The GEF Trustee

GEF Introduction Seminar
January 20, 2015
Trust Funds and Partnerships (DFPTF)
Development Finance (DFi)

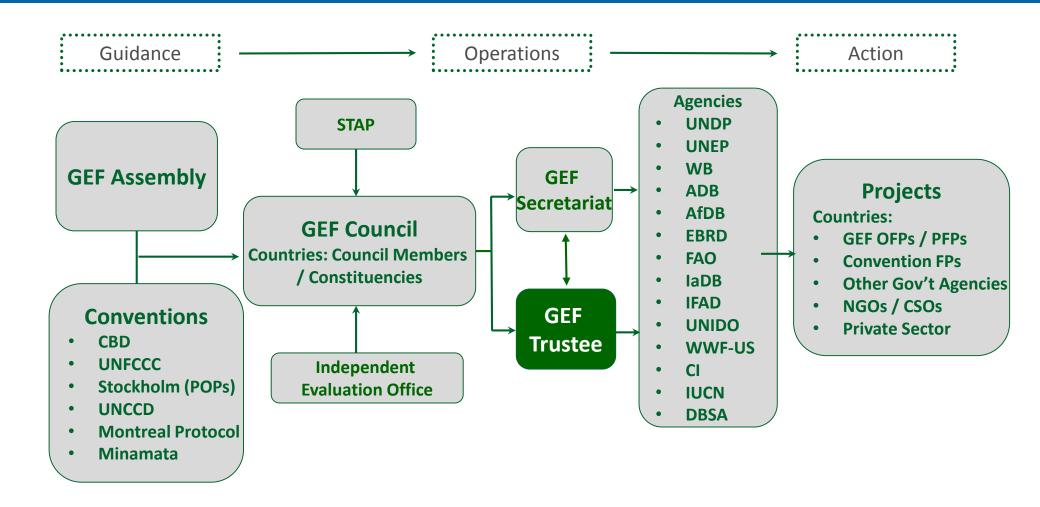


Presentation Outline

- I. GEF Governance and Structure
- II. Roles and Responsibilities of the Trustee
- III. Funds Flow for Full-sized Project and Fee
- IV. Financial Procedures Agreement
- V. Reporting Requirements under the FPA
- VI. GEF Trustee Team



GEF Governance and Structure





Roles and Responsibilities of the Trustee

☐ Trustee's role and fiduciary responsibilities are set forth in the *GEF Instrument*, Annex B.

Resource Mobilization

 Resource mobilization – Replenishment

Financial management

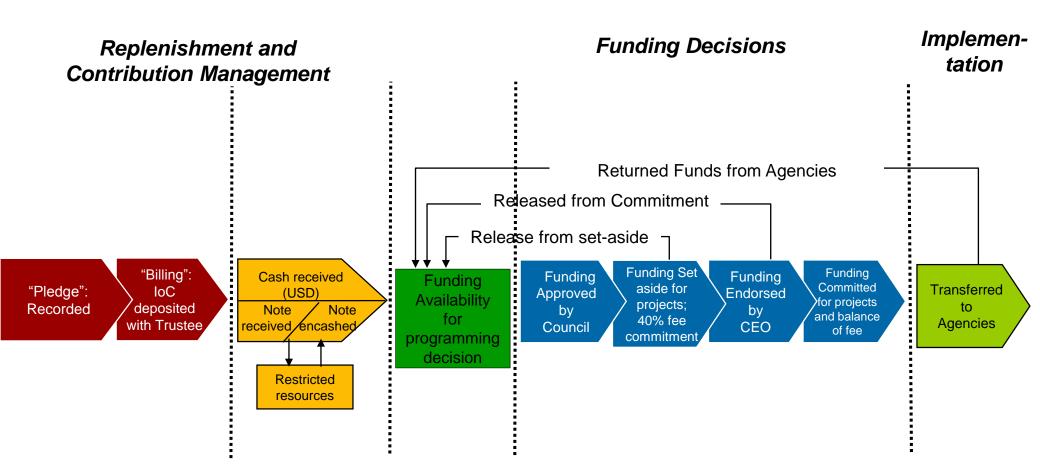
- Contribution management, implementation of GEF Replenishment, etc.
- Investment management of GEF resources held in trust.
- Financial projections and cash flow forecasting.
- Recording of funding decisions and monitoring of funding availability for GEF Trust Fund.
- Transfer of funds to agencies under provisions of FPA.

Reporting and Compliance

- Prepare <u>semi-annual</u> reports for Council on the financial situation of GEF Trust Fund.
- Prepare monthly reports for Secretariat on funds availability and the status of contributions paid-in.
- Coordinate external audit of the GEF Trust Fund and provide financial statements of the GEF Trust Fund.
- Provide input to GEF Business Plans and Budgets for submission to Council.
- Ensure compliance with Instrument and other legal documents.



Funds Flow [for Full-sized Project and Fee]



Financial Procedures Agreements (FPA)

A set of legal documents governing the business relationship between IBRD as Trustee of the GEF Trust Fund and the GEF Agencies. These were developed based on the standard provisions applicable to the trust funds (GEF, LDCF and SCCF). They set the definitions and rules for:

- <u>Commitment of funds by Trustee</u>: Sets financial liability to Agencies including adjustments for cancellation and closed projects and fees. These are communicated via the Letters of Commitment issued on a monthly basis, as needed.
- <u>Transfer of funds to GEF Agency</u>: Initiated based on cash transfer requests by Agencies. The basis for transfer are funding availability (dependent on Agency's approval of the projects), and frequency of the request (usually covers 3-6 months funding needs).
- <u>Use of funds by GEF Agency</u>: in accordance with Agency's policies and procedures. Trustee is not responsible for use of funds by Agency.
- Reflows vs. Refund from GEF Agency to the Trustee: reflows arise from non-grant instruments, while refunds result from financial closure of projects.
- Financial reporting by Agency (quarterly, semi-annual and annual)



Reporting Requirements under the FPA

Agency reports to the Trustee capture the following information:

- Project approvals by agency, cancellation, and project closures;
- fee cancellations, financial closure, refunds, reflows, and investment income;
- annual financial statements, and audit reports.

To ensure data integrity, accuracy and consistency between the Trustee and the Agency records, periodically the Trustee exchanges information with the Agencies.

GEF Trustee Team

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Questions

We welcome your questions.