

## Overall Agenda

### GEF Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

*Watergate Hotel, Washington DC  
February 7-9, 2017*

#### Objectives:

1. Provide initial technical input on proposed GEF-7 Programming Directions draft frameworks and present suggestions to strengthen the case for key interventions that address drivers of environmental degradation
2. Help identify potential gaps and possible synergies that could be in the draft GEF-7 Programming Directions framework

#### Tentative meeting structure:

##### Monday Feb 6

- TAG members from out of DC arrive

##### Tuesday Feb 7

- 9AM-12PM: Opening Plenary with all participants
- 12PM-1:30PM: Lunch
- 1:30PM-6PM: Individual TAG clusters meet

##### Wednesday Feb 8

- 9AM-12PM: TAG clusters meet
- 12PM-1:00PM: Lunch
- 1:00PM -2:30PM: TAG clusters meet
- 2:30-5:00PM Groups meet on Cross-cutting themes
- 5PM-6PM: Options for Plenary

##### Thursday Feb 9

- 9AM-12PM: TAG clusters meet
- 12PM-1:30 Final Plenary and next steps
- 1:30 lunch and departure (TAG on Enhancing Ambition to continue to 4:30PM)

### Detailed Structure and Overall Agenda

#### Day 1: Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

9:00 AM-10:00 AM GEF-7 Strategy Process and Vision for 2020: Naoko Ishii, GEF CEO

10:00 AM-11:00 AM Proposed GEF-7 Programmatic Directions, Gustavo Fonseca, Director Programs

11:00 AM-11:30AM Coffee Break

11:30 AM-12:00 PM Overview of the TAG Process: TORs and Ground Rules and Expected Outputs of the Meeting (Claude, Herbert)

GEFSEC will provide an overview of the strategy framework (goal and objectives) and its focus vis a vis the CEO vision and instructions on strategy development for GEF-7.

12:00 AM-1:30 PM Lunch

13:30 PM-6:00 PM Review of the GEF-7 Investment Framework and Impacts Programs (by TAG clusters)

During this session each TAG cluster will undertake a critical analysis of each proposed Impact Program and their associated focal area investment framework. A GEFSEC team member will chair the session and provide an overview presentation of the Impact Programs and the Focal Area Investment Framework including the proposed RBM framework of the GEF-7 strategic directions as well as identifying any key issues for the TAG to address. The floor will then be open for TAG members to constructively critique the Impact Programs and Focal Area Investment Frameworks, offer suggestions for improvements, etc. The aim of this session is to produce a first critical substantive review of the structure and logic of the elements of each TAG cluster. The following questions are proposed to guide the discussion by each TAG cluster:

- How well are the Impact Programs and FA Investment Frameworks in your cluster fit together and what is missing or needs to be changed?

- How feasible is each Impact Program and how realistic are the goals that are trying to be achieved?
- How well does each Impact Program define a catalytic role of the GEF based on a sound analysis of the external stakeholders and key players in each theme?

7:00 PM TAG Reception (TBD)

**Day 2: Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

9:00 AM-9:30 AM      Synthesis of the preceding day's deliberations and alterations to agenda if required

9:30 AM-12:00 PM    Review of the GEF-7 Focal Areas Investment Frameworks and Impacts Programs (by TAG clusters) (continued)

The morning session will proceed through the remaining core elements of the TAG Cluster that we did not review on Tuesday; and also address the remaining key questions for the TAG cluster to bring back to the plenary in the afternoon.

12:00 PM -1:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Synthesis of discussions on key questions around proposed strategy (by TAG cluster)

- Do the Impact Programs as designed provide results at scale and address drivers of environmental degradation
- How well does the architecture (business model of delivery mainly through Impact Programs with complementary Focal Area investments) of the GEF-7 framework respond to GEF2020 Vision?
- How well does the proposed Impact Programs address MEAs guidance and priorities?
- What SDGs would be covered by your Impact Programs and other Focal Area investments?
- What are the interactions/synergies of your TAG cluster elements (Impact Programs or others) that need to work with other elements of the GEF-7 strategy?
- How does the Results Framework respond to the need for integration and the delivery of multiple benefits and how realistic/feasible is it?

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM Group meetings on ‘Cross-cutting’ Themes

The following themes will serve as the basis for integrated group discussion of all experts:

- NCI
- Green Financing
- Resilience
- Natural Capital
- Circular Economy

The groups will be tasked with examining how to ensure that these themes are relevant to some/all of the Impact Programs and how they can support the delivery of the GEBs of the GEF-7 portfolio.

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Plenary with all TAG clusters to compare notes on key questions and discuss agenda for day 3.

**Day 3: Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

9:00 AM-9:30 AM Synthesis of the preceding day’s deliberations and alterations to agenda if required

9:30 AM-12:00 PM Review of the GEF-7 Focal Areas Investment Frameworks and Impacts Programs (by TAG clusters) (continued)

We can also reserve this time to have some “new TAG Cluster” configurations if needed, especially if such a suggestion came out of the previous day’s plenary.

The morning session will proceed through the remaining core elements that we did not review on Wednesday; and also address the remaining key questions for the TAG cluster to bring back to the plenary in the afternoon. An important element could be around outcomes and indicators for the FAs and IPs.

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Synthesis of discussions on key questions around proposed strategy and definition of follow-up and next steps (by TAG cluster)



- Are there other key questions other than those defined above that we want the groups to deliberate on?

1:30 PM      lunch and departure

## **Cluster Agenda**

### **Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Enhancing Ambition in National Action for SDGs and Conventions and Enhancing Capacity-building Initiative on Transparency (CBIT) beyond Climate Change**

*Watergate Hotel, Washington DC*

*February 7-9, 2017*

#### **Special Notes:**

- The members of this TAG are expected to be available for the Impact Program discussions from the morning of February 8 to afternoon of February 9.
- The foundational and cross-cutting nature of this Impact Program will inform, and will be informed by, other Impact Programs and the overall GEF-7 design.
- This TAG will discuss enhancing the level of ambition in national action to address the ambition gap with SDGs and Conventions, supporting institutional frameworks for transparency beyond climate change, and will also explore the possibility for harmonized reporting across the five multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) that the GEF serves as a/the financial mechanism. The TAG members will therefore include thought leaders in relevant areas and representatives of all MEA Secretariats. The GEF staff engaged in all focal areas and Impact Programs will also take part.

#### **TAG members:**

1. Ms. Amy Fraenkel, Director, Secretariat of the Convention of Biological Diversity;
2. Ms. Camilla Nordheim-Larsen, Coordinator, Land Governance and Policy Programme, Global Mechanism, UN Convention to Combat Desertification;
3. Mr. Frank Moser, Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions;
4. Mr. Guido Schmidt-Traub, Executive Director, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network;
5. Mr. Kevin Helps, Interim Secretariat of Minamata Convention on Mercury;
6. Mr. Malchiade Bukuru, Chief of Liaison Office, UN Convention to Combat Desertification;
7. Ms. Oshani Perera, Director, International Institute for Sustainable Development;
8. Mr. Stephen Hammer, Manager, Climate Change CCSA, World Bank; and
9. Mr. William Kojo Agyemang-Bonsu, Manager, Mitigation, Data and Analysis Programme, Secretariat of UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

**GEF Secretariat:**

- Co-leads: Chizuru Aoki, Dustin Schinn
- Contributors: Astrid Hillers, Masako Ogawa, focal area coordinators, Impact Program leads

**Tuesday, February 7**

<b>9:00 AM-12:00 PM</b>	<b>Opening Plenary with all Participants</b> GEF CEO and Secretariat staff present context of GEF-7 Programming Directions <sup>1</sup>
<b>12:00 PM-1:30 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:30 PM-18:00 PM</b>	<b>Other TAG clusters meet</b> Members of the TAG on ‘ <i>Enhancing Ambition in National Action and Enhancing Capacity-building Initiative on Transparency (CBIT)</i> ’, who are already present, are invited to observe other TAGs.
<b>6:00 PM-8:00 PM</b>	<b>RECEPTION</b>

**Wednesday, February 8**

<b>10:30 AM-12:00 PM</b>	<b>Review of the ‘<i>Enhancing Ambition in National Action for SDGs and Conventions and Enhancing CBIT beyond Climate Change</i>’ Impact Program</b> The GEF Secretariat will provide an overview of the Impact Program concept. TAG participants are invited to discuss the overall Impact Program construct, and consider the following guidance questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does this Impact Program help address global sustainability needs/challenges and national priorities? What is missing or needs to be adjusted?</li> <li>• How feasible and realistic is this Impact Program?</li> <li>• Are any emerging finance needs and thematic target areas insufficiently covered?</li> <li>• How will this Impact Program enable the countries and the GEF partnership to enhance the level of ambition/impact?</li> <li>• How does this Impact Program align with the catalytic role of the GEF? Who/which institutions are the key players and influencers to be engaged?</li> </ul>
<b>12:00 PM-1:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>

<sup>1</sup> Background reading: GEF-7 Programming Directions (circulated to all participants) and GEF 2020 Vision:  
[https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF-2020Strategies-March2015\\_CRA\\_WEB\\_2.pdf](https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF-2020Strategies-March2015_CRA_WEB_2.pdf)

<p><b>1:00 PM-2:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>TAG discussion on planning and implementation support for SDGs and MEAs to address ambition gap</b></p> <p>The afternoon session discusses the first element of the proposed Impact Program to support interested countries to establish and utilize a coordinated planning and implementation framework for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Conventions. Work to support the articulation of the linkage between global/planetary needs to local action, through a platform, will also be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to bridge and translate global/planetary needs to the national level action? What analytical tools and methodologies, and policies, are available? What can the platform do to make them available and used by countries?</li> <li>• What are key recent developments and new findings in the scientific and practice community related to this TAG, and how can they be reflected in the Impact Program design and description?</li> <li>• What partners and stakeholders need to be engaged to ensure that areas beyond GEF’s direct engagement (health, jobs, etc.) in the SDGs could be addressed adequately?</li> <li>• What innovative financing opportunities exist? What can the GEF do?</li> <li>• How do you measure success?</li> </ul>
<p><b>2:30 PM-5:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>All groups meet on cross-cutting themes</b></p> <p>The TAG groups will convene and together examine how to ensure that a number of truly cross-cutting GEF-7 programs will deliver global environmental benefits beyond individual focal areas. The following programs/themes will serve as the basis for integrated group discussion of all experts: Non-Grant Innovative Finance; Green Finance; Resilience; Natural Capital; and Circular Economy.</p>
<p><b>5:00 PM-6:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Options for plenary with all TAG clusters to compare notes on key questions to discuss agenda for Day 3</b></p>



**Thursday, February 9**

<p><b>9:00 AM-12:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>TAG discussion on harmonized Convention reporting support and enhancing CBIT beyond climate</b></p> <p>The morning session will discuss the feasibility of piloting harmonized reporting across the Conventions and also Convention-related SDGs at the national level. The session will also discuss the possibility to roll out the CBIT above and beyond the climate action/support to non-climate areas supported by the GEF. Questions to explore may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the perspectives of the Convention Secretariats and how to ensure alignment of the proposed strategy with COP guidance and MEA objectives?</li> <li>• Are there alternative approaches to improve the utility and policy/action relevance of reports and analyses, enhance institutional capacity, and reduce the reporting burden systematically?</li> <li>• How to practically reconcile the large numbers and different frequency/timing of reporting needs for the Conventions?</li> <li>• How can the proposed strategy assist countries in delivering on the SDGs?</li> <li>• How to ensure that planning and implementation of enhanced action through other GEF initiatives may be informed by this work?</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:00 PM-1:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Plenary: Synthesis of discussions on key questions around proposed strategy and definition of follow-up and next steps</b></p> <p>This plenary will be closing all other TAGs. This TAG will meet in the afternoon to build on the discussions that have taken place on cross-cutting matters during the previous two days.</p>
<p><b>1:30 PM-2:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b><i>LUNCH</i></b></p>
<p><b>2:30 PM-4:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>TAG discussion on program development and implementation</b></p> <p>The afternoon discussion will focus on the development of the Impact Program itself and within the overall Programming Directions, and identification of elements needed to facilitate timely and effective implementation. Questions to explore may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Development</u>: How can this Impact Program help inform, and be informed by, other Impact Programs and focal area strategy development? What needs be built into the Impact Program development process and the Programming Directions elaboration to enable meaningful cross-linkages with other focal areas and Impact Programs?</li> <li>• <u>Implementation</u>: What measures need to be considered and built into the Impact Program design to enable effective and timely implementation at the country level, with stakeholders, with Conventions/COPs, and within the GEF network?</li> </ul>
<p><b>4:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b><i>ADJOURNMENT</i></b></p>

## Cluster Agenda

### Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Biodiversity/Natural Capital/ (*Conservation Equity*)<sup>2</sup>

*Watergate Hotel, Washington DC*

*February 7-9, 2017*

#### Day 1: Tuesday February 7th, 2017

9:00 AM-10:00 AM GEF-7 Strategy Process and Vision for 2020: Naoko Ishii, GEF CEO

10:00 AM-11:00 AM Proposed GEF-7 Programmatic Directions, Gustavo Fonseca, Director Programs

11:00 AM-11:30AM Coffee Break

11:30 AM-12:00 PM Overview of the TAG Process: TORs and Ground Rules and Expected Outputs of the Meeting (Claude, Herbert)

GEFSEC will provide an overview of the strategy framework (goal and objectives) and its focus vis a vis the CEO vision and instructions on strategy development for GEF-7.

12:00 AM-1:30 PM Lunch

#### Background reading:

- GEF-7 Programming Directions (circulated to all participants)
- GEF 2020 Vision: [https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF-2020Strategies-March2015\\_CRA\\_WEB\\_2.pdf](https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF-2020Strategies-March2015_CRA_WEB_2.pdf)

**1:30 PM- 1:40 PM** Overview of the BD TAG Process: Introductions, TOR, Ground Rules and Expected Outputs of the Meeting (Mark Zimsky)

**1:40 PM – 2:00 PM** The Big Picture: Overview of the Relationship of the BD-Relevant Impact Programs to the GEF-7 Biodiversity (BD) Strategy (Mark Zimsky)

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<sup>2</sup> Conservation Equity Impact Program is related to work of this TAG but will be further developed during the meeting by another group which will report back to the BD TAG.

GEFSEC will provide an overview of:

- CBD Strategic Plan, 2010-2020 and the Aichi Targets, the GEF-6 BD strategy, the GEF-7 Framework of Program Priorities from CBD COP 13, and the GEF-7 Programming Directions document.
- Our discussions must result in answers to these four guiding questions:
  - 1) How well do the BD-relevant Impact Programs as currently designed deliver biodiversity outcomes and respond to the CBD COP 13 guidance to the GEF?
  - 2) Based on the analysis undertaken in question one, what requires clarity and strengthening in individual impact programs, and what thematic issues are missing altogether?
  - 3) How feasible is each BD-relevant Impact Program and how realistic are the goals that are trying to be achieved?
  - 4) How well does each BD-relevant Impact Program define a catalytic role of the GEF based on a sound analysis of the external stakeholders and key players in each theme?

Background reading:

- Summary of the Aichi Targets (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/strategic-plan/2011-2020/Aichi-Targets-EN.pdf>)
- GEF-6 Biodiversity Strategy ([https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF6-BD-Strategy-9162014-final-lores\\_0.pdf](https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF6-BD-Strategy-9162014-final-lores_0.pdf))
- GEF-7 Programming Directions (pay most attention to GEF-7 BD Strategy text and these BD-relevant Impact Programs: Sustainable Fisheries, Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems, Food Systems, Commodities, Restoration and Reforestation, Amazon Sustainable Landscapes, Natural Capital, and *Conservation Equity*),
- CBD COP 13 Guidance to the GEF (sent via email attachment)
- GEF publication: Biodiversity Mainstreaming in Practice (<https://www.thegef.org/publications/biodiversity-mainstreaming-practice-review-gef-experience>)

**2:00PM-2:15 PM** Questions and Clarifications

**2:15 PM- 5:45 PM** Review of these Six BD-relevant Impact Programs: Sustainable Fisheries, Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems, Food Systems, Commodities, Restoration and Reforestation, Amazon Sustainable Landscapes—35 minutes for each Impact Program)

During this session the TAG will undertake a critical analysis of each of the BD-relevant impact programs using the four guiding questions to frame the discussion. GEFSEC team member will present an initial analysis on the BD-relevant impact programs as they relate to the CBD COP-13 guidance and the four guiding questions. The floor will then be open for TAG members to constructively critique the BD-relevant impact programs, offer suggestions for improvements, etc. The aim of this session is to produce a first critical substantive review of the BD-relevant impact programs.

**5:45 PM – 6:00 PM** Wrap up and Plan for Day 2

**7:00 PM** TAG Reception

**Day 2: Wednesday February 8th, 2017**

**9:00 AM-9:30 AM**     **Synthesis of the preceding day’s deliberations and alterations to agenda if required**

**9:30 AM-10:30 AM** Review of the Remaining GEF-7 BD-relevant Impact Programs (*and Natural Capital Impact Program if feasible*) (TAG)

The morning session will proceed through the remaining BD-relevant impact programs that we did not review on Tuesday. If we have completed this work on Tuesday, we will begin reviewing the Natural Capital Impact Program.

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM** Review of the Natural Capital Impact Program (TAG)

During this session the TAG will undertake a critical analysis of the proposed Natural Capital Impact Program. A GEFSEC biodiversity team member will present the program briefly (5-10 minutes) demonstrating how the core program responds to CBD COP 13 guidance and challenges with implementing a similar Program in GEF-6.

Key discussion question for the TAG to address will be: *Given the state of the art in implementing Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*

*and applying this information in policy making, and considering the variety of approaches and programs underway and current country capacities in this regard, what should the GEF focus on to catalyze implementation of NCA and valuation with the aim of integrating these exercises into development policy and decision making?*

**12:00 PM -1:00 PM LUNCH**

**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM** Review of Natural Capital Impact Program continued and *briefing by the Conservation Equity Impact Program group (TAG)*

If there is sufficient time, the TAG will also synthesize answers to these questions arising out of the discussions:

- Do the Impact Programs as designed provide results at scale and address drivers of environmental degradation?
- How well does the architecture (business model of delivery mainly through Impact Programs with other strategic Focal Area investments) of the GEF-7 framework respond to GEF2020 Vision?
- How well does the proposed Impact Programs address MEAs guidance and priorities?
- What SDGs would be covered by your Impact Programs and other Focal Area investments?
- What are the interactions/synergies of your TAG cluster elements (Impact Programs or others) that need to work with other elements of the GEF-7 strategy?
- How does the Results Framework respond to the need for integration and the delivery of multiple benefits and how realistic/feasible is it?

**2:30 PM – 5:00 PM** Group meetings on ‘Cross-cutting’ Themes

The following themes will serve as the basis for integrated group discussion of all experts:

- NGI
- Green Financing
- Resilience



- Natural Capital
- Circular Economy

The groups will be tasked with examining how to ensure that these themes are relevant to some/all of the Impact Programs and how they can support the delivery of the GEBs of the GEF-7 portfolio.

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Plenary with all TAG clusters to compare notes on key questions and discuss agenda for day 3.

### **Day 3 Thursday February 9**

**9:00 AM-9:30 AM** Synthesis of the preceding day's deliberations and alterations to agenda if required

**9:30 AM to 12:00 PM** Review the proposed draft targeted investments to support activities in biodiversity thematic areas not addressed in existing complement of BD-relevant impact programs

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM** Definition of follow-up and next steps including homework for GEFSEC and TAG members

**1:30 PM** lunch and departure

## **Cluster Agenda**

### **Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Environmental and Water Security/Resilience TAG**

*Watergate Hotel, Washington DC  
February 7-9, 2017*

#### **Overall Objectives of TAG meetings:**

1. Provide initial technical input on proposed GEF-7 Programming Directions draft frameworks and present suggestions to strengthen the case for key interventions that address drivers of environmental degradation
2. Help identify potential gaps and possible synergies that could be in the draft GEF-7 Programming Directions framework

#### **Tuesday February 7**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** Opening Plenary with all Participants (CEO and GEFSEC staff present context of GEF-7 Programming Directions)

**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM** Lunch

#### **1:30 - 2:30 PM Common meeting of IW/Oceans/Coastal TAG and the Environmental and Water Security - Resilience TAG and part of the Circular Economy TAG**

1:30 PM- 1:45 PM Overview of the TAG Process: Introductions, TOR, Ground Rules and expected Outputs of the Meeting

1:45 PM – 2:30 PM Presentation of the GEF-7 International Waters Investment Framework and associated Impact Programs (Matrix)

GEFSEC will provide an overview of the GEF-7 IW Investment Framework, and the relation to relevant impact programs. We will also briefly give an overview of additional aspects of IPs – such as envisioned support to Fragile and Post-conflict areas and the Resilience impact program. The focus of the discussion is to provide an initial overview on how the IW focal area/themes are being delivered through specific IP component. This will provide the frame-setting in terms of GEF support on international waters prior



to the discussions on the specific IPs many of which are covering additional areas and themes (beyond international waters).

### **3:00 to 6:00 PM: Discussion of Environmental and Water Security and Resilience IPs**

During this session the TAG cluster will undertake a first critical analysis of each proposed Impact Program/component and their associated focal area investment framework. A GEFSEC team member will chair the session. The aim of this session is to produce a *first* critical substantive review of the *structure and logic of the elements of each TAG cluster*. The following days will dive a more into detailed discussion of the IPs/IP components.

*3:00 - 3:30 PM* GEF SEC will provide short presentations on the IPs and their components: Fragility, Water Security, and Resilience IP (about 30 min), relation to relation to focal areas, including the proposed RBM framework of the GEF-7 strategic directions as well as identifying any key issues for the TAG to address.

*3:30 - 5:30 PM* The floor will then be open for TAG members to constructively critique the Impact Programs and offer suggestions for improvements, etc. Discussions this afternoon will be guided by three overarching questions (see below) and aim at a high level discussion on the validity, GEF comparative advantage and delivery of the suggested IPs. We will also recap how these align with the 2020 Vision and other focal area strategies and answer any questions around this and confirm our timelines and targets for the next days.

*5:30 – 6:00 PM* Wrap-up and planning for next day

Suggested guiding questions for the afternoon session:

- 1) How well do the Impact Programs and FA Investment Framework in the cluster fit together and what is missing or needs to be changed?
- 2) How feasible is each Impact Program and how realistic are the goals that are trying to be achieved?
- 3) How well does each Impact Program define a catalytic role of the GEF based on a sound analysis of the external stakeholders and key players in each theme?

Other overarching points of discussion *during the next days* will be to answer:





- 4) How do the IPs/IP components deliver against MEA targets and SDGs? What are key targets and indicators for the main IP components?
- 5) How do these elements in the TAG cluster need to work/interact with other elements of the GEF-7 strategy?
- 6) What kind of delivery mechanisms will be most effective to deliver the IP and focal area objectives? What should be the balance between programs and projects? Which IP areas require GEF x-cutting attention across GEF programming??

Background reading:

- GEF-7 Draft Programming Directions (attached)
- GEF-6 International Waters Strategy  
(<https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/GEF-6%20Programming%20Directions.pdf> )pp 109-132
- Forcibly Displaced – Overview:  
[https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/25016/Forcibly%20Displaced\\_Overview\\_Web.pdf?sequence=4&isAllowed=y](https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/25016/Forcibly%20Displaced_Overview_Web.pdf?sequence=4&isAllowed=y)
- Principles of Resilience  
<http://www.stockholmresilience.org/download/18.10119fc11455d3c557d6928/1459560241272/SRC+Applying+Resilience+final.pdf>
- Resilience: A Risk Management Approach  
<https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/7552.pdf>

**7:00 PM – 8:00 PM** Reception

**Wednesday February 8**

Discussions will build on the previous day, but allot specific time slots for designated discussions on specific IPs/IP components. This will also allow off-site TAG members to skype in for specific sections and for specific GEFSEC and TAG members to join other relevant session for specific blocks of time.

**9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**Environment and Water Security IP: Governance and sustainable management of surface and groundwater AND Investments to increase water, food and environmental security:**

Discussions will focus on components 2 and 3 of the Environmental and Water Security IP. The discussion will take a critical look at the suggested IP components. Questions 4 – 6 listed above will be addressed within these discussions. Other key questions include the relation of these IP components to IW focal area strategy. Detailed questions for this component will be presented at the meeting, while overarching guiding questions listed earlier remain.

IW STAP member Andras Szollosinagy will participate via skype/WEBEX from Europe.

**11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Environment and Water Security IP: Support to Fragile and Conflict Affected Areas (PART 1 – to be continued on Thursday AM):** Discussions will focus on components 1 of the Environmental and Water Security IP. Key points of discussions will include a critical discussion of GEF’s role and comparative advantage in support in fragile and conflict affected areas and address specific opportunities and challenges that would need to be addressed for in-time delivery, flexibility and responsiveness. Detailed questions for this component will be presented at the meeting, while overarching guiding questions listed earlier remain.

IW STAP member Andras Szollosinagy will participate via skype/WEBEX from Europe.

**12:00 PM -1:00 PM LUNCH**

**1:00 – 2:30 PM**

**Resilience IP:** Discussion will cover the three proposed components under the Resilience IP, including partnership-based efforts, institutionalizing resilience across the GEF, and an incentive mechanism. Key questions include: (i) Given the integral role of ecosystems and their services in promoting resilience, how can GEF financing enhance this aspect?; (ii) How can GEF tap into partnership-based efforts in the area of resilience?; (ii) How can support for resilience help to sustain global environmental benefits?

**2:30 PM – 5:00 PM** Group meetings on ‘Cross-cutting’ Themes

The following themes will serve as the basis for integrated group discussion of all experts:

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- Resilience



- Natural Capital
- Circular Economy

The groups will be tasked with examining how to ensure that these themes are relevant to some/all of the Impact Programs and how they can support the delivery of the GEBs of the GEF-7 portfolio.

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM** Plenary with all TAG clusters to compare notes on key questions and discuss agenda for day 3.

### **Thursday February 9**

**9:00 AM – 9:30 AM** Synthesis of the preceding day's deliberations and alterations to agenda if required

**9:30 AM – 11:00 AM** Discussion on **Environment and Water Security IP: Support to Fragile and Conflict Affected Areas (PART 2)**

**11:00 – 12:30 PM** Review of any other outstanding items within the Environment and Water Security IP and linkages to other focal area. FOLLOW-UP AND NEXT STEPS.

**12:30 – 1:30 PM** Cross-TAG discussion/exchange on the **IW FA Investment Framework** delivery, targets, and next steps/way forward. Cross-TAG discussions which to cover (i) combining IW related TAG members to take comprehensive look at the IW focal area and (ii) pull together cross-cutting TAG expertise to discuss key aspects of the Resilience IP.

**1:30 Lunch and departure**

## **Cluster Agenda**

### **Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on International Waters/Healthy Oceans and Coastal Ecosystems/Sustainable Fisheries**

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#### **Tuesday February 7**

**9:00 AM-12:00 PM** Opening Plenary with all Participants (CEO and GEFSEC staff present context of GEF-7 Programming Directions)

**12:00 PM-1:30 PM** Lunch

**13:30 PM-6:00 PM** Review of the GEF-7 Strategy of IW Focal Areas and Impacts Programs (Healthy Oceans and Coastal Ecosystems, Sustainable Fisheries, Environmental and Water Security and resilience and Circular Economy).

**1:30 PM- 1:40 PM** Welcome and overview of the TAG Process: Introductions, TOR, Ground Rules and Expected Outputs of the Meeting

- Provide initial technical input on proposed GEF-7 Programming Directions draft frameworks and present suggestions to strengthen the case for key interventions that address drivers of environmental degradation
- Help identify potential gaps and possible synergies that could be in the draft GEF-7 Programming Directions framework

**1:40 PM – 2:30 PM** Presentation of the GEF-7 International Waters Strategy and associated Impact Programs. This will be a common session with representation from the four IPs identified above.

GEF-7 IW Investment Framework, and relevant impact programs:

Discussion will be framed and informed by SDGs on Freshwater and Oceans, explore links to convention targets, GEF-6 Strategy and the CEO vision as presented in plenary.

Background reading:

- GEF-6 International Waters Strategy (<https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/GEF-6%20Programming%20Directions.pdf>) pp 109-132
- Summary of the Aichi Targets (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/strategic-plan/2011-2020/Aichi-Targets-EN.pdf>)
- GEF-7 Draft Programming Directions (attached) Please particular focus on the GEF-7 IW Strategy and the four Impact Programs it potentially will support, namely Environmental Security and resilience, Healthy Oceans and Coastal Ecosystems, Sustainable Fisheries and Circular Economy.

**2:30 PM- 5:50 PM** Review of the GEF-7 IW Investment Framework by Objectives and Core Programs (TAG)

During this session the TAG will undertake a critical analysis of each IP/Objective of the strategy and the associated core programs. A GEFSEC International Waters team member will present the core program briefly (5-10 minutes) demonstrating how the core program responds to the SDGs and their targets, as well as align with the general mandate of GEF International Waters Focal Area, and GEF 6 programs and objectives. The floor will then be open for TAG members to constructively critique the core program, offer suggestions for improvements, etc.

The aim of this session is to produce a first critical substantive review of the core programs of the strategy.

Four background questions to consider during our deliberations will be:

1. How well do the Impact Programs and FA Investment Framework in the cluster fit together and what is missing or needs to be changed?
2. What kind of delivery mechanisms would be most suitable to deliver the IPs and Focal Area result?
3. How feasible is each Impact Program and how realistic are the goals that are trying to be achieved?
4. How well does each Impact Program define a catalytic role of the GEF based on a sound analysis of the external stakeholders and key players in each theme?

**5:50 PM – 6:00 PM** Wrap up and Plan for Day 2

**7:00 PM – 8:00 PM** TAG Reception

### **Wednesday February 8**

**9:00 AM-12:00 AM** Review of the four Impact Programs that International Waters is to support (I).

**9:00-11:00 AM** Review of the Sustainable Fisheries Impact Program

**9:00-11:00 AM** Review of Healthy Oceans and Ecosystems Impact Program

**9:00-11:00 AM** Review of Environmental and Water Security and Resilience

**10:30- 12:00 AM** Circular Economy will be discussed in detail as indicated in the program matrix.

During these sessions the TAG will undertake a critical analysis of the two of the proposed Impact Programs co-financed by International Waters (Fisheries and Ocean). As these two Impact Programs will be intrinsically linked in its delivery the morning session will try to work through these two Impact Programs. Environmental and Water Security and Resilience and Circular Economy will be discussed in adjacent rooms. A GEFSEC International Waters team member will present the program briefly (5-10 minutes). The aim of this session is to review the proposed Impact Programs and identify how these link to the International Waters Focal Area.

**11:00-12:00 AM:** Reporting back from the Review Discussions

**12:00 PM -1:00 PM** LUNCH

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM** Review of the Healthy Oceans and Sustainable Fisheries Impact Programs and explore strengthen their links with the International Waters Focal Area.

During this session the TAG will continue the critical analysis of the proposed Impact Programs. A GEFSEC International Waters team member will present the program briefly (5-10 minutes).

Below questions may be used to guide the discussion:

- How do the IPs and International Water investments in general deliver against MEA targets and SDGs? What are key targets and indicators for the main IP components?
- How do these elements in the TAG cluster need to work/interact with other elements of the GEF-7 strategy?

- What are the interactions/synergies of your TAG cluster elements (Impact Programs or others) that need to work with other elements of the GEF-7 strategy?
- Do the Impact Programs as designed provide results at scale and address drivers of environmental degradation?
- How well does the architecture/business model of delivery mainly through Impact Programs respond to GEF2020 Vision?
- How does the Results Framework respond to the need for integration and the delivery of multiple benefits and how realistic/feasible is it?

**2:30 PM – 5:00 PM** Group meetings on ‘Cross-cutting’ Themes

The following themes will serve as the basis for integrated group discussion of all experts:

- NGI
- Green Financing
- Resilience
- Natural Capital
- Circular Economy

The groups will be tasked with examining how to ensure that these themes are relevant to some/all of the Impact Programs and how they can support the delivery of the GEBs of the GEF-7 portfolio.

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM** Plenary

Report back to plenary and/or cross-TAG discussions which could cover (i) combining IW related TAG members to take comprehensive look at the IW focal area and (ii) pull together cross-cutting TAG expertise to discuss key aspects of the Resilience IP.

If reporting back to Plenary, it would be on progress to date and TAG findings to below questions:

1. How well do the Impact Programs and FA Investment Framework in the cluster fit together and what is missing or needs to be changed?
2. What kind of delivery mechanisms would be most suitable to deliver the IPs and Focal Area result?
3. How feasible is each Impact Program and how realistic are the goals that are trying to be achieved?



**Thursday February 9**

**9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** Review of Outstanding Items related to GEF-7 IW Investment Framework and the four Impact Programs associated directly with International Waters

**9:00 – 11: 00 AM** Healthy Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems and Sustainable Fisheries IP discussion continue

**9:00 – 11:00 AM** Environmental Water Security and resilience discussion continue

**11:00 – 12:00 AM** Review of outstanding Items related to GEF-7 IW Investment Framework and three of the four Impact Programs associated directly with International Waters

**11:00-12:00 AM** Review of outstanding items within the Environment and Water Security and Resilience IP and linkages to Focal Areas

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM** Bringing all four IW funded IPs together to discuss key questions around proposed International Waters strategy and definition of follow-up and next steps



## Cluster Agenda

### Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on LDFA/Food Security/Food Systems

*Watergate Hotel, Washington DC  
February 7-9, 2017*

**Background Reading** (Available for download from the GEF Website via embedded links)

1. [Sustainable Land Management Financing in the GEF: A primer for the sixth GEF replenishment phase \(GEF-6\)](#)
2. [Combating Land Degradation in Production Landscapes: Learning from GEF Projects Applying Integrated Approaches](#)
3. [Value for Money Analysis of GEF Land Degradation Projects](#)
4. [Catalyzing Climate-Smart Land Use for a Sustainable Future](#)
5. [FOOD: Two Decades of Experience](#)
6. [GEF Integrated Approach Pilot: Fostering Sustainability and Resilience for Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)

#### **Day 1: Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

9:00 AM-11:00 AM    PLENARY

11:00 AM-11:30AM    Coffee Break

11:30 AM-12:00 PM    PLENARY

12:00 AM-1:30 PM    Lunch

13:30 PM-6:00 PM    CLUSTER TAG: Review of the GEF-7 LD Investment Framework and Food Systems IP

The aim of this session is to produce a first critical substantive review of the structure and logic of the elements included in the cluster. The following questions will guide the TAG discussion:

- How well does the LDFA and Food Systems IP fit together and what is missing or needs to be changed?
- How feasible is the Food Systems IP and how realistic are the goals?

- How well does the Food Systems IP define a catalytic role of the GEF based on a sound analysis of the external stakeholders and key players in each theme?

Format

- Overview of GEF-7 concepts for the LDFA and Food System IP – Mohamed/Jean-Marc (30 mins)
- Discussion of the Conceptual framework and global environmental benefits (GEBs) for the LDFA – *Sustainable Land Management, Sustainable Forest Management, Land Degradation Neutrality, and alignment with the Food Systems IP* (1 hour)
- Discussion of the conceptual framework for the Food Systems IP – *value chain approach, entry points for GEBs, and alignment with other IPs* (1 hour)

7:00 PM TAG Reception (TBD)

**Day 2: Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

9:00 AM-9:30 AM      Synthesis of the preceding day's deliberations and alterations to agenda if required

9:30 AM-12:00 PM    Review of the GEF-7 Strategy of Focal Areas and Impacts Programs  
*(Continue Discussions from Day 1)*

- Discussion of the Conceptual framework for the LD – SLM, SFM, LDN, and alignment with the Food Systems IP
- Discussion of the Food Systems IP – value chain approach, entry points and linkages to other IPs

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Synthesis of discussions on key questions around proposed strategy for the LDFA and Food Systems IP

- Does the Food System IP as designed provide results at scale and address drivers of environmental degradation?

- How well does the architecture (business model of delivery mainly through Impact Programs with other strategic Focal Area investments) of the GEF-7 framework respond to GEF2020 Vision?
- How well does the proposed IP address MEAs guidance and priorities?
- What SDGs would be covered by the Food Systems IP and other LDFA investments?
- What are the interactions/synergies of the LDFA/Food Systems cluster elements (Impact Programs or others) that need to work with other elements of the GEF-7 strategy?
- How does the Results Framework respond to the need for integration and the delivery of multiple benefits and how realistic/feasible is it?

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM Group meetings on ‘Cross-cutting’ Themes

The following themes will serve as the basis for integrated group discussion of all experts:

- NCI
- Green Financing
- Resilience
- Natural Capital
- Circular Economy

The groups will be tasked with examining how to ensure that these themes are relevant to some/all of the Impact Programs and how they can support the delivery of the GEBs of the GEF-7 portfolio.

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Plenary with all TAG clusters to compare notes on key questions and discuss agenda for day 3.

### **Day 3: Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

9:00 AM-9:30 AM Synthesis of the preceding day’s deliberations and alterations to agenda if required

9:30 AM-12:00 PM Review of the GEF-7 Strategy of Focal Areas and Impacts Programs

The session will address remaining key questions for the TAG cluster to bring back to the plenary in the afternoon. An important element could be around outcomes and indicators for the LDFAs and Food Systems IP.



12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Synthesis of discussions on key questions around proposed strategy and definition of follow-up and next steps

1:30 PM      lunch and departure

## Cluster Agenda

### Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Restoration / Commodities

*Watergate Hotel, Washington DC  
February 7-9, 2017*

#### Overall Objectives:

1. Provide initial technical input on proposed GEF-7 Programming Directions draft frameworks and present suggestions to strengthen the case for key interventions that address drivers of environmental degradation
2. Help identify potential gaps and possible synergies that could be in the draft GEF-7 Programming Directions framework

#### Day 1: Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**9:00 AM-12:00 AM** PLENARY

**12:00 AM-1:30 PM** Lunch

**13:30 PM-6:00 PM** Review of the GEF-7 Strategy of Focal Areas and Impacts Programs (IP)

The aim of this session is to produce a first critical substantive review of the structure and logic of the elements included in the cluster. The following questions will guide the TAG discussion:

- How well are the two Impact Programs “Restoration and Reforestation” and “Commodities” fit in the overall GEF-7 Strategy. What is missing or needs to be changed?
- How feasible are the two Impact Programs and how realistic are the goals that are trying to be achieved? What are the specific linkages and synergies between the two?
- How well do the two Impact Programs define a catalytic role of the GEF based on a sound analysis of the external stakeholders and key players in each theme?

### Agenda

- Overview of Restoration and Commodities concepts incl. Q&A – Ulrich/Paul (30 min)
- Discussion of the Conceptual framework, global environmental benefits (GEBs) and realistic targets
- Discussion of the linkages with and contributions to other IPs and Focal Areas (mainly Biodiversity, Land Degradation, and Climate Change)

**7:00 PM** TAG Reception (TBD)

### **Day 2: Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**9:00 AM-9:30 AM** Synthesis of the preceding day's deliberations and alterations to agenda

**9:30 AM-12:00 PM** Review of the GEF-7 Strategy of Focal Areas and Impacts Programs

### Agenda

- Discussion of criteria for selection of priority regions/countries/areas based on identified linkages to other IPs and Focal Areas.
- Discussion of the RBM framework
- Initial thought son costing of proposed activities

**12:00 PM -1:00 PM** LUNCH

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM** Synthesis of discussions on key questions around proposed strategy

With the conceptual frameworks refined, this session will assess how the proposed two IPs will support the GEF2020 agenda, MEAs and SDGs. The following questions will guide the discussion:

- Do the Impact Programs as designed provide results at scale and address drivers of environmental degradation?
- How well does the architecture (business model of delivery mainly through Impact Programs with other strategic Focal Area investments) of the GEF-7 framework respond to GEF2020 Vision?
- How well does the proposed Impact Programs address MEAs guidance and priorities?

- What SDGs would be covered by the two Impact Programs and related Focal Area investments?
- What are the interactions/synergies of your TAG cluster elements (Impact Programs or others) that need to work with other elements of the GEF-7 strategy?
- How does the Results Framework respond to the need for integration and the delivery of multiple benefits and how realistic/feasible is it?

**2:30 PM – 5:00 PM** Group meetings on ‘Cross-cutting’ Themes

The following themes will serve as the basis for integrated group discussion of all experts:

- NGI
- Green Financing
- Resilience
- Natural Capital
- Circular Economy

The groups will be tasked with examining how to ensure that these themes are relevant to some/all of the Impact Programs and how they can support the delivery of the GEBs of the GEF-7 portfolio.

**5:00 PM-6:00 PM** PLENARY

All TAG clusters to compare notes on key questions and discuss agenda for day 3.

**Day 3: Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**9:00 AM-9:30 AM** Synthesis of the preceding day’s deliberations and alterations to agenda

**9:30 AM-12:00 PM** Finalization of Cluster Recommendations

Agenda

- The session will address remaining key questions for the TAG cluster to feed into the plenary. An important element will be targets and results, including costing of proposed activities.



**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM** PLENARY

Synthesis of discussions on key questions around proposed strategy and definition of follow-up and next steps

**1:30 PM**

Lunch and departure



## Cluster Agenda

### Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Chemicals and Waste and Circular Economy

*Watergate Hotel, Washington DC*

*February 7-9, 2017*

Date/Time	Agenda Item and explanations	Lead
<b>Tuesday February 7</b>		
<b>9:00 AM-12:00 PM</b>	Opening Plenary with all Participants  <u>Background reading:</u> GEF-7 Programming Directions (circulated to all participants) GEF 2020 Vision: <a href="https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF-2020Strategies-March2015_CRA_WEB_2.pdf">https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF-2020Strategies-March2015_CRA_WEB_2.pdf</a>	CEO and GEFSEC staff present context of GEF-7 Programming Directions
<b>12:00 PM-1:30 PM</b>	Lunch	
<b>1:30 PM- 1:45 PM</b>	Overview of the TAG Process: Introductions, TOR, Ground Rules and Expected Outputs of the Meeting	Anil Sookdeo
<b>1:45 PM – 3:15 PM</b>	The Big Picture: Overview of the GEF-7 Chemicals and Waste (CW) Investment Framework, Circular Economy Impact Program and relevance to other GEF-7 FAs (CCM and IW) and IPs (Green Infrastructure, Food Systems)	Anil Sookdeo, Frank Moser, Kevin Helps

	<p><i>GEFSEC will provide an overview of the GEF-7 CW investment framework (goal and objectives), the GEF-7 CW strategy core programs, the Circular Economy, other GEF-7 FAs (CCM and IW) and IPs (Green Infrastructure, Food Systems). The Convention Secretariats will provide an overview of the priorities in the next 4-8 years to meet time bound obligations of the Conventions.</i></p> <p><i>Three background questions to consider during our deliberations over the next 2 days will be:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1) How well does the Impact Program and the FA Strategy in the cluster fit together and with the other elements of GEF-7 what is missing or needs to be changed?</i></li> <li><i>2) How feasible is the Circular Economy Impact Program and how realistic are the goals that are trying to be achieved?</i></li> <li><i>3) How well does the Impact Program define a catalytic role of the GEF based on a sound analysis of the external stakeholders and key players in each theme?</i></li> </ol> <p><u><i>Background reading:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• Guidance from the COPs (Stockholm and Minamata) and needs of SAICM and the Montreal Protocol (see attached)</i></li> <li><i>• GEF-6 Chemicals Strategy</i></li> <li><i>• Draft Evaluation of the Chemicals and Waste Focal Area by the GEF IEO (attached)</i></li> <li><i>• GEF-7 Programming Directions (pay most attention to GEF-7 CW Strategy and Impact Programs on Circular Economy, Cities, Green Infrastructure and Commodities),</i></li> <li><i>• GEF-7 Draft Program Descriptions (see attached),</i></li> <li><i>• Scientific papers on the circular economy (see attached)</i></li> </ul>	
<p><b>3:15 PM-3:30 PM</b></p>	<p>Questions and Discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1) How well does the Impact Program and the FA Strategy in the cluster fit together and with the other elements of GEF-7? What is missing or needs to be changed?</i></li> </ol>	<p>All</p>

<b>3:30 PM- 5:45 PM</b>	<p>Review of the GEF-7 CW Strategy by Objectives and Core Programs</p> <p><i>During this session, the TAG will undertake a critical analysis of each objective of the strategy and the associated core programs. A GEFSEC chemicals team member will present the core program briefly (5-10 minutes) demonstrating how the core program responds to guidance from the Stockholm Convention, Minamata Convention, SAICM and Montreal Protocol, the evolution of the core program from GEF-6, including the proposed corresponding elements of the portfolio results framework. Key issues for the TAG to address will be highlighted. The floor will then be open for TAG members to constructively critique the core program, offer suggestions for improvements, etc. The aim of this session is to produce a first critical substantive review of the core programs of the strategy.</i></p>	All
<b>5:45 PM – 6:00 PM</b>	Wrap up and Plan for Day 2	Anil Sookdeo
<b>6:00 PM – 8:00 PM</b>	TAG Reception	
<b>Wednesday February 8</b>		
<b>9:30 AM-10:30 AM</b>	<p>Review of the Remaining GEF-7 CW Strategy by Objectives and Core Programs <i>(and Circular Economy if feasible)</i></p> <p>The morning session will proceed through the remaining core programs that we did not review on Tuesday. If we have completed this work on Tuesday, we will begin reviewing the Circular Economy Impact Program.</p>	All
<b>10:30 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<p>Review of the Circular Economy Impact Program</p> <p><i>During this session, the TAG will undertake a critical analysis of the proposed Circular Economy Impact Program. GEFSec will present the program briefly (5-10 minutes), including the IP ties to GEF-7 commitments to Chemicals and Waste, including the Stockholm Convention, the Minamata Convention, SAICM, the Montreal Protocol, International Waters and Climate Change Mitigation as</i></p>	Leah and Anil

	<p><i>well as to other GEF-7 IPs (Food Systems, Green Infrastructure).</i> The aim of this session is to produce a first critical substantive review of the Circular Economy Integrated Program.</p> <p>With this in mind, the key discussion questions for the TAG to address will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Given the current state of the circular economy globally (please read the background materials) and the current knowledge in this area as well as existing evidence from implementation of the concepts of the circular economy, what <b>catalytic role</b> can the GEF play in this sphere and how can it be integrated into GEF programming in GEF 7?</li> <li>• How can these themes be <b>integrated</b> into GEF programming in GEF 7 through the CE Impact Program and elsewhere?</li> <li>• How realistic are the <b>goals</b> of the Circular Economy Impact Program and how feasible are the prioritized <b>themes</b>?</li> <li>• What <b>sectors</b> lend themselves to GEF intervention for proving the circular economy as a viable way to address resource depletion?</li> </ul>	
<b>12:00 PM -1:00 PM</b>	LUNCH	
<b>1:00 PM – 2:30 PM</b>	<p>Synthesis of discussions on key questions around proposed strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does the CE Impact Program as designed address drivers of environmental degradation?</li> <li>- How well does the CE Impact Program respond to the GEF2020 Vision, address GEBs and address MEAs guidance and priorities?</li> <li>- What SDGs would be covered by the CE Impact Program?</li> <li>- What are the interactions/synergies of the CE Impact Program that need to work with other elements of the GEF-7 strategy?</li> <li>- How does the Results Framework respond to the need for integration and the delivery of multiple benefits and how realistic/feasible is it?</li> </ul>	Leah
<b>2:30 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	<p>Group meetings on ‘Cross-cutting’ Themes</p> <p>The following themes will serve as the basis for integrated group discussion of all experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NGI</li> <li>- Green Financing</li> <li>- Resilience</li> </ul>	Experts from various TAGs will be grouped to discuss the themes in the list.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Natural Capital</li> <li>- Circular Economy</li> </ul>	
<b>5:00 PM – 6:00 PM</b>	Plenary All TAG clusters to compare notes on key questions and discuss agenda for day 3.	
<b>Thursday February 9</b>		
<b>9:00 AM to 12:00 PM</b>	Recap of the Previous day and Review of Outstanding Items related to GEF-7 CW Strategy and the Circular Economy Impact Program	Anil
<b>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</b>	Synthesis of discussions on key questions around proposed strategy and definition of follow-up and next steps	Anil
<b>1:30 PM</b>	Lunch and Departure	

## Cluster Agenda

### Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Green Finance/Non-Grant Innovative Finance/Green Infrastructure

Watergate Hotel, Washington DC

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#### Tuesday, February 7

9:00 AM-12:00 PM	<p><b>Opening Plenary with all Participants</b></p> <p>GEF CEO and Secretariat staff present context of GEF-7 Programming Directions<sup>3</sup></p>
12:00 PM-1:30 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:30 PM-1:40 PM	<p><b>Overview of the ‘Green Finance/Non-Grant Innovative Finance/Green Infrastructure’ TAG Process</b></p> <p>Introductions by the TAG Co-Chairs and TAG Experts are followed by an elaboration of ground rules and the expected outputs of the TAG meeting.</p>
1:40 PM-2:00 PM	<p><b>The Big Picture: Overview of the draft ‘Green Finance/Non-Grant Innovative Finance/Green Infrastructure’ Impact Programs</b></p> <p>The TAG Co-Chairs will provide an overview of background thinking on the <i>Green Finance/Non-Grant Innovative Finance/Green Infrastructure</i> Impact Programs, including their linkage to previous GEF initiatives and their intended responsiveness to non-grant and green finance needs arising from evolving global contexts.</p>
2:00 PM-2:30 PM	Questions and answers on process and big picture
2:30 PM-5:30 PM	<p><b>Review of the ‘Green Finance/Non-Grant Innovative Finance/Green Infrastructure’ Impact Programs</b></p> <p>The TAG cluster experts will undertake a critical analysis of the proposed Impact Programs on Green Finance, Non-Grant Innovative Finance and Green Infrastructure, and identify any key issues for the TAG to address. The floor will be open for TAG members to constructively critique the Impact Programs and offer suggestions for improvements. The aim of this session is to produce a first critical and substantive review of the structure and logic of the elements of this TAG cluster. Guiding questions may include:</p>
2:30 PM-3:30 PM: <i>Non-Grant Innovative Finance</i>	
3:30 PM-4:30 PM: <i>Green Finance</i>	

<sup>3</sup> Background reading: GEF-7 Programming Directions (circulated to all participants) and GEF 2020 Vision: [https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF-2020Strategies-March2015\\_CRA\\_WEB\\_2.pdf](https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF-2020Strategies-March2015_CRA_WEB_2.pdf)

4:30 PM-5:30 PM <i>Green Infrastructure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How well are recent developments and new findings in the scientific and practice community related to this TAG reflected in the Impact Program design and description?</li> <li>• How feasible and realistic are these Impact Programs?</li> <li>• Are any emerging finance needs and thematic target areas insufficiently covered?</li> <li>• How well are these Impact Programs reflecting the catalytic role of the GEF?</li> </ul>
5:30 PM-6:00 PM	<b>Wrap up and plan for Day 2</b>
7:00 PM	<b>RECEPTION</b>

**Wednesday, February 8**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM	<p><b>Review of the ‘Green Finance/Non-Grant Innovative Finance/Green Infrastructure’ Impact Programs</b></p> <p>The TAG will continue with a deep dive into a critical analysis of the Impact Programs as defined in the wrap-up of Day 1. If needed, the TAG will adjust the agenda.</p>
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 PM-2:30 PM	<p><b>Synthesis of discussions on key questions around the ‘Green Finance/Non-Grant Innovative Finance/Green Infrastructure’ Impact Programs</b></p> <p>Guiding questions for TAG members to discuss during this session may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do these Impact Programs as proposed provide results at scale and address drivers of environmental degradation?</li> <li>• How well do these Impact Programs respond to the GEF2020 Vision?</li> <li>• How well do these Impact Programs address MEA guidance and priorities?</li> <li>• What SDGs would be covered by these Impact Programs?</li> <li>• How do elements of this particular TAG need to interact with other elements of the GEF-7 Programming Directions?</li> <li>• How does the framework respond to the need for integration and the delivery of multiple benefits and how realistic/feasible is it?</li> </ul>
2:30 PM-5:00 PM	<p><b>All groups meet on cross-cutting themes</b></p> <p>The TAG groups will convene and together examine how to ensure that a number of truly cross-cutting GEF-7 programs will deliver global environmental benefits beyond individual focal areas. The following programs/themes will serve as the basis for integrated group discussion of all experts: Non-Grant Innovative Finance; Green Finance; Resilience; Natural Capital; and Circular Economy.</p>

5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Options for plenary with all TAG clusters to compare notes on key questions to discuss agenda for Day 3
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**Thursday, February 9**

9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Synthesis of the preceding day's deliberations and alterations to the agenda if required
9:30 AM-12:00 PM	<p><b>Review of the 'Green Finance/Non-Grant Innovative Finance/Green Infrastructure' Impact Programs</b></p> <p>This session will proceed through the remaining core elements that were not covered previously in this TAG and also address key questions and topics to be brought back by this TAG to the plenary in the afternoon.</p>
12:00 PM-1:30 PM	<b>Closing Plenary: Synthesis of discussions on key questions around proposed strategy and definition of follow-up and next steps</b>
1:30 PM	<b>LUNCH AND DEPARTURE</b>



## **Cluster Agenda**

### **Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Sustainable Cities/Energy for All /Climate Change Mitigation**

*Watergate Hotel, Washington DC*

*February 7-9, 2017*

Tag participants will be asked to reflect on the following questions during the deliberations:

- 1) How well do the Impact Programs and climate change mitigation investment framework in the cluster fit together and what is missing or what needs to be changed?
- 2) How feasible is each Impact Program and how realistic are the goals that are trying to be achieved?
- 3) How well does each Impact Program define a catalytic role of the GEF based on a sound analysis of the external stakeholders and key players in each theme?
- 4) Does the impact program sufficiently identify key partners in public and private sectors that can facilitate accomplishment of the program goals?

#### Background reading:

- GEF-7 Programming Directions (circulated to all participants)
- GEF 2020 Vision
- GEF-6 Programming Directions (Climate Excerpt)
- CBIT Policy Document
- IEA (2016) Energy, Climate Change Environment, 2016 Insights. IEA (2016) - World Energy Outlook 2016
- Sustainable Energy for All - a Framework for Action (2012)
- IMF (2015). IMF Working Paper. How Large Are Global Energy Subsidies? WP/15/105
- World Development Report 2016 – Digital Dividends.
- Paris Agreement
- COP 22 Guidance to the GEF (Compiled)

### Detailed Structure and Agenda

#### Day 1: Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM** Opening Plenary with all Participants (CEO and GEFSEC staff present context of GEF-7 Programming Directions)

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM** Lunch

**1:30 PM – 1:45 PM** Overview of the TAG Process: Introductions, Ground Rules and Expected Outputs of the Meeting (*Ming Yang*)

**1:45 PM – 2:00 PM** The Big Picture: Overview of the GEF-7 Impact Programs Sustainable Cities and Energy for All, along with the Climate Change Mitigation Investment Framework (*Ming Yang, Xiaomei Tan, and Milena Gonzalez Vasquez*).

The GEF SEC will provide a short overview of the GEF-7 Strategy Frameworks (goal, objectives, and approaches) for this cluster and discuss alignment with guidance from the UNFCCC, the Paris Agreement, and the relevant SDGs.

**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM** Detailed presentation on Sustainable Cities Impact Program with short Q&A

1. City and urban leadership has been paving the way for low-carbon investments. Has the proposed impact program identified the key areas of support for those leaders to help them overcome barriers to low-carbon and sustainable development?

2. The success of the GEF-6 cities IAP rested on strong guidance for integrated urban planning. In GEF-7 the impact program will further strengthen guidance on planning but will also need to have mechanisms to foster investment projects. Does the strategy articulate the priority areas for investment and resulting global environmental benefits?

3. How can GEF-7 urban strategy contribute to SDG 11 (Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable) and the Paris Agreement?

4. With limited funding but multiple commitments, GEF should prioritize its resources. Please suggest what the investment priority should be in the urban arena.

5. Cities that have succeeded over the centuries are those that changed and adapted as technologies have evolved. Over the past two centuries, we have seen three technological revolutions that have defined cities today. We are now embarking on the fourth revolution – digital technology. Please advise, how can digital technology help us to

- a) Leapfrog infrastructure gaps
- b) Build seamless urban connectivity
- c) Streamline municipal services deliveries
- d) Enhance spatial planning
- e) Optimize urban resources management

<b>3:00 PM – 4:00 PM</b>	Detailed presentation on Energy for All Impact Program with short Q&A
<b>4:00 PM – 5:45 PM</b>	Guided discussion on the impact programs, including key priorities, geographical emphasis, and investment strategies
<b>5:45 PM – 6:00 PM</b>	Wrap up and Plan for Day 2
<b>6:00 PM – 7:00 PM</b>	TAG Reception

**Day 2: Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

<b>9:00 AM – 9:30 AM</b>	Synthesis of the preceding day's deliberations and alterations to agenda if required.
<b>9:30 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	Presentation: Climate Change Mitigation Investment Framework, including CBIT with short Q&A.

- 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM** Refresh presentations and summarize feedback on Sustainable Cities and Energy for All; Joint discussions on the overlaps and gaps.
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM** Guided discussion on alignment of Impact Programs with CCM Investment Framework, including assessing program impacts and tracking results with a discussion on GHG accounting methodology.
- 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM** Document analytical needs, additional topics, and next steps for refining the impact programs and focal area strategy.
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM** Lunch
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM** Impact Program Collaboration and Coordination
- Integration with Agricultural Commodities Supply Chains; Food Systems; Land, Ecosystem and Forest Restoration; Amazon Sustainable Landscapes
  - Integration with Circular Economy
  - Integration with Green Finance; Green Infrastructure; Non-Grant Fast-Track
  - Integration with Environmental and Water Security Impact Program; Resilience
- Review the following questions:
- Do these Impact Programs as proposed provide results at scale and address drivers of environmental degradation?
  - How well do these Impact Programs respond to the GEF2020 Vision?
  - How well do these Impact Programs address MEA guidance and priorities?
  - What SDGs would be covered by these Impact Programs?
  - How do elements of this particular TAG need to interact with other elements of the GEF-7 Programming Directions?
  - How does the framework respond to the need for integration and the delivery of multiple benefits and how realistic/feasible is it?

**2:30 PM – 5:00 PM** All groups meet on cross-cutting themes

The TAG groups will convene and together examine how to ensure that a number of truly cross-cutting GEF-7 programs will deliver global environmental benefits beyond individual focal areas. The following programs/themes will serve as the basis for integrated group discussion of all experts: Non-Grant Innovative Finance; Green Finance; Resilience; Natural Capital; and Circular Economy.

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM** Plenary with all TAG clusters to compare notes on key questions and discuss agenda for day 3.

**Day 3: Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**9:00 AM – 9:30 AM** Synthesis of the preceding day’s deliberations and alterations to agenda if required.

**9:30 AM – 11:00 AM** Discussions on outcomes and potential indicators. Identify top priority subset of Energy for All and Sustainable Cities Impact Programs.

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM** Review of Outstanding Items for CCM Investment Framework and the CBIT Impact Program in coordination with the TAG group on CBIT/Enhancing Ambition.

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM** Synthesis of discussions on key questions around proposed strategy and definition of follow-up and next steps.

**1:30 PM** Lunch and departure.