants to local communities
- Direct financing and capacity development to CSOs and CBOs
- Local conservation, development, and livelihoods results
- Global Environmental Benefits

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

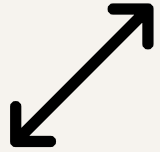


Respond to
civil society
needs and
requests



Pilot new
models and
approaches

Small Grants Program 2.0



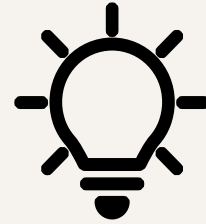
EXPAND

- 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



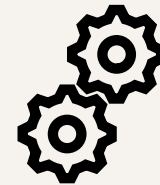
DIVERSIFY

- 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



Resources will be operationalized through two tranches split 50/50

- 1st tranche open to UNDP only
- 2nd 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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GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



THE GEF-8 RESULTS MEASUREMENT FRAMEWORK

And how to monitor projects

Expanded Constituency Workshop for West Asia and North Africa Constituencies
Amman, Jordan
September 24-27



Outline

- 1 | The GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework
- 2 | Project M&E Framework

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We are looking to boost GEF-8 shared impact

Assisting the GEF in delivering on its priorities



Increasing **impact** on the environment



Enhance **speed and quality**



Better measuring our **shared impact** over time



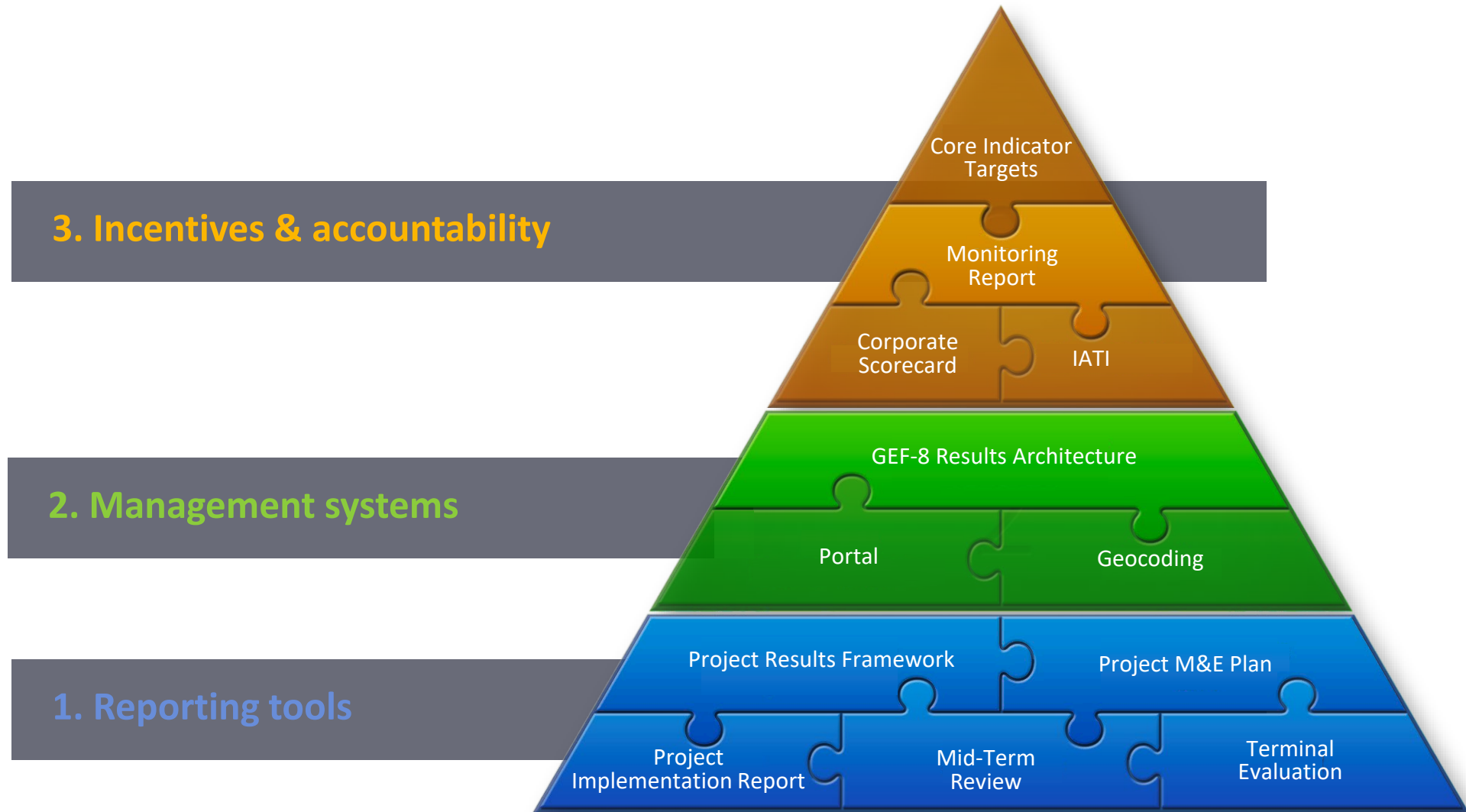
Communicate **institutional priorities**



Identify **lessons** from the past to guide the future

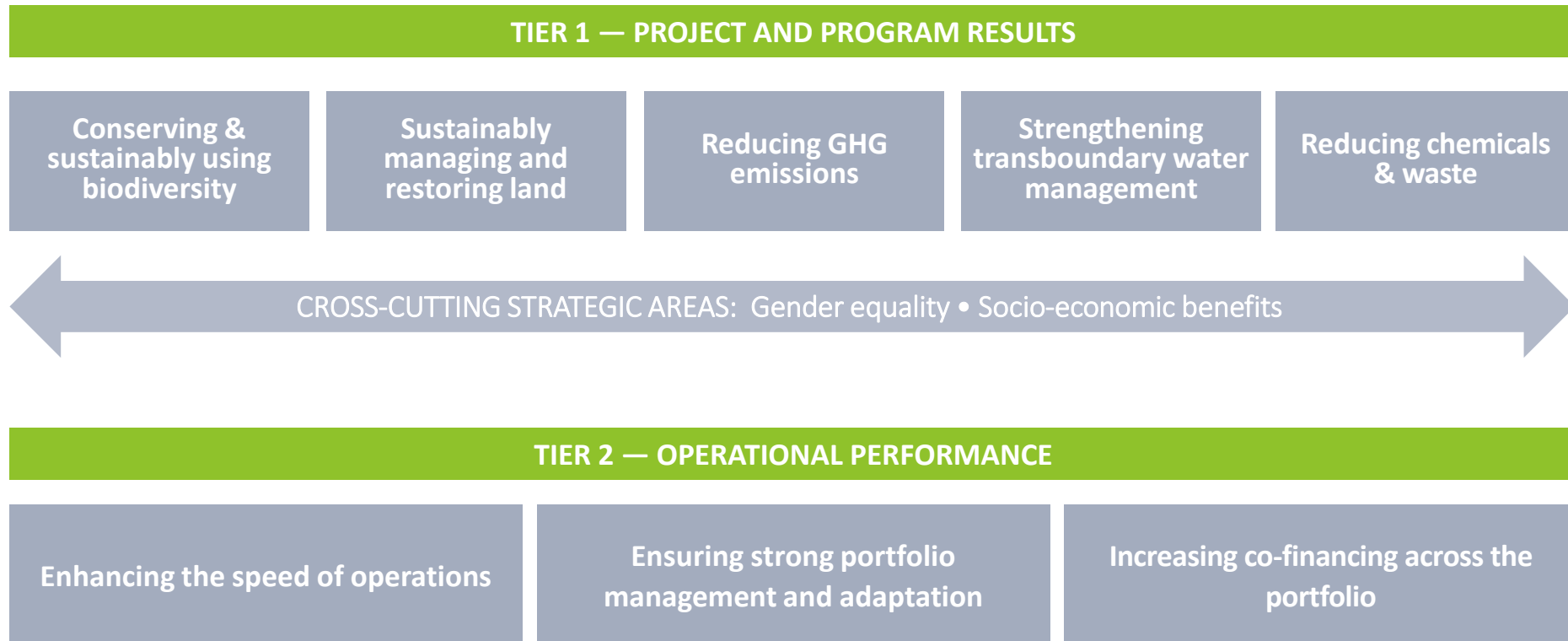
Expanding from GEF-7 achievements

A suite of systems, processes and practices to manage for results



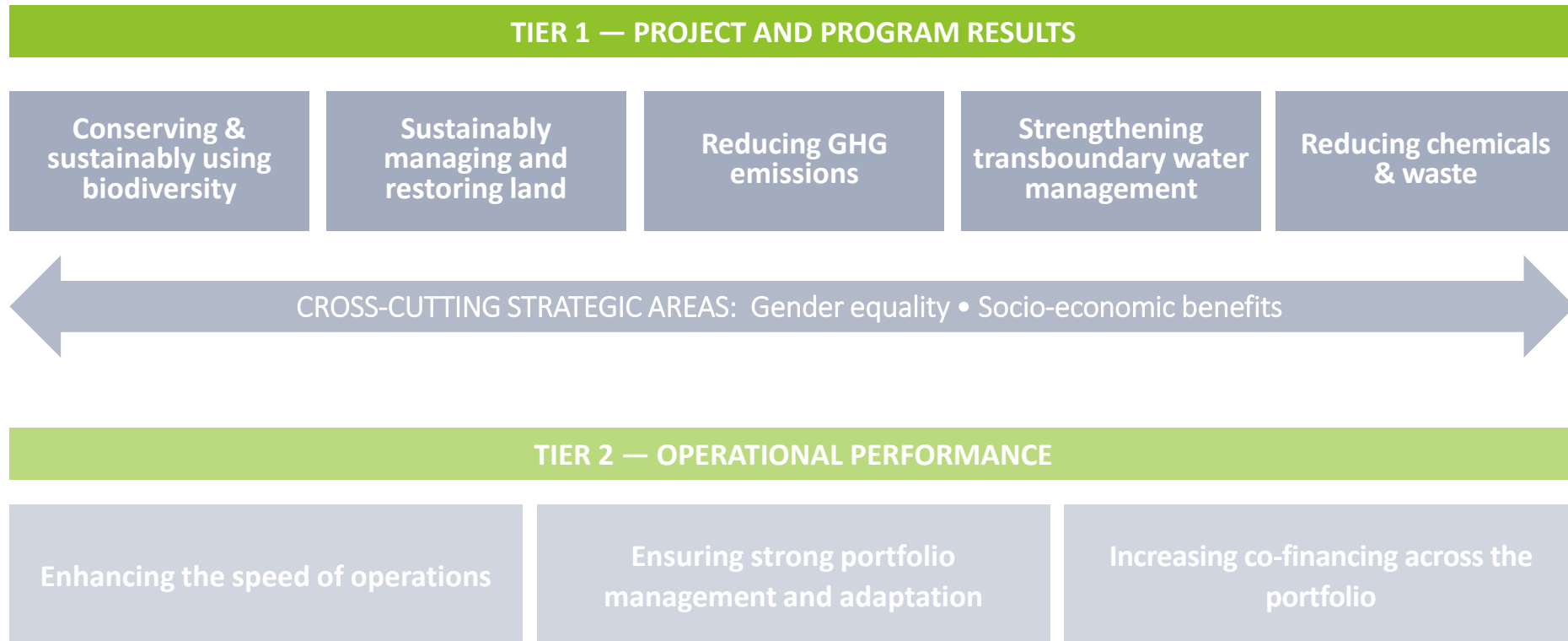
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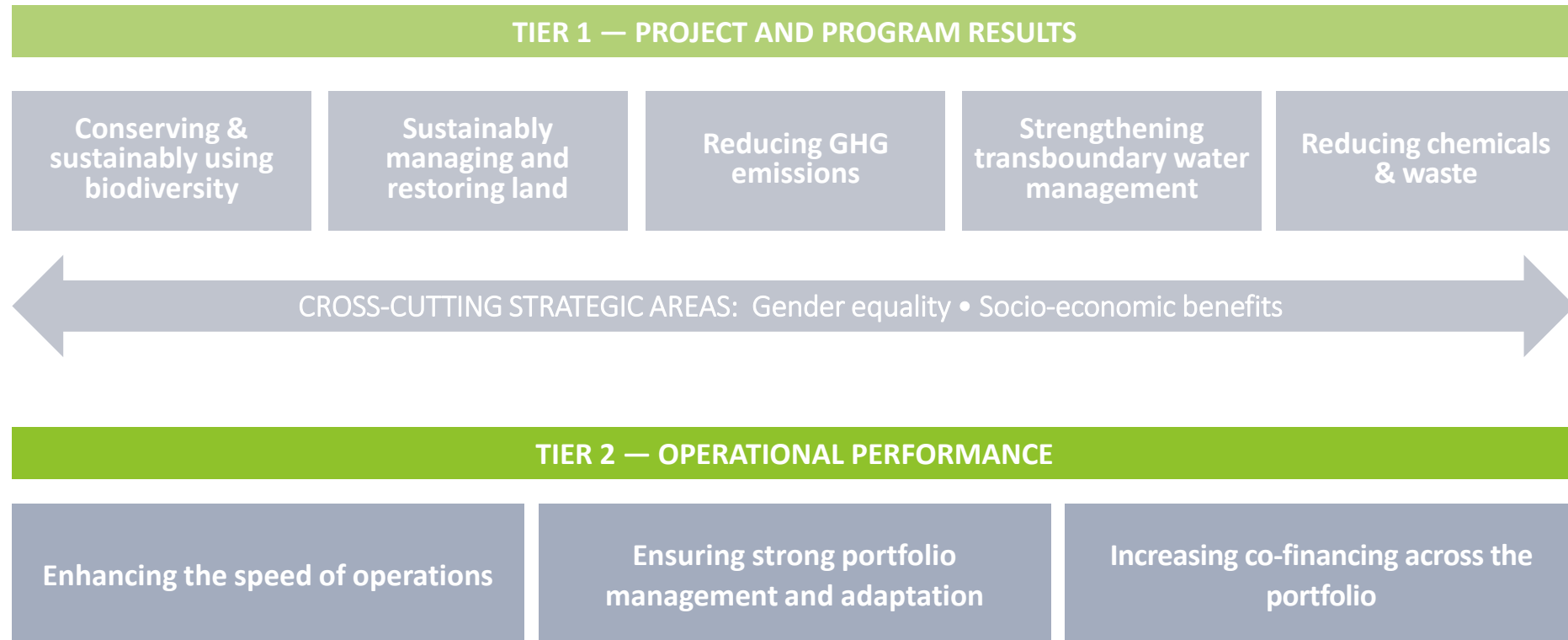
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Focusing on metrics that boost the partnership's impact

Continuing the Portfolio Scorecard implementation



Core indicators increase the focus on strategic priorities

Aligned to environmental challenges

Conserving & sustainably using biodiversity



Terrestrial **protected areas**



Marine **protected areas**



Area of marine habitat under **improved practices**



Area of landscapes under **improved practices**

Restoring Land



Area of land and ecosystems **under restoration**

Reducing GHG emissions



Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigated

Strengthening water ecosystems



Shared water ecosystems under cooperative management



Over-exploited **marine fisheries** moved to more sustainable levels


Reducing chemicals & waste




Chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced



POPS to air reduced



Direct beneficiaries
Disaggregated by **women**



30+ Sub-indicators support and inform core indicators

They include disaggregated and contextual indicators

- ▶ *Core indicator*—Reduction, elimination and avoidance of **chemicals of global concern and their waste** (metric tons of toxic chemicals reduced)

AGGREGATE UP TO CORE INDICATOR

- Solid and liquid Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and POPs containing materials and products removed or disposed (POPs type)
- Quantity of mercury reduced
- Hydrochlorofluorocarbons reduced or phased out

BRING CONTEXT TO CORE INDICATOR

- Number of countries with legislation and policy implemented to control chemicals and waste
- Number of low-chemical/non-chemical systems implemented, particularly in food production, manufacturing, and cities



Results on gender

Gender policy

- ▶ Enhance accountability and compliance
- ▶ Take gender into account during project preparation
- ▶ Action, results and lessons during implementation
- ▶ Conduct gender analysis and action plan

Reporting on gender

- ▶ Access and control of natural resources
- ▶ Improve of women participation in decision making
- ▶ Socio economic benefits and services for women

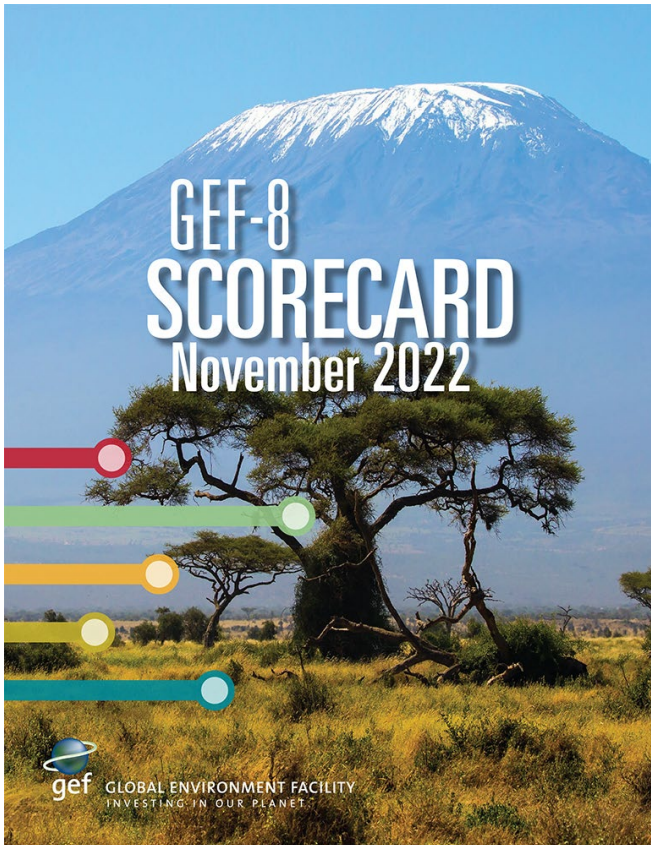
GEF-8 TARGETS & EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION FROM INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

CORE INDICATOR	GEF-8 TARGETS	EXPECTED IP CONTRIBUTION (%)
CONSERVING & SUSTAINABLY USING BIODIVERSITY		
1 Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management	150 million ha	49
2 Marine protected areas created or under improved management	100 million ha	48
4 Area of landscapes under improved practices	195 million ha*	51
5 Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity	70 million ha	69
SUSTAINABLY MANAGING AND RESTORING LAND		
3 Area of land and ecosystems under restoration	10 million ha	64
REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS		
6 Greenhouse Gas emissions mitigated	1850 million metric tons of CO ₂ e	51
STRENGTHENING TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT		
7 Shared water ecosystems under new or improved cooperative management	40	18
8 Globally over-exploited marine fisheries moved to more sustainable levels	2.1 million metric tons	1
REDUCING CHEMICALS AND WASTE		
9 Chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced	300 thousand metric tons	17
10 Persistent organic pollutants to air reduced	5900 grams of toxic equivalent	33

GEF-8 RMF – Key Documents

Ensuring a consistent use of Core Indicators and approach to reporting

GEF-8 PROGRESS



ANNUAL UPDATE

2022
Monitoring Report

GUIDELINES

Implementation of
the GEF-8
Results Measurement
Framework

The GEF Partnership has achieved significant impact

Tangible results across environmental areas in fiscal 2022



BIODIVERSITY

18 million
hectares of protected areas created or managed sustainably

That's **equal** to the size of Cambodia



RESTORE LAND

1.3 million
hectares of land under sustainable land management

That's **over 900,000** football fields



MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE

147 million
tons of CO₂e in greenhouse gas emissions expected to be reduced

That's the emissions of nearly **30 million** gas passenger vehicles driven for one year



MANAGE INTERNTL. WATERS

4 shared water ecosystems under cooperative management

That's **more** countries working together in Large Marine Areas



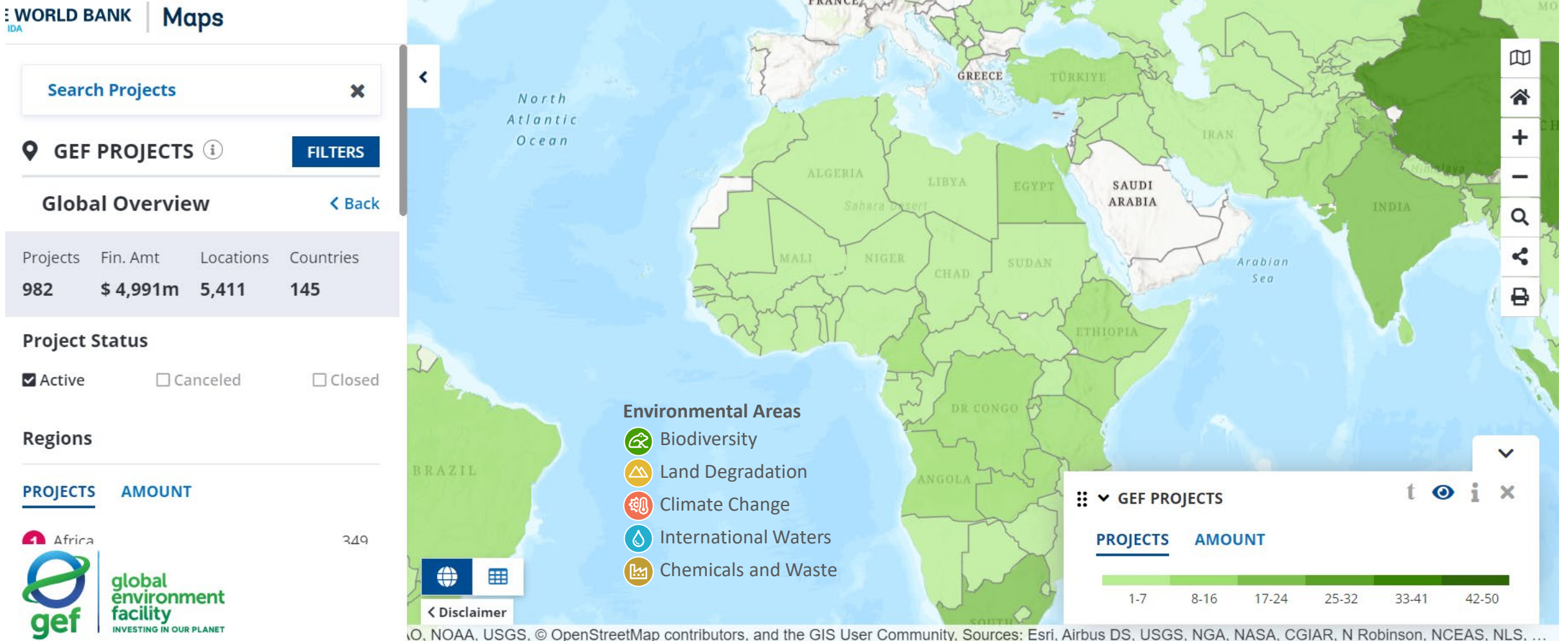
REDUCE CHEMICALS & WASTE

4.5 thousand tons of chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced

That's the equivalent of **20** statues of liberty

Visualizing Results on the GEF Geospatial Platform

Mapping 10,000 locations of 1500 projects



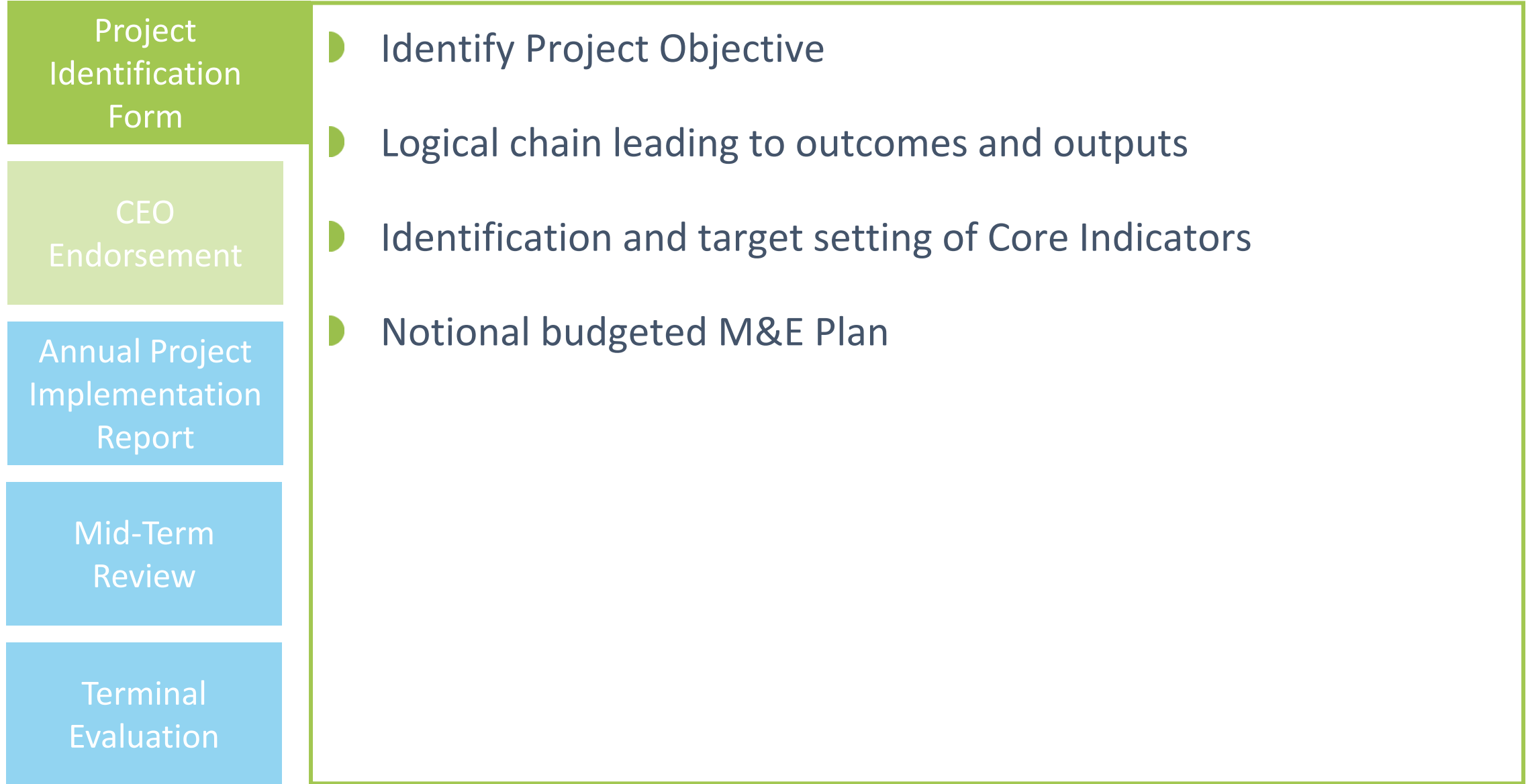
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What is monitoring?

- ▶ Starts at the project design stage
- ▶ Standardized data collection and analysis on specific indicators
- ▶ Continuous and systematic in-house function
- ▶ Provides information on progress in the achievement of agreed objectives and the use of allocated resources
- ▶ System, structure and processes

The monitoring policy tracks implementation progress



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Project
Identification
Form

CEO
Endorsement

Annual Project
Implementation
Report

Mid-Term
Review

Terminal
Evaluation

- ▶ Full results framework assessing the logical achievement of project objective, with outcomes and outputs
 - ▶ Indicators include baselines and targets
- ▶ Final Core Indicator targets informed by preparation
- ▶ Full M&E Plan
 - ▶ Plan to collect data: source, methodology, frequency, resp. entity
 - ▶ Timeline of activities (MTRs, TEs)
 - ▶ Budget

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Update on key progress indicators:

- ▶ Project status
- ▶ Disbursement
- ▶ Ratings—Implementation Progress, Development Outcome and Risk
- ▶ Expected MTR and Terminal Evaluation dates
- ▶ Indicators include baselines and targets

Qualitative update

- ▶ Project implementation progress and challenges
- ▶ Gender plan, Stakeholders engagement and Knowledge activities

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- ▶ Full MTR report
- ▶ Update on key progress indicators:
 - ▶ Actual core indicators results achieved
 - ▶ Progress in materializing co-financing
- ▶ Qualitative update
 - ▶ Project implementation progress and challenges
 - ▶ Gender plan, Stakeholders engagement and Knowledge activities
 - ▶ Lessons learned

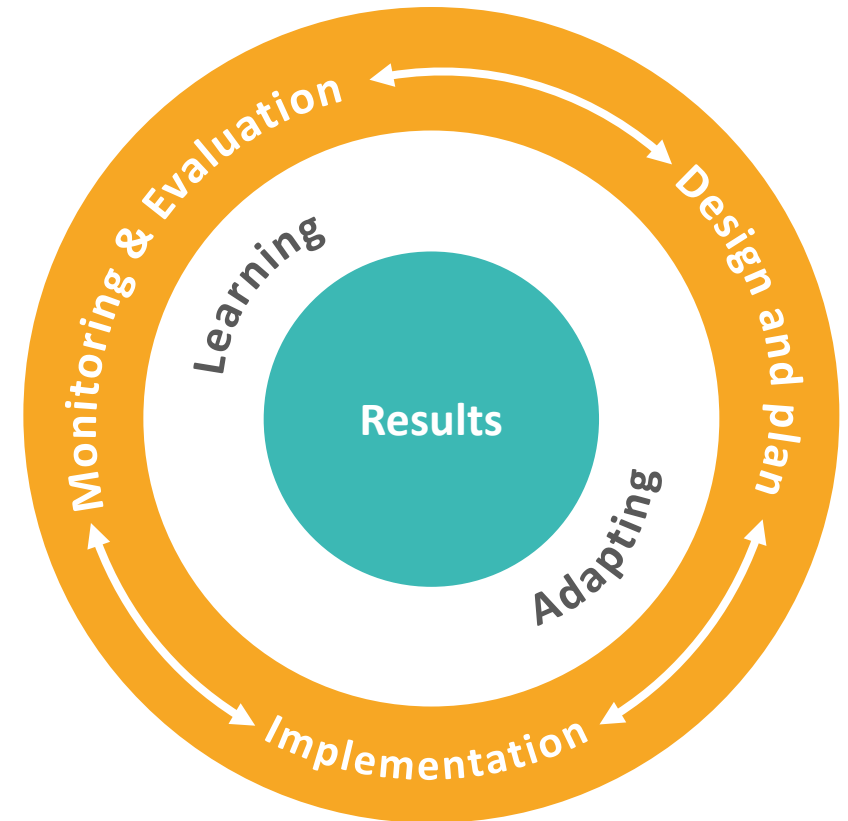
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Strengthening M&E quality, Promoting adaptation

Designing sound M&E frameworks and promoting adaptation

- ▶ Continue promote the use of theories of change to enhance learning and evaluability
- ▶ Design Impact Program M&E plan to facilitate aggregation across projects
- ▶ Better track adaptation during implementation
- ▶ Encourage the use of Mid-Terms Reviews for learning and solving implementation problems





THANK YOU



Expanded Constituency Workshop
March 2023

**Pathways to an
equitable,
nature-positive,
carbon neutral and
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beyond COVID-19**

**GEF-8 PROGRAMMING
OVERVIEW**



PRESENTATION AGENDA

Context for GEF-8

**GEF-8 strategy and
programming directions**

Integrated Programs

Focal Areas

Q and A

GLOBAL RESPONSES AND COMMITMENTS

to seek bold results by
2030 and beyond

Commitments by countries representing ~88% of the world's emissions to achieve **carbon neutrality** by 2050

Sustainably manage 100% of the **ocean** area under national jurisdiction by 2025

Commitment to prevent, halt and reverse the **degradation of ecosystems** - 350 million hectares of degraded landscapes into restoration

High ambition coalition commitment to bring 30% of **land and oceans** under protection

Phase out **POPs** controlled by the Stockholm Convention with time bound phase out dates during the period 2025 – 2036

Develop the Task Force on Nature-related **Financial Disclosures**

Phase out of **mercury** in products and industrial process by 2025



Calls for a GEF-8 Strategy that is

*systemic and
transformational and
responds to urgency
of raising ambition*

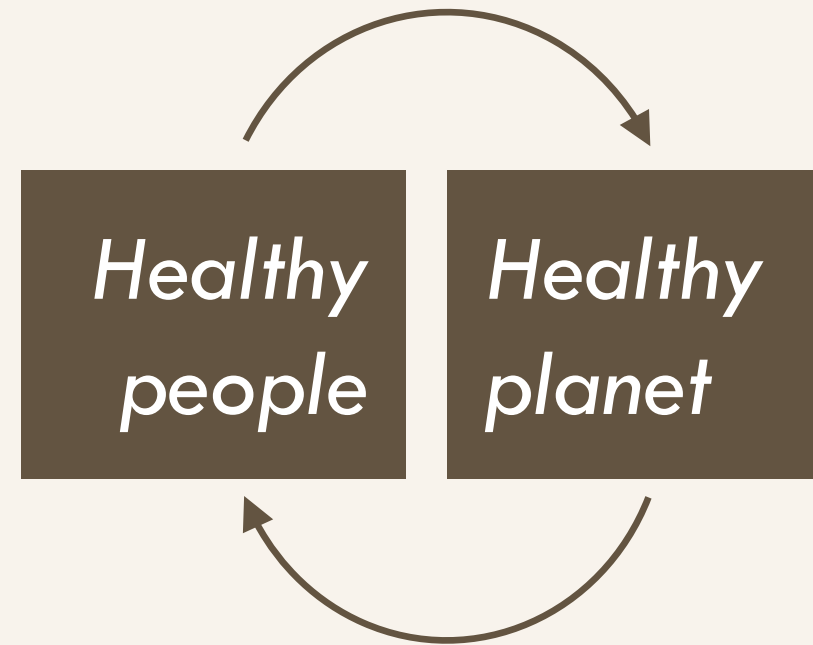


A longer-term vision for the GEF

To halt nature loss and ensure that the world is nature-positive by 2030 and carbon neutral and pollution-free by 2050



GEF-8 embracing a post-COVID-19 framework



...protecting nature and restoring health of the environment that can and needs to underpin the health and well-being of human societies.

GEF-8 FOCUS ON INTEGRATION FOR IMPACT AND SCALE

Pathway to Transformative Change for Blue and Green Recovery

Country projects and portfolios should focus on maximizing these characteristics:

Integration of actions across sectors, focal areas, or drivers

Address drivers of environmental degradation at global or regional scales;

Avoid leakage and promote policy coherence

Work across scales and sectors

Transformative Investments

Promote greater private sector engagement;

Innovate and take measured risk for higher return

Ensure Durable Outcomes

Design for resilience in the face of uncertainty

Build Institutional and financing to sustain impact

GEF-8: HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE

Unified action towards 2030 Goals and Commitments

FOCAL AREAS

Biodiversity

Climate change mitigation

Land degradation

International waters

Chemicals and waste

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

Food Systems

Ecosystem Restoration

Sustainable Cities

Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes

Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution

Blue and Green Islands

Clean and Healthy Ocean

Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development

Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator

Wildlife Conservation for Development

Elimination of Harmful Chemicals from Supply Chains

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

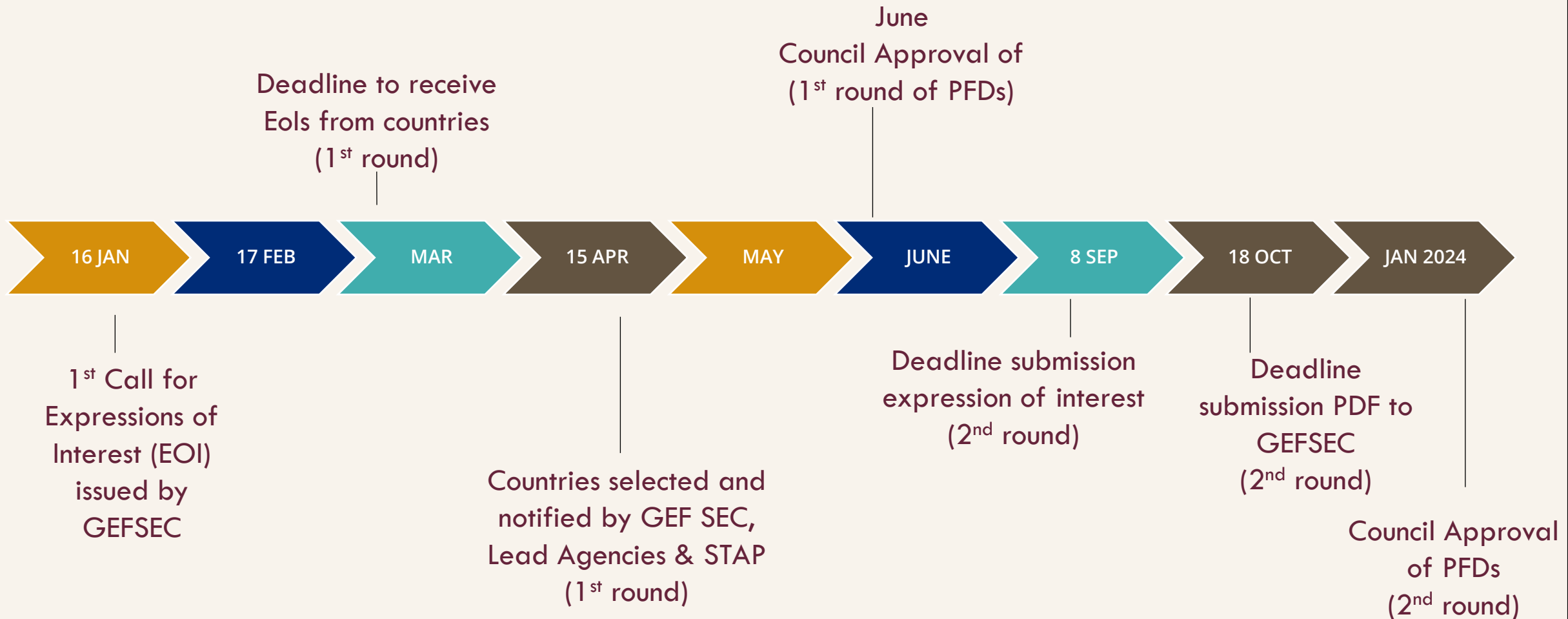
Mobilizing the Financial Sector for Environmental Goals through Blended Finance

Community Action for Global Transformation - Small Grants Program and Beyond

CROSS-CUTTING

Circular economy • Nature-based solutions • Gender responsiveness • Resilience • Private sector engagement

INTEGRATED PROGRAM PROCESS





FOCAL AREAS

Sri Lanka

GEF-8

BIODIVERSITY

GOAL

Globally significant biodiversity conserved, sustainably used, and restored.

New since December 2022: Global Biodiversity Framework

Major objectives

To improve conservation, sustainable use and restoration of natural ecosystems.

To effectively implement the Cartagena and Nagoya protocols.

To increase mobilization of domestic resources for biodiversity.

Major contributions to GEBs and MEAs

Comprehensive implementation support for the Global Biodiversity Framework

Integrated landscape/seascape management.

Domestic resource mobilization.



LAND DEGRADATION

GOAL

To avoid, reduce, and reverse land degradation, desertification and mitigate the effects of drought.

Major objectives

Sustainable land management.
Landscape restoration.
Address Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought (DLDD), particularly in drylands.
Improve the enabling policy and institutional framework for LDN.

Major contributions to GEBs and MEAs

Specific objective on addressing DLDD issues.
Increased emphasis on land-based interventions for drought mitigation.



INTERNATIONAL WATERS

Non-STAR =
additional money for
countries



GOAL

Supporting nations in transboundary cooperation in shared marine and freshwater ecosystems through 3 step process:

- *Assess ecological & socioeconomic conditions*
- *Agree on a regional strategic action program (SAP)*
- *Implement the SAP*

Major objectives

Support **Large Marine Ecosystems** to accelerate Blue Economic Development.

Advance management in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (**ABNJ**).

Enhance water security in **freshwater** ecosystems.

Major contributions to GEBs and MEAs

GEBs:

New or improved marine protected areas (**MPAs**)

More sustainable **fisheries** and aquaculture

Reduced **pollution**, including from wastewater, agricultural run-off and plastics

Strengthened **collaboration** among countries with shared water body

CLIMATE CHANGE

GOAL

Support developing countries to make transformational shifts towards net-zero GHG emissions and climate-resilient development pathways.

Major objectives

- 1. Innovation, technology transfer, and enabling policies** for mitigation options with systemic impacts.
 - 1.1. Accelerate the efficient use of energy and materials.*
 - 1.2. Enable the transition to decarbonized power systems.*
 - 1.3. Scale up zero-emission mobility of people and goods.*
 - 1.4. Promote Nature-based Solutions with high mitigation potential.*

- 2. Enabling conditions to mainstream mitigation concerns** into sustainable development strategies.
 - 2.1. Support capacity-building needs for transparency under the Paris Agreement through the CBIT.*
 - 2.2. Support relevant Convention obligations and enabling activities.*

CHEMICALS AND WASTE

GOAL

Prevent pollution from harmful chemicals and waste particularly POPs and Mercury.

Major objectives

Policy reform to cleaner chemistry and eliminate existing waste.

Preventing a future build up of harmful chemicals and waste in the environment.

Eliminating harmful chemicals and waste in current waste streams and that are stockpiled in existing infrastructure and processes.

Major contributions to GEBs and MEAs

Focus on gaps preventing sound management and to prevent a future buildup of chemicals in the environment

Harmonized approaches across jurisdictions to allow transparency in supply chains





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GEF-8 OVERVIEW



EVALUATION IN THE GEF

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Overview

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Evaluation in the GEF

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Evaluation Policy and Minimum Requirements

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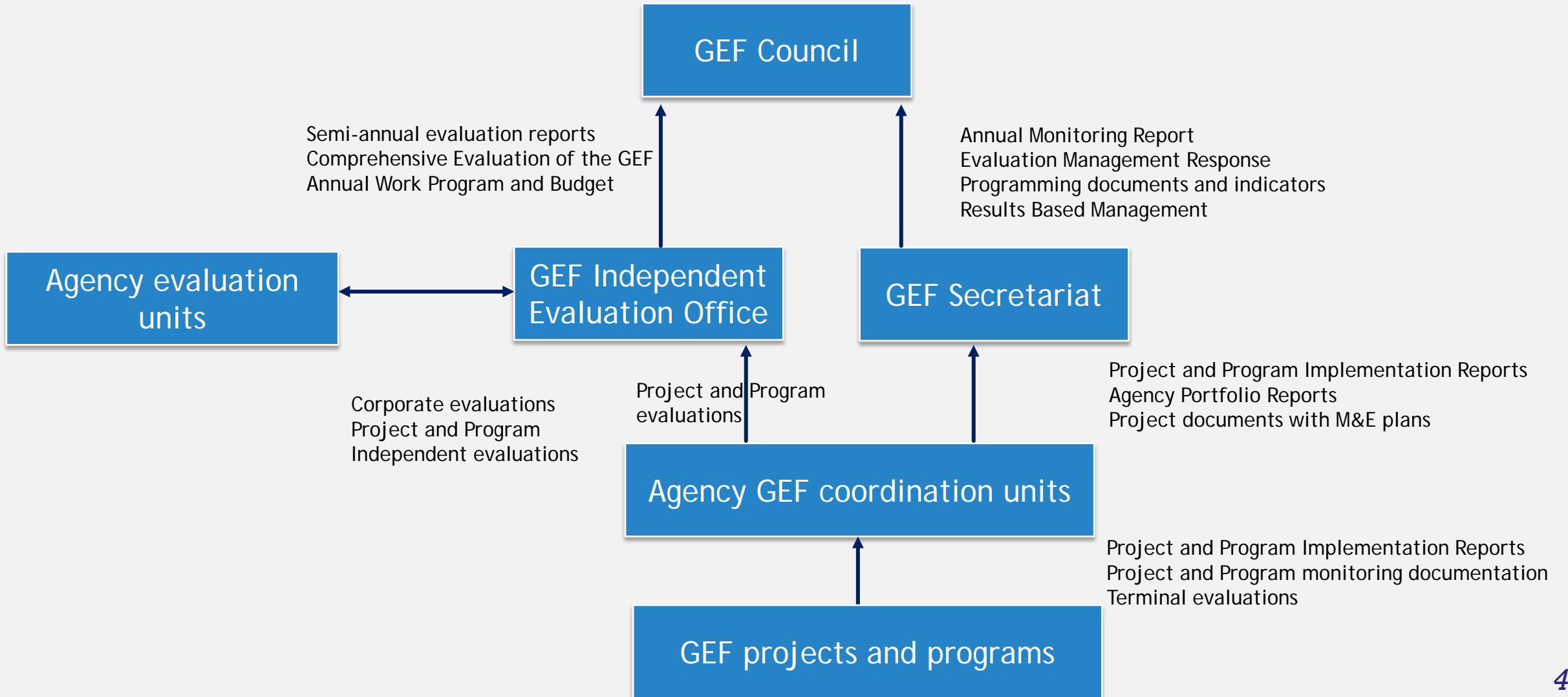
IEO data and evaluations

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Priorities


Evaluation in the GEF

Evaluation in the GEF



GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO)

Brief history



1996 — Initially established as an M&E unit within the GEF Secretariat

2003 — The M&E unit was made autonomous of the GEF Secretariat

2005 — The unit was renamed as GEF Evaluation Office

2013 — The office was renamed as GEF Independent Evaluation Office

GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO)

Mission

Enhance global environmental benefits through excellence, independence, and partnership in monitoring and evaluation.

Principles

Impartiality
Professionalism
Transparency

Functions

Independent evaluation
Setting of minimum standards
(normative)
Quality control (oversight)
Sharing evaluative knowledge



Independent
Evaluation Office
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

Evaluation Policy



The GEF Evaluation Policy

- ✓ Defines the concepts, roles, types, use and follow up of evaluation within the GEF
- ✓ Defines the institutional framework and responsibilities
- ✓ Indicates the minimum requirements covering:
 - design of evaluation plans
 - application of evaluation plans
 - project and program evaluations
 - engagement of operational focal points in evaluations

Types of Evaluations

Project Evaluations	Program Evaluations	Country Cluster Evaluations
Impact Evaluations	Cross-cutting and thematic evaluations	Process and performance evaluations
Ad-hoc Reviews	Comprehensive Evaluations of the GEF (OPS)	

Different TORs, scopes, frequency, audiences, methodologies, lead

Minimum Requirement 1

Design of M&E Plans

Concrete and fully budgeted M&E plan by CEO endorsement for FSP/
CEO approval for MSP/ by PFD approval for programs.

M&E Plan should include:

- SMART indicators
- Program or project baseline data
- Implementation reports, midterm reviews, terminal evaluations
- Organizational set up and budget for M&E

Minimum Requirement 2

Implementation of M&E Plans

Project/program monitoring and supervision will include execution of M&E plan:

- Use of SMART indicators for process and implementation
- Use of SMART indicators for results
- Baseline is fully established, data are compiled to review progress, evaluations are undertaken as planned
- Organizational set up for M&E is operational, its budget is spent as planned

Minimum Requirement 3

Project/Program Evaluations:

All FSP/MSP projects and all programs will be evaluated at the end of implementation

Evaluations should:

- Be independent of project/program management or reviewed by GEF Agency evaluation unit
- Apply international evaluation standards and minimum requirements of this Policy
- Assess, as a minimum, outputs and outcomes, likelihood of sustainability, compliance with Minimum Requirements 1 & 2
- Contain basic project/program data; lessons for broader applicability
- Should be sent to GEF IEO within 12 months of completion of project/program

Terminal Evaluation

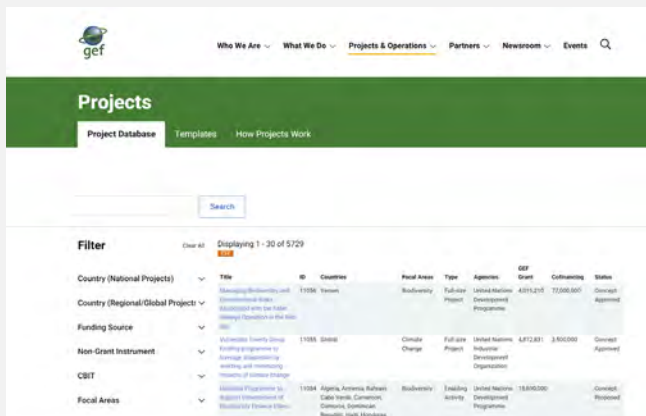
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<https://www.gefio.org/evaluations/gef-guidelines-te-fsp-2017>

Guidelines for Program Evaluation:

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Minimum Requirement 4

Engagement of operational focal points

- ❑ M&E plans will specify how OFPs will be engaged
- ❑ GEF Agencies will inform OFPs on M&E activities
- ❑ OFPs will be informed on midterm reviews, terminal evaluations, receiving drafts for comments and final reports
- ❑ OFPs will be invited to contribute to the management response (where applicable)
- ❑ GEF Agencies will keep track application of this requirement in their GEF-financed projects and programs

Follow up to Evaluations

A management response is required for all evaluations and performance reports presented to the GEF Council by the GEF IEO. It is coordinated by GEF SEC with inputs from other GEF stakeholders.

GEF Council takes into consideration the evaluation findings and the recommendations as well as the management response and action plans in the decision.

GEF IEO reports on the progress of actions towards implementation of the decision annually (Management Action Record)

IEO DATA and EVALUATIONS



Data by Country and other resources on the IEO website

www.gefio.org/data-ratings



Disclaimer: Country borders or names do not necessarily reflect the GEF IEO official position. This map is for illustrative purposes and does not imply the expression of any opinion on the part of the GEF IEO, concerning the legal status of any country or territory or concerning the delimitation of frontiers or boundaries.

80% Satisfactory Outcome Rating
(n= 292)

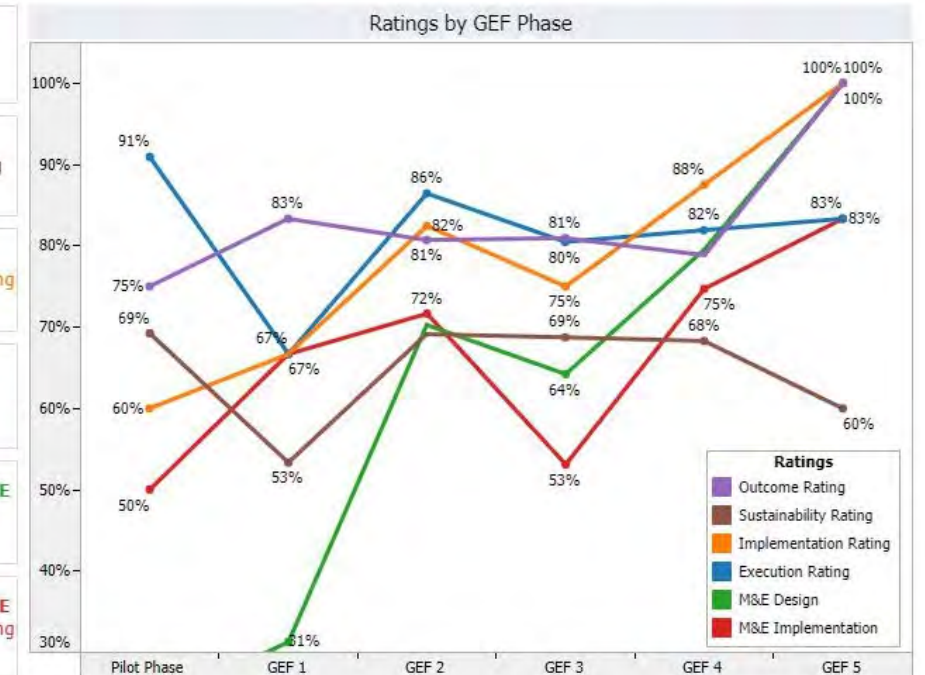
68% Satisfactory Sustainability Rating
(n= 276)

80% Satisfactory Implementation Rating
(n= 241)

82% Satisfactory Execution Rating
(n= 250)

67% Satisfactory M&E Design Rating
(n= 272)

66% Satisfactory M&E Implementation Rating
(n= 172)

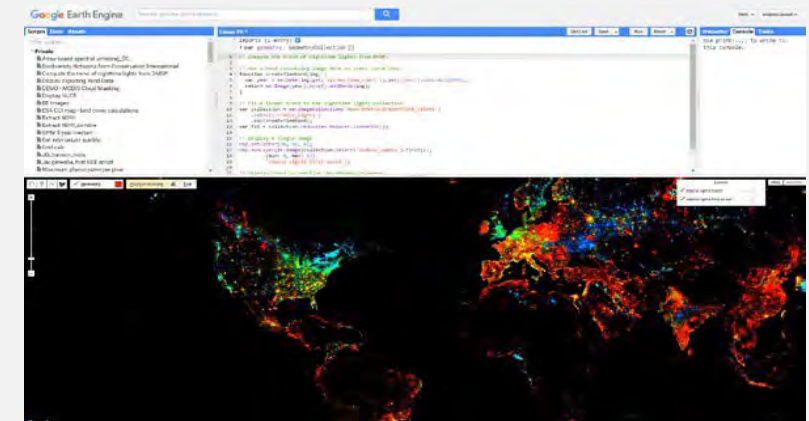
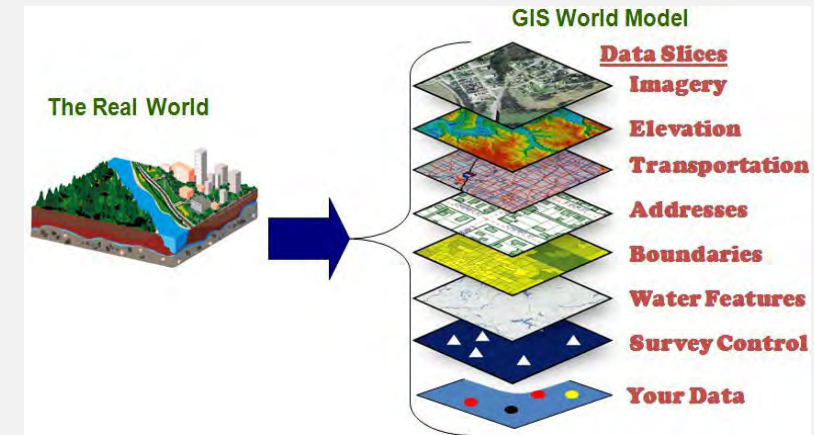


Evaluations undertaken by IEO

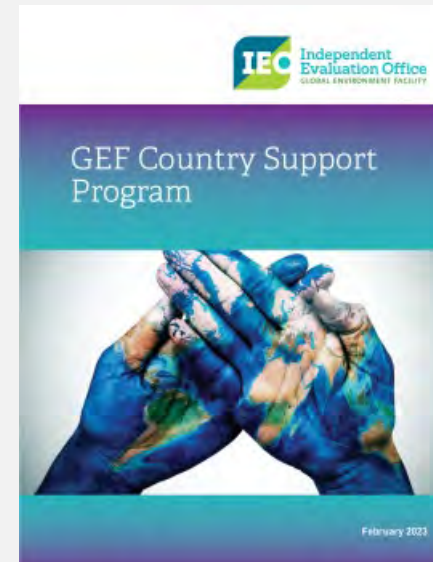
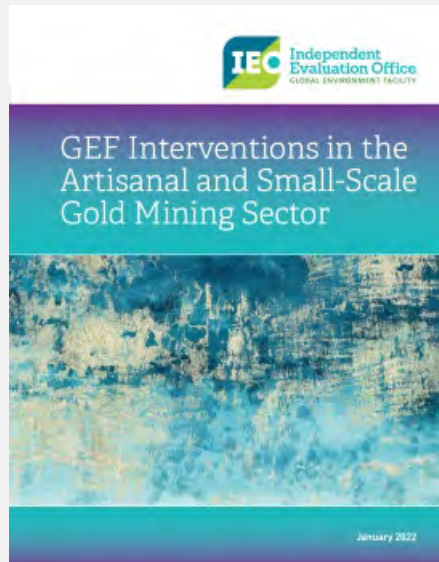
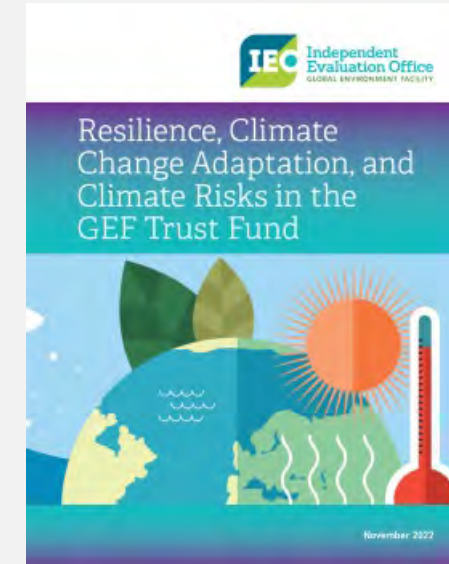
- ✓ Impact, thematic, performance, country/country cluster, formative, process
- ✓ Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF every 4 years

Methods

- ✓ Qualitative through portfolio reviews, case studies
- ✓ Quantitative including GIS, Remote Sensing, Big Data Analytics



Recent evaluations



**Proposed Work Program
for GEF-8 period**

FY23

- COVID-19
- Water Security
- Annual Performance Report 2023
- Report GEF IEO MAR
- Community-focused approaches
- Climate warning and information systems
- Climate Change Mitigation
- Behavioral Change
- Evaluation of policy influence interventions
- LDCF/SCCF: Annual Evaluation Report 2023
- Updated Guidance Document: Evaluation in the LDCF/SCCF

FY24

- Socio Economic Co Benefits
- SCCE on Drylands
- Sustainable Cities program
- Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade
- Integrated interventions in SIDS
- LDCF/SCCF: 2024 LDCF program evaluation
- Learning from Challenges
- Project efficiency in GEF interventions
- The Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)
- GEF Support to Nature Based Solutions (NbS)
- LDCF/SCCF: Annual Evaluation Report 2024

FY25

- Country Engagement Strategy
- Small Grants Program
- Food Security & Commodities IAP
- Annual Performance Report 2024
- Implementation of the Private sector Strategy
- Focal area assessment
- Formative Evaluation of the GEF-7 and GEF-8 Impact Programs
- Governance of the GEF
- Eighth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (2022-2025)
- Final report to council (FY 2026)
- GEF Results Based Management
- Implementation of GEF Policies
- Knowledge Management in the GEF
- LDCF/SCCF AER2025

Knowledge Management



Books Published

- ✓ *Transformational Change for People and the Planet* (GEF IEO Director and Deputy Director. Springer)
- ✓ *Environmental Evaluation and Global Development Institutions: A Case Study of the Global Environment Facility* (Geeta Batra, Juha Uitto, Osvaldo Feinstein. Taylor & Francis Group)
- ✓ *Dissemination of OPS7-Exec summaries in English, French, Spanish.*



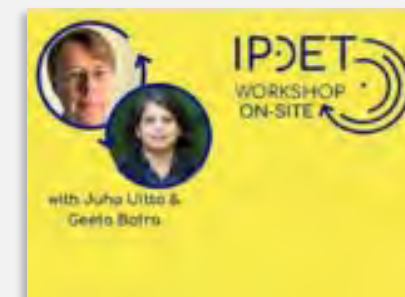
Conferences, events and networks

- ✓ International Conference on Evaluating Environment and Development (October 18-19, 2023)
- ✓ Expanded Constituency Workshops
- ✓ Environmental Dimensions of Sustainable Development (United Nations Evaluation Group)



Training

- ✓ Training module on evaluation at the nexus of the environment and development for the International Program for Development Evaluation Training
- ✓ Online training on environmental evaluation

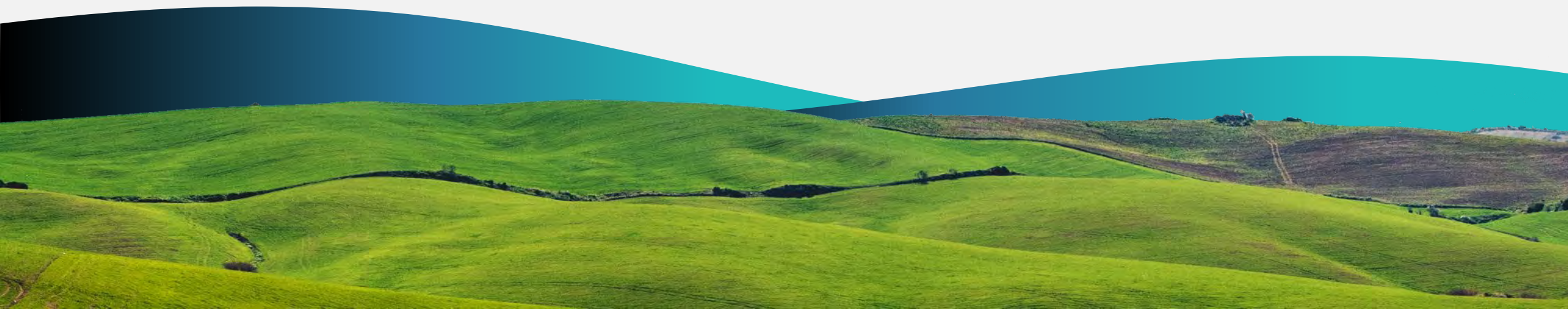




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GEF-8
Blended Finance
Program
(Non-Grant
Instrument)

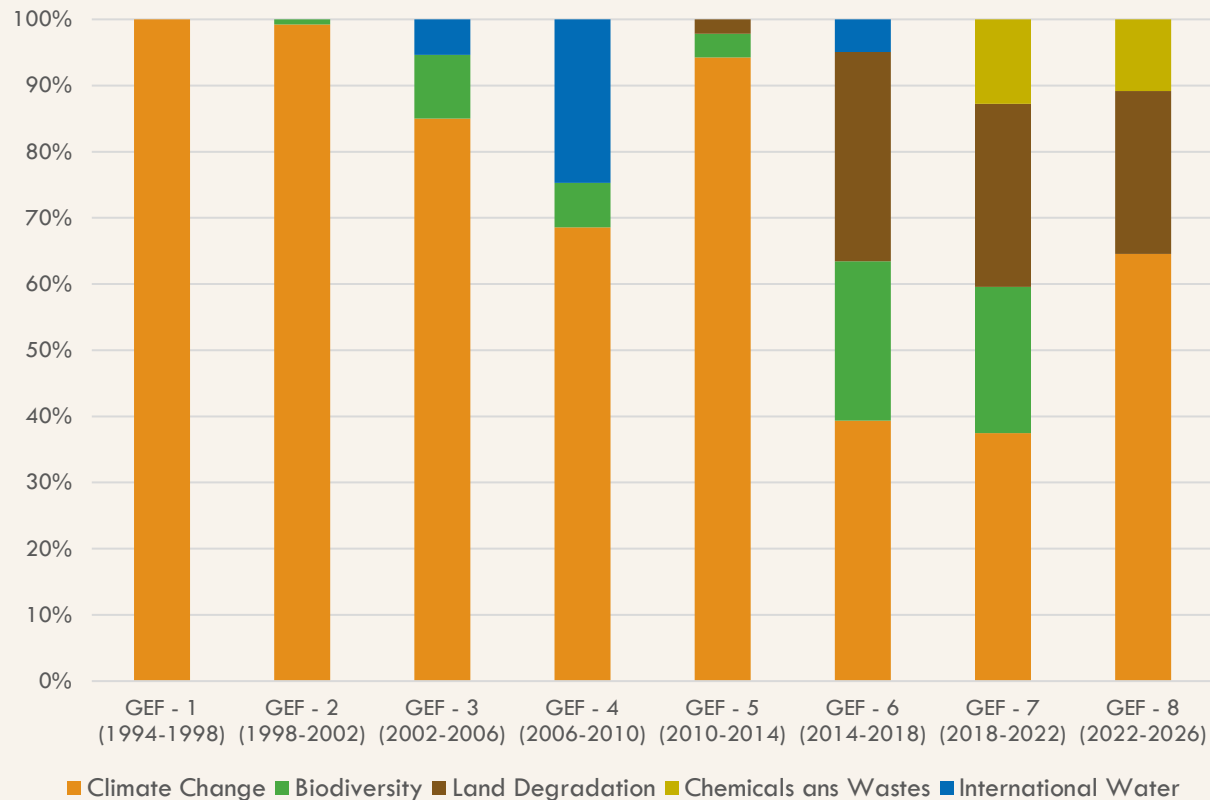
Blended Finance Global Program (Non-Grant Instrument)

Goal

Mobilize private sector investment in projects with high potential to generate GEBs

Definition

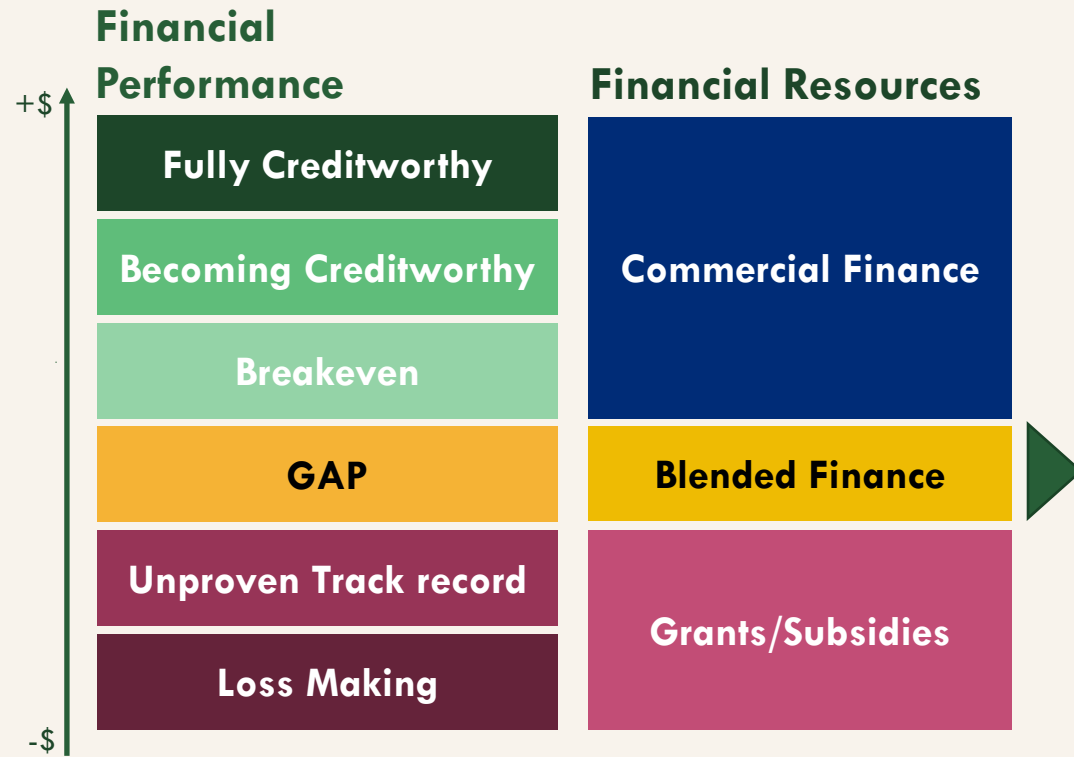
Investment has potential for generating reflows



- **GEF has been a leader in Blended finance since its inception.** Initially focusing on climate change mitigation but lately moving to “**frontier**” areas including biodiversity **where private sector investment is scarcer.**
- In GEF-7, the blended finance initiative had allocation of USD 136 million and **USD 122.6 million awarded** for 10 projects with co-financing ratio of 20:1
- In GEF-8, the allocation is **USD 196 million**, the first call for proposals granted **USD 51.57 million (26.31%)** to four projects.
- **There is high demand for blended finance.** GEF agencies propose investments to access more than four times available funding; selection is highly competitive in GEF-7.

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*.



Rabobank



Private Capital

Market-rate

Mobilizing

Development Funding

(Public & philanthropic funders)

Concessional

Blended Finance Structure



European Bank
for Reconstruction and Development



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 concessionally priced 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

Grant →	Debt
	Equity

Use of Non-Grant Instruments: 2 entry points



	GOAL	FEATURES	PROJECTS
<p>“BLENDED FINANCE PROGRAM” (NGI SET-ASIDE)</p>	<p>Mobilize private sector investment</p>	<p>Investment has potential for generating reflows back to the GEFTF</p> <p>Separate Call for Proposals (CfP) and rules for selection of projects</p>	<p>NGI window GEF-7 supported projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>GEFID 10328 Circular Economy Regional Initiative (EBRD)</i> • <i>GEFID 10330 Wildlife Conservation Bond (WB)</i>
<p>STAR OR IW/CW ALLOCATION</p>	<p>Mobilize public/private sector investment</p>	<p>Investment reflows stay in the country</p> <p>Selection and allocation depend on Country priorities.</p>	<p>GEF-5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>GEFID 4918 Partial Risk Sharing Facility for Energy Efficiency (INDIA, WB) US\$ 12 M 1st Loss Guarantee</i>

GEF-8 Blended Finance Program

Blended finance priorities follow GEF-8 Strategic Program Directions while aiming for more innovation, speed, and transparency

Priorities

- Innovation and flexibility of financial instruments
- Access to NGI by SIDS, LDCs, and MSMEs
- Speed up investments and scalability
 - Competitive process
- Right balance between risk and return
 - Strengthen reflow reporting

Process Improvements for the Program

- Adding new financial instruments
 - Add technical assistance
- Encourage Multi Trust Fund Projects
- Enhancing partnerships with MDBs
 - Enhancing transparency and competition
- Clarification on Agency Eligibility
- Guidelines on reflow reporting

NGI Policy Update

Last policy update was 2014 for launch of GEF-6 program

The policy update builds on lessons learned and promotes continuous innovation

Agency Eligibility

Financial Terms

New financial instruments

Reflow Reporting



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)

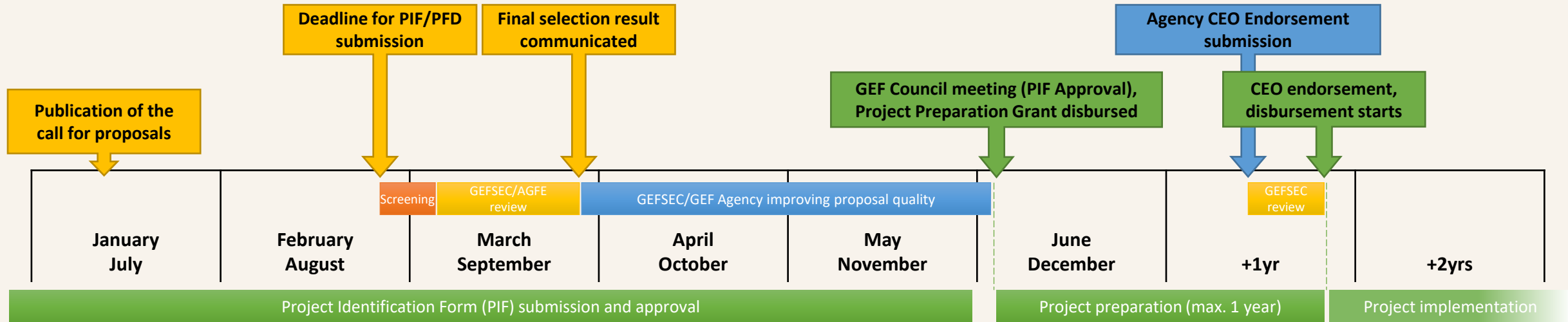
Maximum maturity

< 20 years

Currency

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

Selection process and timeline



Deadlines for the **2nd Call for Proposals under the GEF-8 Blended Finance Program**

- **July 27, 2023** Publication of the 2nd call for proposals of GEF-8
- **September 18, 2023** Deadline for PIFs/PFDs to be received by the GEF Secretariat under the call for proposals
- **October 18, 2023** Receipt deadline for finalized PIFs/PFDs to be eligible for the December Work Program
- **Early 2024** GEF 66th Council consideration of the Proposed Work Program

Eligibility Criteria



**Alignment with GEF-8
Programming Directions**

**Compliance with GEF Agency
eligibility requirements**

Geography

Modalities

**Capacity to report
reflows**

Selection Criteria



Scalability

**Appropriate and
enhanced
co-financing ratio**

**Financial
innovation**

**High financial
additionality**

**Capacity to
generate reflows**

**Innovative use of
proceeds**

**Global Environmental
Benefits**

Wildlife Conservation Bond (GEF-7, 10330)

Project summary

The five-year rhino bond, which raised \$150 million in its March 23, 2022 issuance, has changed this story. It is a combination of existing financial products – a bond with an excellent credit rating (AAA for World Bank issued bonds), paired with a performance-based grant funded by the GEF which results in a new financial structure that can successfully harness investment from capital markets to directly support endangered species conservation. Two South African Parks will receive TA for protection of Black Rhinos.

Country (South Africa)/ Biodiversity/ SDG 15

Financial terms

- Investment type for the GEF: Reimbursable Grant
- Amount of investment: USD 15M*
- Coupon: The bonds will be redeemed on the maturity date as par plus a Conservation Success Payment. The higher the rhino growth rate, the higher the success payment.
- Maturity: 5 years
- Reflow: Reflow will vary between 0 and 13.76 million (net of fees) based on rhino growth rate

Global Environmental Benefits*

Indicator 1

Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management for conservation and sustainable use

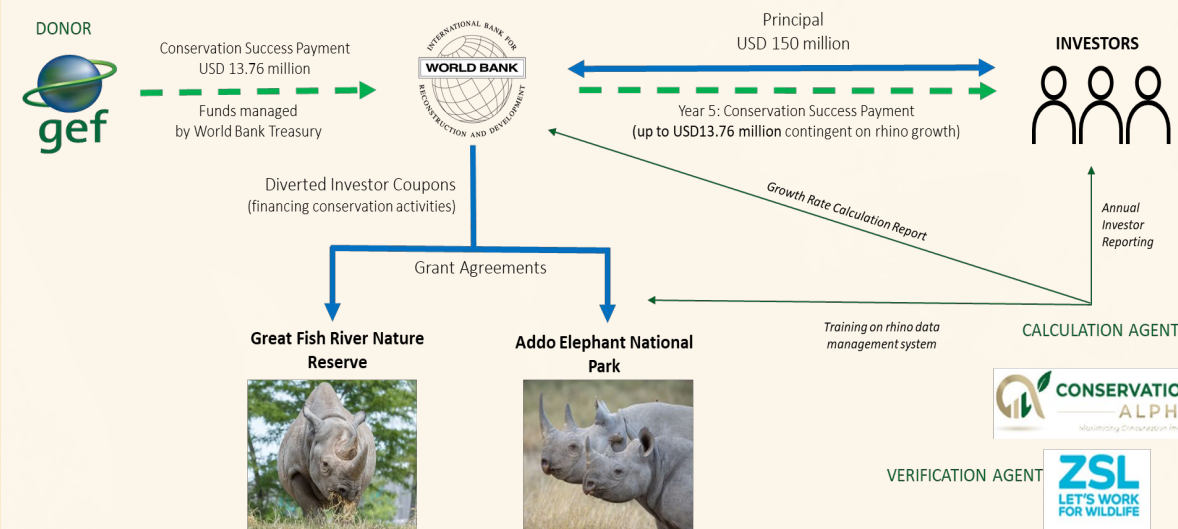
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Indicator 11

Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment

1,684 male
620 female

Financial structure



* Including GEF Agency fee, Project Preparation Grant (PPG) and PPG Agency fee

IFC hotel revitalization project (GEF-7, 10766)

Project summary

HGRP is a global platform approach to provide risk mitigation on a portfolio of up to US \$800 mm equivalent to local banks to support the hotel industry “build back greener”. Necessary upgrades for SME hotels present a unique opportunity to pair a counter-cyclical COVID response solution with build-back-better sustainable, green retrofit solutions. Improvements vital for business economic survival in a post-COVID era, such as improved ventilation and contactless entry, overlap with those that would also enhance energy efficiency, lower operational costs and reduce carbon emissions. In many cases, these COVID-driven upgrades and green retrofits can be done simultaneously.

The Program is expected to cover up to 760 SME hotels through 60 FIs over 20 emerging markets.

Global/ Climate Change / SDG 7, 9, 11

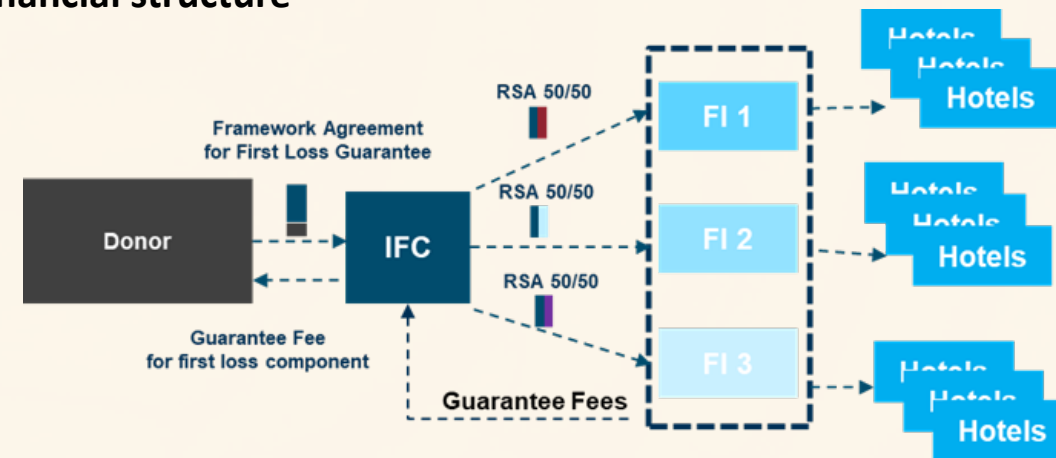
Financial terms**

- Investment type: **GEF First loss guarantee** to all losses incurred by IFC under its Risk Sharing Facility in the non-IDA country lending portfolio only of the RSF. GEF guarantee will be called as follows: initial loss is shared 50:50 pro-rata and pari-passu between the local FI and the IFC. GEF guarantee is first loss of the IFC share.
- Amount of investment: USD 10M*, co-financing: USD 802.5 M
- Maturity: 12 years (3yrs investment period, 3yrs ramp up, 5+2yrs portfolio loans, 1yr cleaning up)

Global Environmental Benefits**

Indicator 6	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigated	1,776,640 tCO ₂ e
Indicator 11	Number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender as co-benefit of GEF investment	11,400

Financial structure



* Including GEF Agency fee, Project Preparation Grant (PPG) and PPG Agency fee

**Information based on the PIF approved by the GEF Council, financial terms, structure and expected GEBs might change during project preparation for final endorsement by the GEF CEO.

PPP-EBRD South Eastern Mediterranean EE/ ESCO Markets Platform (GEF-5, GEFID 5143)

Project summary

The project is part of GEF-5 Public Private Partnership Programs. The program's overarching objective is to catalyze the creation of market for private sector sustainable energy in renewable energy and energy efficiency across the Southern Mediterranean and Middle East Region.

The GEF Funding forms a critical part of the program and wider energy investment work, unlocking critical investments in sustainable energy in low penetration renewable energy markets through mitigating particularly high risks and providing longer tenors than those available in local financing tools as well as funding in USD. EBRD work combines policy dialogue (financed through other sources) with investment finance to create the conditions for scaling up the renewable energy markets. The program proposes an integrated approach to private sector sustainable energy financing that addresses current risks and market barriers.

Regional (Europe and Central Asia)/ Climate Change / SDG 7, 8, 13

Financial terms

- Investment type: Loan
- Amount of investment: USD 16.2M*, co-financing: USD 150M
- IRR: At or above LIBOR, depending on the financial instrument, the project risk and the currency of the investment
- Currency: GEF may be used for finance currency hedging to address the market barriers
- Maturity: 20 years

Global Environmental Benefits

Indicator 6	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigated	1,517,195 tCO ₂ e (direct) 3,371,544 tCO ₂ e (indirect)
	Total Energy Savings	6,896,340 MWh

Eligibility

- New technology being deployed;
- Investing in a new/unproven regulatory environment (Morocco, Tunisia) or a regulatory environment in development (Jordan, Egypt); and
- Protect the client from unexpected negative revisions to regulatory laws.

* Including GEF Agency fee, Project Preparation Grant (PPG) and PPG Agency fee

Green Logistics Program (GEF-6, GEFID 9047)

Project summary

The Green Logistics Program (GLP) aims to facilitate accelerated investments in green logistics in a region that is characterized by inefficient energy use. In doing so, it seeks to address the policy, regulatory, institutional, financial, awareness, capacity and technological barriers that hinder the development of the green logistics sector in the Black Sea and Mediterranean regions. The objective of the program is to contribute to enhanced implementation of green logistics through three interlinking components; 1) investment support and incentive through provision of structured finance; 2) capacity building and 3) technical assistance to support investments in green logistics.

Regional (Europe and Central Asia)/ Climate Change / SDG 7, 8, 13

Financial terms

- Investment type: Loan
- Amount of investment: USD 16.35M*, co-financing: USD 155.25M
- IRR: LIBOR + 0.75
- Funding size: USD 1 - 5 million
- Maturity: 15 years

Eligibility – positive GHG impact of projects

- Logistic terminals/centers
- Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)
- Road fleet modernization
- Port development
- Short sea shipping
- Inland river transport
- Rail rolling stock

Global Environmental Benefits

Indicator 6

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigated

2,600,000 tCO₂e (direct)
6,900,000 tCO₂e (indirect)

* Including GEF Agency fee, Project Preparation Grant (PPG) and PPG Agency fee



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Global Biodiversity Framework Fund

GEF Secretariat



GBF Fund Background

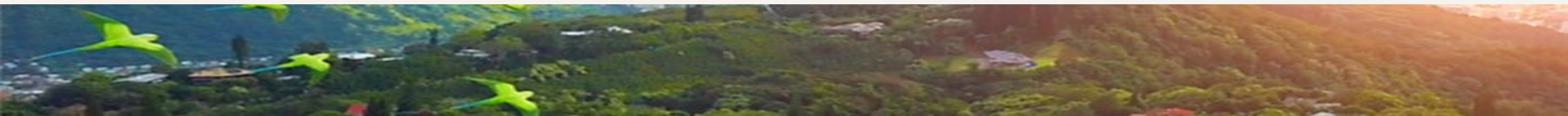
- CBD COP 15 held in Montreal Canada under Chinese COP Presidency, from December 7 to 20, 2022
- Landmark COP to adopt Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)
 - 4 goals, 23 targets
 - Bring about transformation in our societies' relationship with nature
 - To fulfill the shared vision of living in harmony with nature by 2050



Global Biodiversity Framework Trust Fund

- GEF requested to establish, in 2023, and until 2030 unless the COP decides otherwise, **a Special Trust Fund to support GBF implementation**, “...to complement existing support and scale up financing to ensure its timely implementation, taking into account the need for adequacy, predictability, and the timely flow of funds.”
- GEF requested to “...prepare **a decision to be considered by the Council, on the approval of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund**, with its own equitable governing body, to be dedicated exclusively to supporting the implementation of the goals and targets...” of the GBF, and “...to approve these decisions at the **next possible session of the Council** and its ratification at the next possible session of the Assembly in 2023.”
- GEF requested to make arrangements to allow the GBF Fund to **receive financing from all sources in addition to ODA, to design and implement a simple and effective project cycle for easy and efficient access.**

CBD COP decisions 15/7 on resource mobilization and 15/15 on financial mechanism

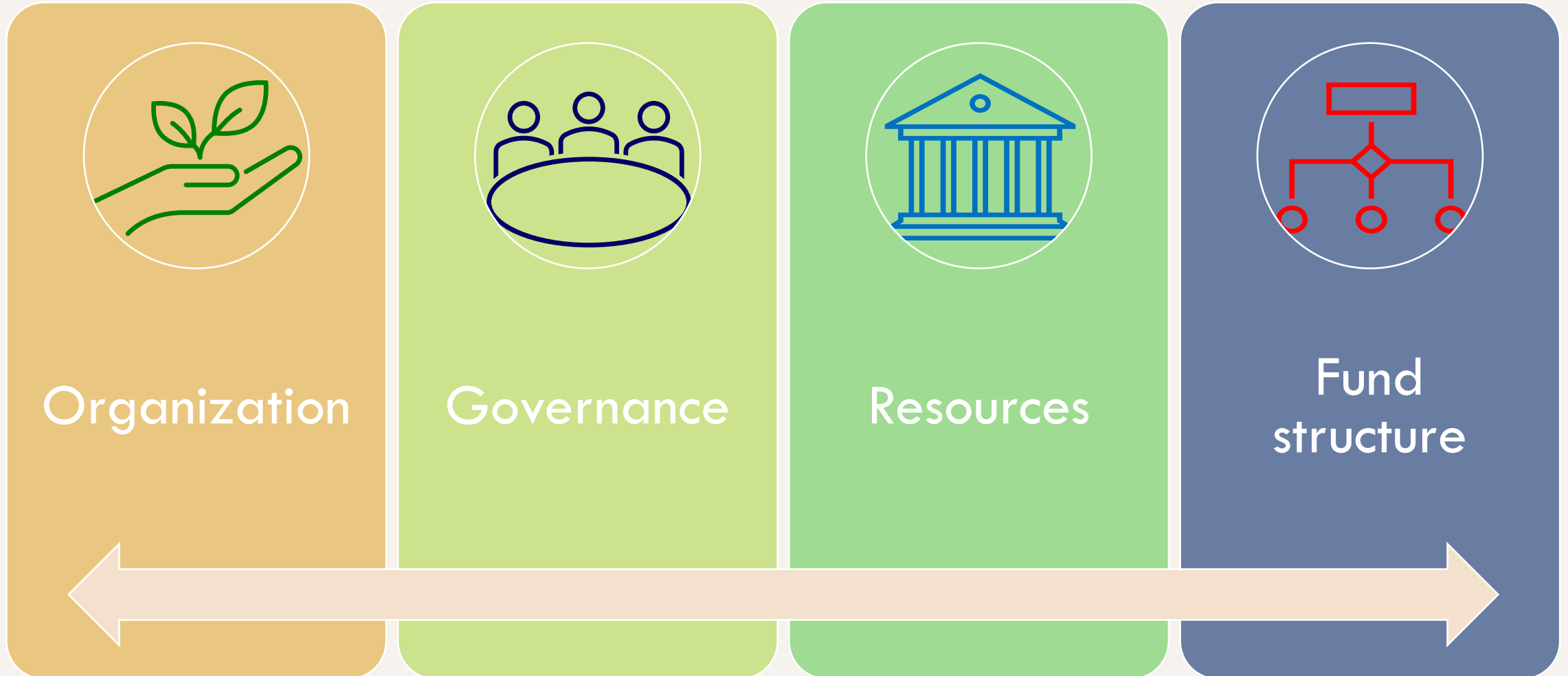


GBF Fund Establishment and Ratification

- GBF Fund Establishment and Programming Directions approved at 64th GEF Council in June 2023
- GBF Fund Ratified at 7th GEF Assembly in August 2023



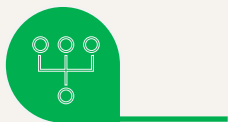
GBF Fund: Key Elements



GBF Trust Fund: Organization



Prioritize timely fund **establishment in 2023**, within GEF family of funds



Use current **GEF Agencies**



Based on GEF policies and practices, with **flexibility to respond to COP decisions**

Governance

Funding sources

Project cycle and access



World Bank as **Trustee**



GBF Trust Fund: Organization as Family of Funds



Trust Fund that serves BBNJ, CBD, CCD, Minamata Convention, Stockholm Convention, UNFCCC

Trust Funds that serve UNFCCC

Trust Funds that serve CBD

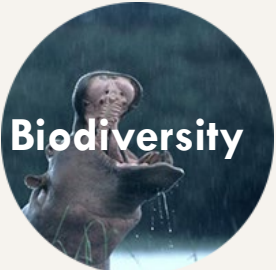
GEF Trust Fund

LDCF

SCCF

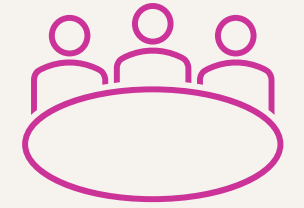
CBIT Trust Fund

NPIF Fund



GBF Fund

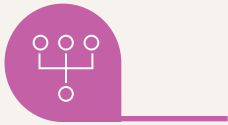
GBF Trust Fund: Governance (1 / 2)



GEF Council to meet as the
Council for the GBF Fund:
GBF Fund Council



Maintain **balanced and equitable representation** of sovereign members, in accordance with the GEF Instrument, with majority developing country members



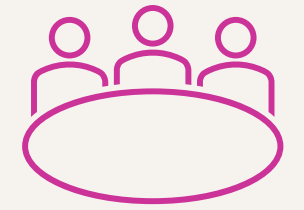
Consensus based decision-making



Double majority formal voting if consensus is not reached



GBF Trust Fund: Governance (2/2)



Advisory group(s) of non-sovereign participants



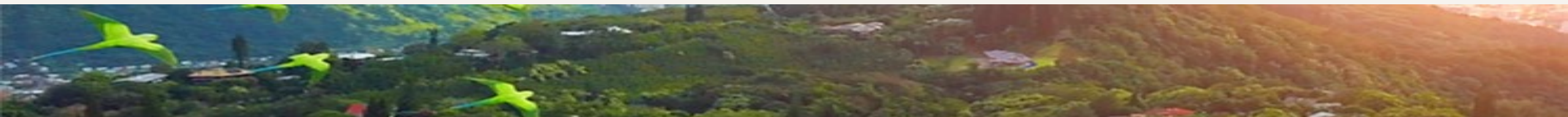
Expanded observers: Private sector; philanthropic and conservation organizations; Indigenous Peoples and local communities; youth group; women



Auxiliary body of developing country fund participants with areas of BD and ecosystem importance



Invited to attend: GEF Agencies, the Trustee, STAP, and MEAs



GBF Trust Fund: Resources



GBF Fund set up to **accept non-sovereign contributions**



Support from all sources envisaged, with **policy and process requirements** for non-sovereign contributions



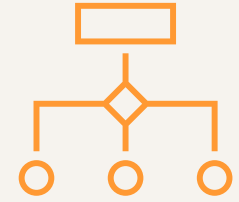
Informed by each country's response to **resource mobilization strategy**



Initial contributions of **\$200 million and at least 3 donors**, confirmed in September 2023



GBF Trust Fund: Fund Structure

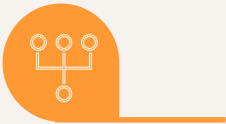


Include the **Program** to support *Programming Directions*



Option to add programs during fund lifetime if such need arises

*Response to COP guidance
As decided by Council*



Aim for **flexible and nimble fund structure**



Establish to 2030, with provisions to accommodate future COP decision



Consultations

CEO Outreach to Council
February 10

1st Council Consultative Meetings
April 19-20

IPAG-CSO Network briefing, GEF Agencies briefing, Private sector consultations, additional consultations and bilaterals

64th Council Meeting
June 26-29

GEF Assembly
August

February 2023

March 2023

April 2023

May 2023

June 2023

July 2023

August 2023-

Council inputs requested by
March 10

MDB/IFI Consultations
April 21

2nd Council consultative meeting
May 24

Constituency meetings
May-June

Fund establishment by Trustee and World Bank
Summer - fall

Joint CBD-GEF Notification to CBD national focal points, ABS focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points
April 10, May 19, June 5



Way Forward



Fund establishment by the World Bank as Trustee



Contribution agreements with donors



1st GBF Fund Council in February 2024, 2nd in June 2024



Reporting to CBD COP 16



GBF Programming Directions: Key Elements



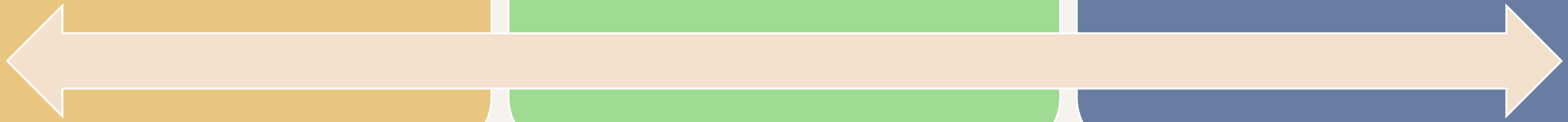
Action Areas



Allocation
of Resources



Ease of
Access



Strategic Complementarity

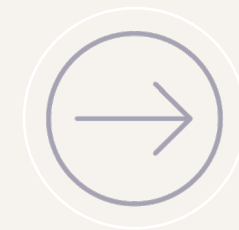


Gaps in support to GBF implementation through GEF-8 programming options were identified and 8 Action Areas for the GBFF were developed based on the following criteria:

- Strong potential to enhance the implementation of the GBF through approaches that are not sufficiently supported by the GEF-8 Programming Directions;
- Significant potential to leverage additional resources from all sources including official development assistance, as well as philanthropies and the private sector;
- Facilitate collaboration with relevant initiatives and coalitions that can help leverage resources for GBF implementation; and
- High potential to generate significant global environmental benefits to maintain alignment with the GEF mandate.



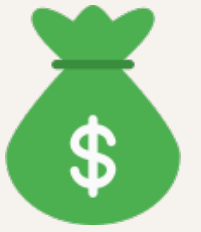
Action Areas



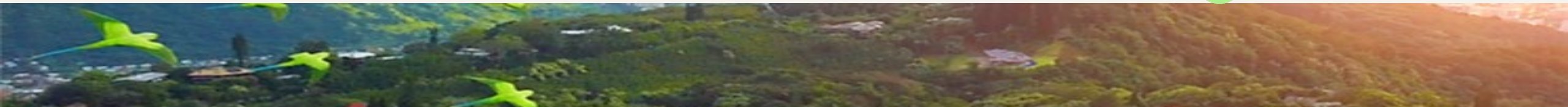
ACTION AREA	DESCRIPTION
1	Biodiversity conservation, restoration, land/sea-use and spatial planning
2	Support to IPLC stewardship and governance of lands, territories, and waters
3	Policy alignment and development
4	Resource mobilization
5	Sustainable use of biodiversity
6	Biodiversity mainstreaming in production sectors
7	Invasive alien species
8	Capacity building and implementation support for the Cartagena and Nagoya protocols



Allocation of Resources



- Differentiated allocation for countries
- GEF-8 BD STAR as basis for differentiation
- Competitive model for access to resources
- Aspirational 20% programming share to Indigenous Peoples at portfolio level by 2030
- 25% programming through MDBs
- Fixed share LDCs and SIDS (36% + 3)
- Structured joint programming with philanthropies



GBF Fund Project Cycle Simplification



- Approval process (One-step)
- Review and implementation
- Project design and templates
- Portal efficiencies and enhancements
- GEF policy requirements





Thank you





September 2023

GEF Communications



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Events

A large background image showing numerous monarch butterflies perched on a branch with yellow flowers. The butterflies are in various positions, some facing forward, some in profile, and some with their wings spread. The background is a soft-focus green and yellow.

New global biodiversity fund launched in Vancouver →

FEATURE STORY

'We don't operate in silos':
connecting action on pollution,
land, biodiversity, and climate
change

FEATURE STORY

'We create change by being in
those rooms'

MULTIMEDIA

The Seventh GEF Assembly: A
[moment of change for the global
environment](#)

Storytelling



Good news from Egypt's oldest national park

FEATURE STORY / November 7, 2022



Photo credit: UNDP Egypt/Flickr

Working hard on conservation can pay off. Over the past decade, Egypt has proven just that. The host country for the COP27 climate summit is widely recognized for its efforts to protect ecosystems in and around its national parks and marine protected areas.

Investing in the environment for Lebanon's future

NEWS / March 2, 2021



Nancy Khoury portrait


Nancy Khoury is an assistant to Lebanon's operational and political focal points to the Global Environment Facility, coordinating the work of a regional constituency also including Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Pakistan, and Yemen. In an interview, she reflected on her country's efforts to ease pressure points on the environment and shared her hopes for her country and the planet.


What are the main environmental issues of concern to Lebanon?

Lebanon is facing several environmental challenges that are creating pressure points.

Media Relations




 **REUTERS**® Countries adopt multibillion-dollar fund to protect nature

 **The Guardian** Developed countries urged to 'step up' contributions to global nature fund

 **新华社** XINHUA NEWS AGENCY New global biodiversity fund launched in Vancouver

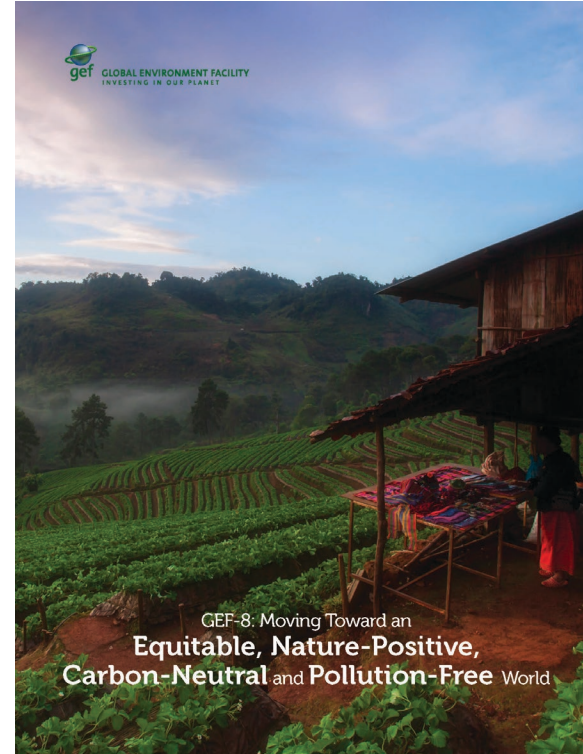
 **POLITICO** Top environmental fund chief calls on countries to defund activities 'destroying' nature

 **Diálogo Chino** Top environmental fund calls for more direct funding to communities

Events and Pavilions



Publications



Social Media



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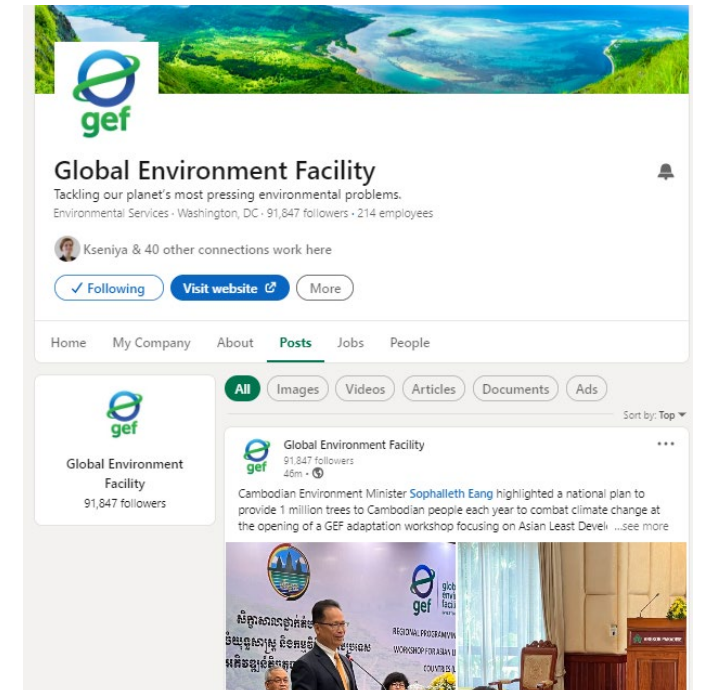
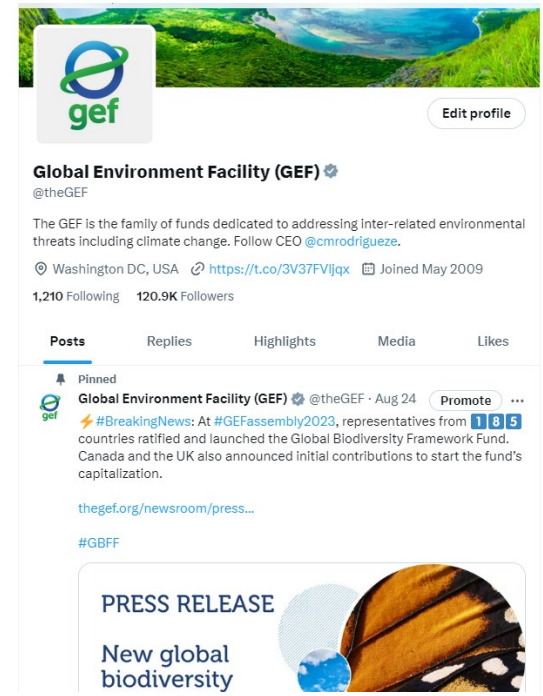
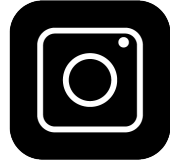
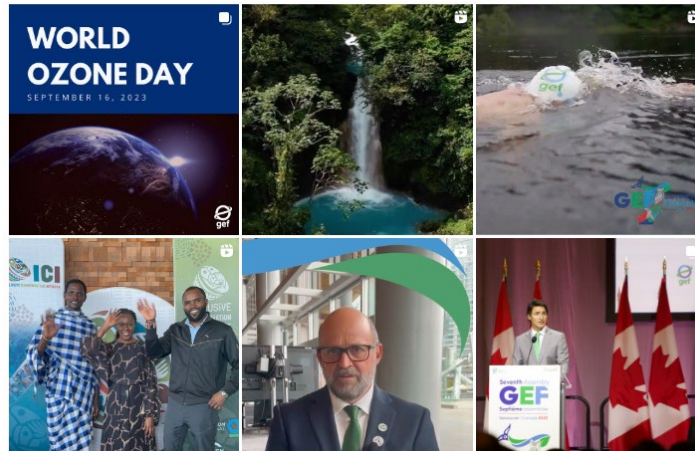


GEFAssembly...



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POSTS REELS SAVED TAGGED



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Newsletter

www.thegef.org/newsletter



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 >>](#)

Visual Identity

www.thegef.org/gef-logo

Brand Guidelines



GEF Full Name with Tagline



GEF Globe and Acronym



The [GEF brand guidelines](#) were updated in April 2023 and replace previous graphic standards. The guidelines establish a system for the consistent usage of the GEF's visual identity: the logo, color scheme, typography, and other graphic elements that enable audiences to easily recognize and identify the GEF brand.

To compliment the [GEF Policy on Communications and Visibility](#), these guidelines also provide the branding guidance for GEF-funded projects and programs to enhance the visibility and design of their communication/outreach materials. Adhering to these rules will contribute to building a clear, simple, positive image of the GEF across communication channels.

Improving the Visibility of the GEF: New Communication and Visibility Policy

1. This document outlines an updated Communication and Visibility Policy for the Global Environment Facility for consideration and adoption by the GEF Council.
2. In order to raise awareness about the GEF and the unique and important role it plays at the heart of international efforts to address pressures on the planet, there is a need to clarify and strengthen policy and guidance about how GEF-funded activities shall be described and promoted across the entire GEF Partnership.
3. The GEF Communication and Visibility Policy, to be applied in conjunction with the updated [Brand Guidelines](#)¹ accompanying the GEF's new logo, covers how and when all recipients of GEF funding shall describe the GEF's role and contribution to project and program outcomes. This includes how the GEF logo shall be used in publications, documents, web pages, in social media, or in other public-facing media.

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GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop

MENA Region at Jordan

24-27 September 2023

UPDATES 2023 - GEF CSO Network (GCN)

Presented By:

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Secretary GEF CSO Network

GEF-CSO Network



Founded in 1995 with the aim of enabling CSO input into GEF Governance

- Encompasses over 540 active members across 16 regions
- Facilitates CSO input in both GEF policy creation and implementation
- Organizes consultations within Civil Society and offers input on every GEF Council agenda item
- Actively monitors and enhances CSO engagement in GEF activities at regional and national levels, focusing on capacity building.

GCN Governance (Global)



Governed by a global **Coordination Committee** composed of representatives of

- ❑ Elected Regional Focal Point organizations from 16 geographic regions
- ❑ 3 Indigenous Peoples Focal Points from Asia, Africa and Latin America.

GCN Governance (Regional)



Regional Coordination Committee (RCC)

Regional Focal Point – Lead to Regional Level

Country Coordination Committee (Each country in Region)

oCountry Focal Points (Lead at Country Level) 01

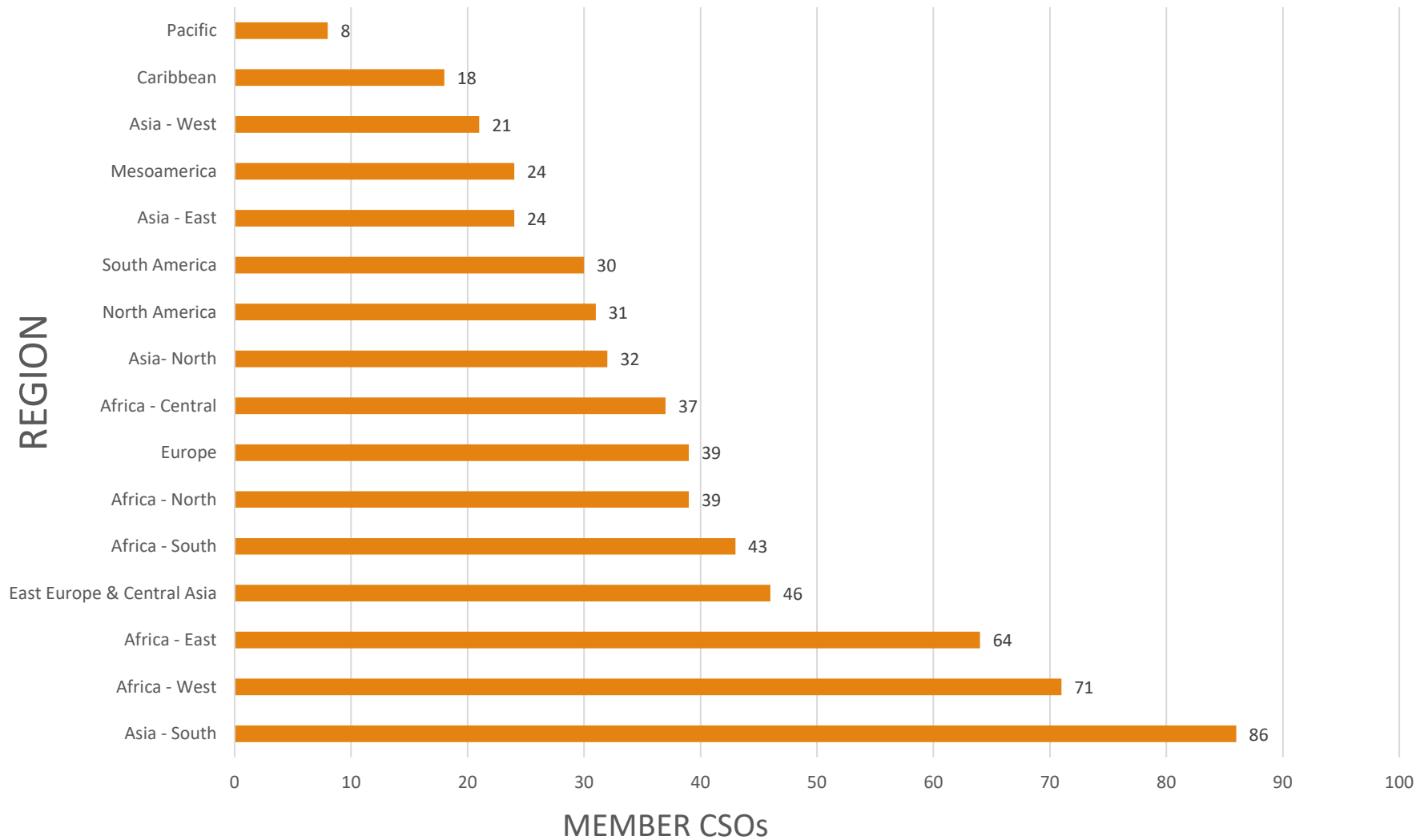
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- Biodiversity Focal Point
- Chemical and Waste Focal Point
- International Water Focal Point
- Land Degradation Focal Point
- Convention(s) Focal Points
- Indigenous People's Representative Focal Point
- Youth Focal Point

Regional Focal Points

No	NAME OF REGION	SERVING RFPS		Regions under Election
		ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE	
1	Africa- East	Tanzania Climate Change Initiative (TCCI) Tanzania	Tumaini Charles Marijani	
2	Africa- Central	Aube Nouvelle pour la Femme et le Développement	Crispin Swedi Bilombele	Under Election
3	Africa- North	Association Nationale De Volontariat Alger, Algeria	Dr. Melha Ahmed	
4	Africa- South	Geography and Environmental Movement (GEM)	Malintle Kheleli	Under Election
5	Africa-West	Women Environmental Programme (WEP)	Nguavesetracy Ogbono	Under Election
6	America- North	Earth Day Network	Kathleen Rogers	
7	America- South	FUNDACION ECOS, Uruguay	Dr. Maria Leichner	Under Election
8	Asia- East	Save the Earth Cambodia	Akhteruzzaman Sano	Under Election
9	Asia- North	All China Environment Federation- ACEF	Ms. Gao. Xiaoyi	Under Election
10	Asia- South	Sindhica Reforms Society (SRS)	Muhammed Ameen Keryo	
11	Asia- West	Jordan Environmental Union	Dr. Ismail A. Al Atiyat	
12	Europe	Rewilding Academy Netherlands	Mr. Arend de Haas	
13	Europe East & Central Asia	Ecoforum of Uzbekistan	Dr. Artur Vakhitov	Under Election
14	MesoAmerica	Instituto Para El Desarrollo Sustentable En Mesoamérica	Christina Reyes (Barron) /Arturo Arreola Munoz	Under Election
15	Asia Pacific	Vacant		Under Election
16	Carribbean	Vacant		Under Election

GCN Status 2023



Key activities

Active participation in GEF Council meetings, GEF Assembly, and Expanded Constituency meetings

Significant contributions to GEF policy development through statements on multiple agenda items during GEF council meetings

Collaboration with the Ad-Hoc Council Working Group (WG) on Civil Society to enhance civil society engagement with the GEF by updating the vision

Valuable input on GEF programming directions and replenishment

Involvement in various GEF working groups

Highlights from GCN

1. GCN Team's participation in the 64th GEF Council and 7th GEF Assembly in 2023
2. Active engagement in current ECWs and LDCs
3. Ongoing election process for Chair and Vice Chair
4. Elections progressing in 10 regions
5. Successful development of a new website
6. Streamlined membership submission through an online process





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Support the Implementation of National Biosafety framework Project in Jordan

Executing Agency: Ministry of Environment

Project Amount: 884,000 US\$

Project Fund: GEF

The main objective of the project is to have a workable and transparent national biosafety framework in line with Jordan's national development priorities and international obligations. This will be achieved through its five components:

- Assist Jordan to integrate and incorporate Biosafety and the safe use of biotechnology into national sectoral action plans and strategies in conformity with the Jordan NBSAP.
- Assist Jordan to establish a sound and effective legal regime with participation of all relevant authorities, and in line with national legislation, national needs and priorities, and the requirements of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
- Assist Jordan to have a fully functional system for handling requests, performing risk assessment, decision-making, performing administrative tasks, handling, storing and exchanging information.
- Assist Jordan to establish a workable and effective national system for follow-up. Monitoring of environmental effects inspections of LMO releases. And enforcement of Biosafety laws and regulations.
- Assist Jordan to establish a workable and effective national system for public awareness, education, participation, and access to information on LMOs.

Project Activities and sub activities

1) Biosafety policy

Consultancy to draft " Policy paper, Strategy and Action Plan for Biosafety" and how to integrate it into sectoral strategies

Two Discussion workshops for the Biosafety Policy with participation from all relevant governmental institutions

Biosafety Policy finalized and published

Two consultative meetings with all relevant stakeholders to integrate and reflect Biosafety within Jordan National Strategy of Agriculture and Health

Two training workshops (25 participants each, from different agencies, decision makers, parliament members and decision makers..) to highlight the importance of Biosafety

Media briefing on process of Biosafety Policy development

Outreach materials on the Project Goals and activities prepared and made available online

2) Regulatory regime

Consultancy to review and finalize a draft Biosafety Law

Two discussion workshops for the Draft Biosafety Law with participation of representatives from all relevant stakeholders

Consultancy to review Biosafety related sectoral legislation and ministerial instructions to identify needs for amendments and harmonization with the Biosafety Law and to prepare legal texts.

Preparatory discussion workshop to draft the Executive directive

Consultancy to draft the Executive directive for the Biosafety Law

Two discussion workshops for the Executive directive

Two training workshops (25 participants each from importers, exporter and other company representatives and custom personnel about legal aspects)

Two training workshops for lawyers of involved ministries and interested NGOs are trained on legal aspects of LMOs and their products

3) System for handling of requests, conducting risk assessment and decision making on LMOs

Consultancy to design administrative – technical system and draft technical guideline for handling of requests including permits and application forms

Two discussion workshops for the administrative- technical system

Consultancy to prepare "National Guideline on Environmental Risk Assessment"

Consultancy to prepare "Methodology for assessing the safety of LMOs for food and feed"

Two Training workshop on conducting risk assessment

Consultancy to draft guideline for decision making on LMOs and their products

Two Training workshop for 20 participants of relevant institutions on handling of requests

4.system for follow up, monitoring and enforcement

Consultancy for the situation analysis of Biotech laboratory infrastructure, equipment and facilities in Jordan and establish the criteria for the selection of the reference laboratories

Purchase of equipment and reagents for the reference laboratories

Consultancy to draft training guideline for the detection of LMOs and their products in laboratories including sampling and analysis.

Consultancy to draft guideline for legal personnel on enforcement, settling of dispute and handling of court cases including roles and responsibilities for monitoring and inspections is produced

Consultancy to draft " Protocols for Emergency Measures in cases of unintentional introductions, non-compliance and unauthorized activities with regards to LMOs and their products.

Training workshop for 20 personnel of relevant authorities on emergency responses including monitoring and enforcement

Support for attendance to international training on 1. risk assessment and management and related issues 2. Detection of LMOs and their products on procedures for analysis and detection.

Training for 20 staff members of the reference laboratory internally for the detection of LMOs and their products on procedures for analysis and detection

5) Public awareness and participation

Project Inception Workshop

Consultancy to draft a public awareness, education and involvement plan

Execution of the public awareness, education and involvement plan

Outreach materials on Biosafety prepared and disseminated

Consultancy to set up a National Biosafety web site and draft and formulate data entry protocols

Final project workshop

Thank You



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