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Title of session: GEF's investment in consolidating and strengthening Mexico's Protected Area System: a success story

Date and time: Tuesday 27th May, 2014. 7:30 – 9:00

Host: National Commission for Protected Natural Areas (CONANP)

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) has contributed to the strengthening of Mexico's national system of protected areas by funding priority projects for the conservation of our natural capital. Currently, CONANP implements five projects related to the GEF's biodiversity and climate change strategic areas. These projects include activities such as integrated development planning, threatened species protection, coastal and inland watershed conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation actions, poverty alleviation, and habitat restoration, among others.

Speakers representing GEF, CONANP and national partners will present an overview of GEF past investments in Protected Areas of Mexico and priorities of GEF 5 projects. This section will cover issues such as

- How GEF's financing has contributed to strengthen Mexico's national system of protected areas?
- What has been the impact of GEF-financed projects in strategic areas of climate change and global significant biodiversity conservation within PA?
- Which topics will be prioritized by CONANP in GEF's 6th replenishment?
- What are CONANP's challenges regarding international financing for biodiversity conservation

