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GEF-5 Strategy for Land Degradation

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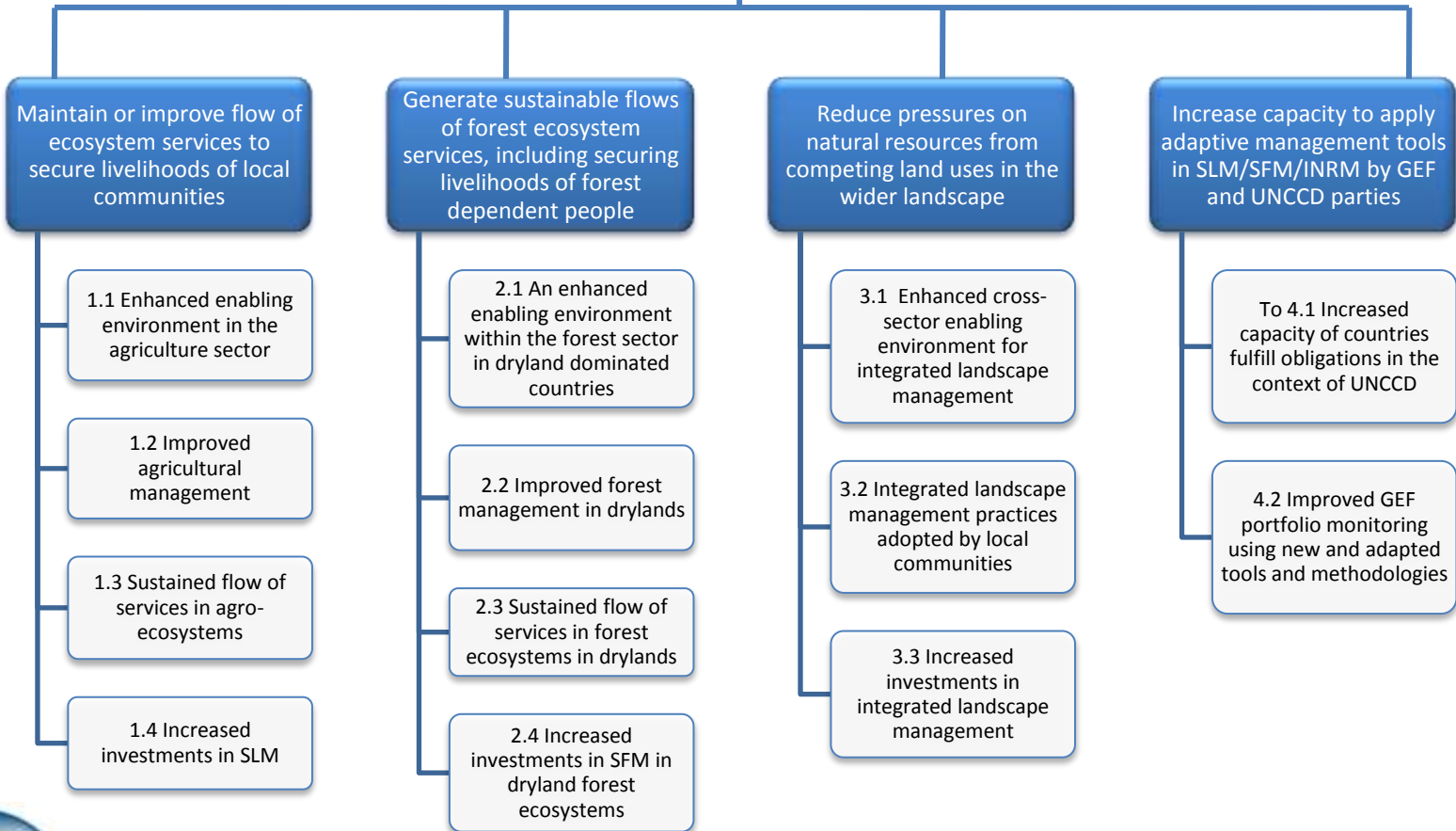
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GEF Land degradation Focal Area Goal

Contribution to arresting and reversing current global trends in land degradation, specifically desertification and deforestation

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT BENEFITS (GEBs):

- Reduced vulnerability of agro-ecosystems and forest ecosystems to climate change and human induced impacts
- Improved quality and delivery of agro-ecosystem and forest ecosystem services



GEF-5 Priorities

- Address three main **drivers of ecosystem degradation**:
 - land use change
 - natural resources consumption, and
 - climate change.
- **Support to UNCCD** (implementation of 10-year strategy)
- Address role of **agriculture and forest management in production landscapes**

Objectives

- 1 Maintain or improve flow of **agro-ecosystem services** to sustaining livelihoods
- 2 Generate sustainable flows of **forest ecosystem services** in **arid, semi-arid and sub-humid zones**
- 3 Reduce pressures on natural resources from **competing land uses** in the wider landscape
- 4 Increase **capacity to apply adaptive management** tools in SLM.

Outcomes

- Enhanced enabling environment for SLM
- Improved agricultural and rangeland management
- Reduced GHG emissions from agriculture and deforestation
- Increased carbon stocks in agro-ecosystems

Outcomes (contd.)

- Improved forest management in arid, semi-arid and sub-humid zones
- Increased adoption of good land management practices in landscape
- Increased capacities of Countries to fulfill obligations under the UNCCD