Knowledge and Learning at the **GEF** *and the* **GEF Partnership**

What is **Knowledge**?

At the GEF, knowledge is the experience and lessons learned related to projects and programs.

What is **KM**?

At the GEF, **"Knowledge Management"** is defined as the systematic processes, or range of practices, used by organizations to identify, capture, store, create, update, represent, and distribute knowledge for use, awareness, and learning across the organization and its ecosystem."
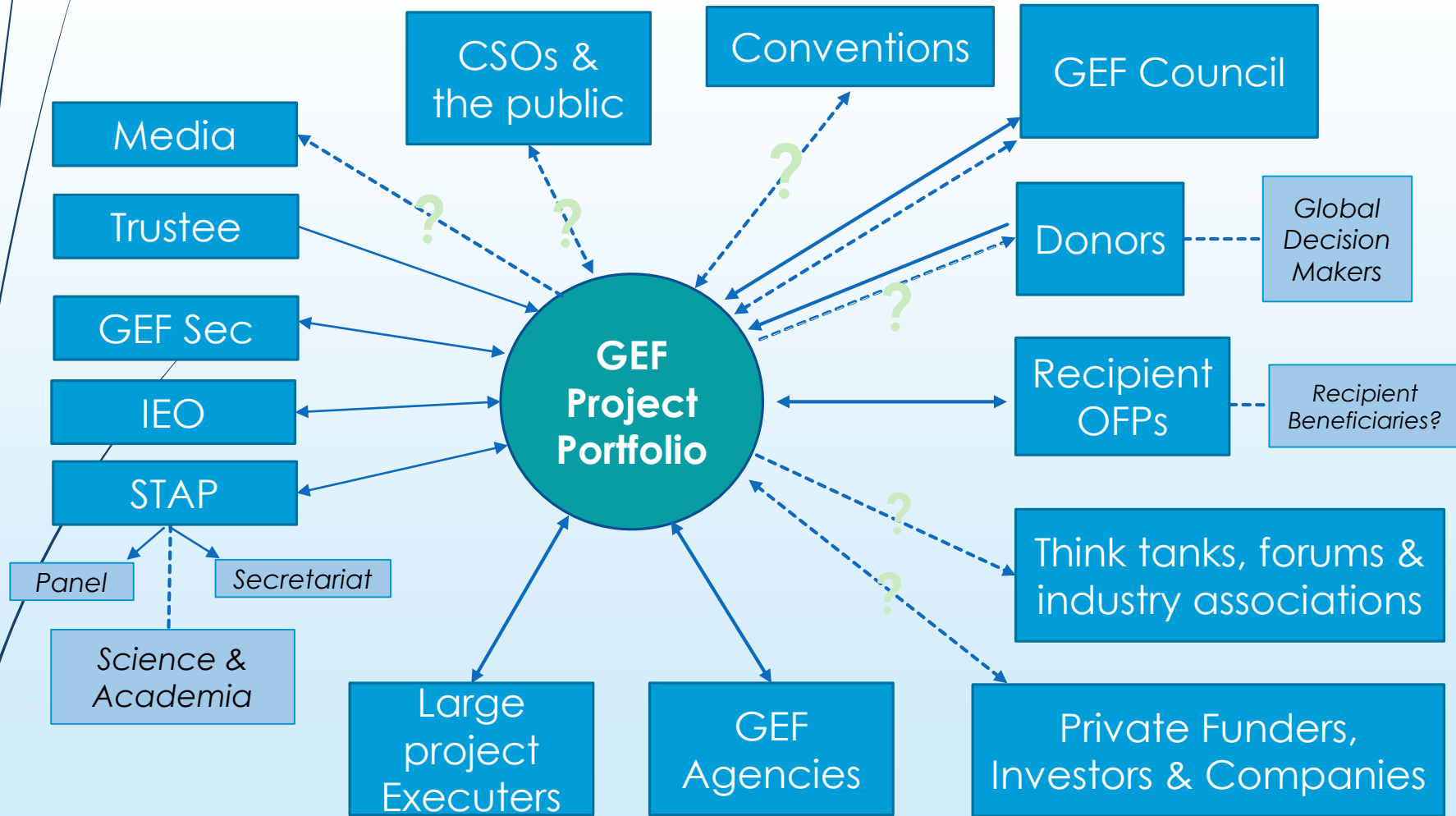
Why **KM**?

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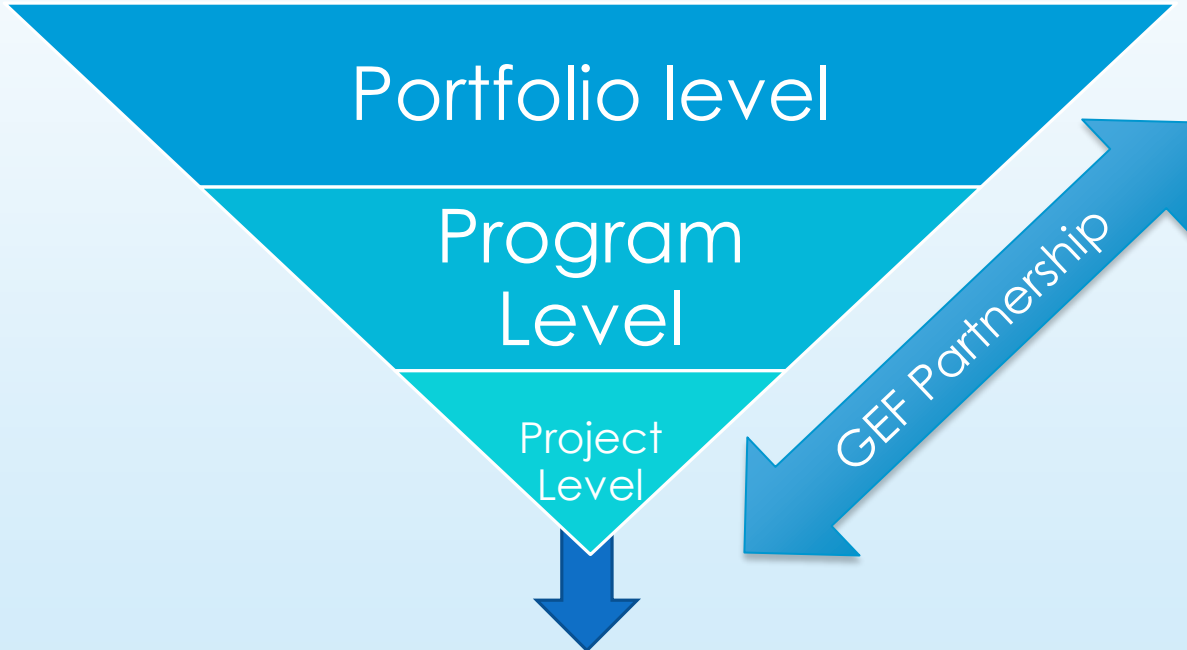
Essential condition for

GEF finance

to make a lasting **impact.**

Knowledge FLOWS

GEF Partnership

Informing National, Regional and Global Dialogues

Portfolio level

Program Level

Project Level

GEF Partnership

Improving Project Quality

Challenges

- **Gaps** in knowledge capture and dissemination from project and programs-level interventions.

- **Fragmentation** of knowledge related to GEF projects and programs across countries, agencies and focal areas and not easily accessible to both internal and external stakeholders.

- **Perception** exists that the knowledge shared does not fully reflect the potential collective experience.

- **Missed opportunities** for learning from experiences gained outside of the GEF partnership. Examples include academia, think-tanks, partner countries, civil society outside of the GEF network, other funds and development agencies, the private sector, and global dialogues

Objectives

- **Objective 1:** To inform global, regional and national policy dialogues on options and approaches to reverse the course of environmental degradation.

- **Objective 2:** To improve the impact of GEF-supported projects and programs.

Enhancing GEF Data

- Expand existing GEF Database so that it can store lessons learned

- Make data accessible in a way that is easily searchable.

- Mapping GEF project data with advanced search/report generation capabilities

Improve Data Uptake

- Improve PIF and M&E reporting templates to enable submission of lessons learned during and after project implementation.

KALEO – "Ask an Expert"

- Questions asked in Kaleo return accurate, bite-sized answers

- Knowledge is actively updated by GEF experts.

- Knowledge experts can include media from existing systems while adding expert commentary in real-time when answering questions.
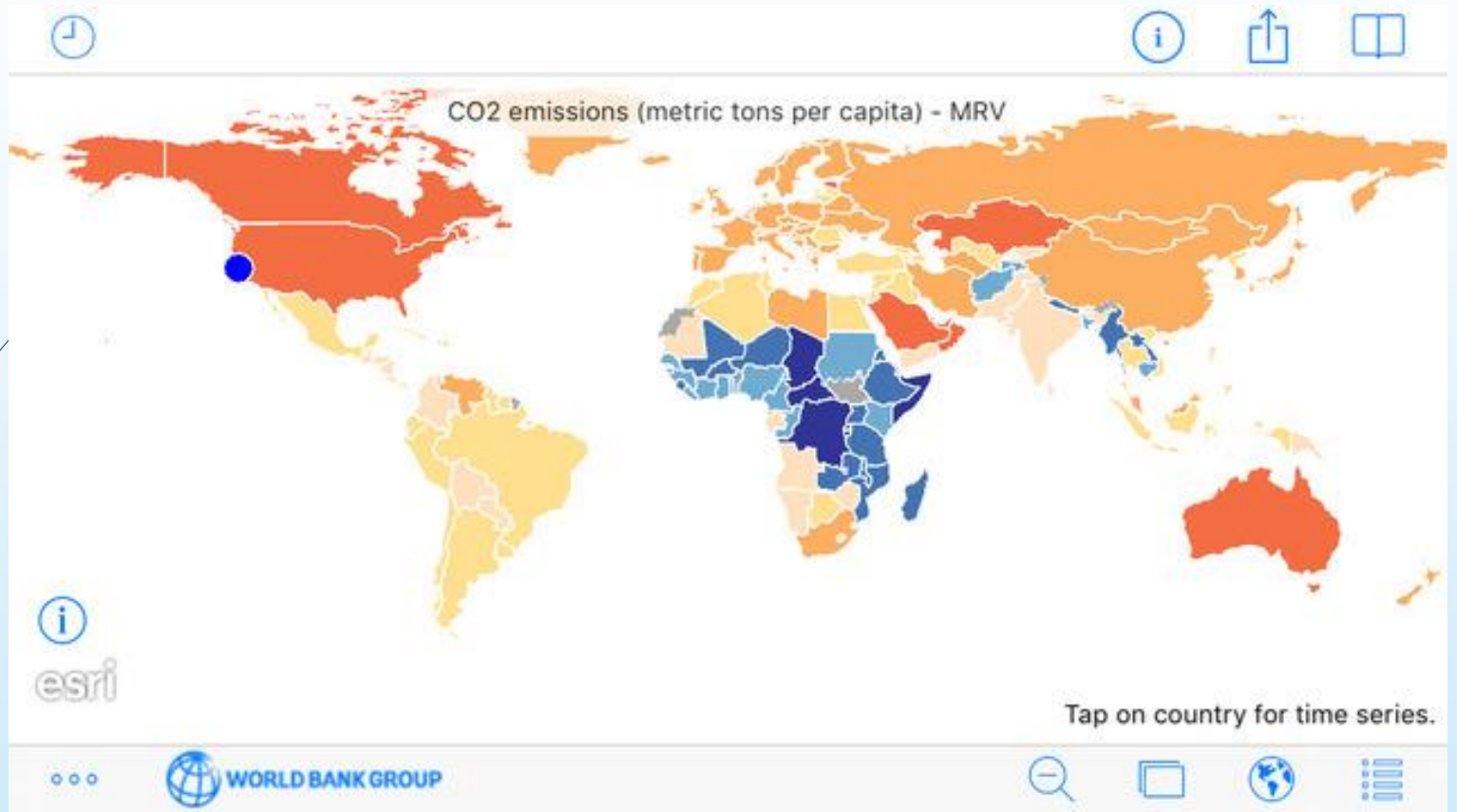
Mapping "Spatial Agent"

- Spatial Agent is an app designed to visualize and map open data

- 1000's of datasets from more than 300 institutions.

- Data includes statistical information, ground-based monitoring, satellite earth observation and model outputs (e.g. climate change projections) visualized in innovative ways

(What is the difference in the climate model projections for rainfall in the next century across models?)

Spatial Agent

Actions & Opportunities

- Reinforce **actionable knowledge** at the program/project level -*across the GEF Partnership.*

- Improve **capacity of GEF's technology platforms** – *including an open-access approach to data*

- **Maximize impact** from the **IEO**, **STAP** and the GEF **CSO** network

- **Form new partnerships** with the private sector, think-tanks, science organizations and academia

- Create opportunities for **south-south knowledge exchanges**

Knowledge Products

➡ GEF **"Lessons in a Nutshell"** Series
(objectives 1&2)

➡ GEF **publications and multi-media** series
(objective 1)

➡ **Lessons learned** for inclusion in GEF's AMR
(objective 2)

➡ GEF **knowledge products repository**
(objectives 1&2)

Ultimate Product:
Learn Apply Scale

GEF KM and Learning Partnership

The GEF Partnership KM and Learning System will enable uptake of lessons learned in the GEF and improve the GEF Partnership's ability to learn by doing, enhancing its impact over time.

Knowledge and Learning Questions

- What are the key GEF-relevant Knowledge and Learning needs of your country?

- How can the GEF Secretariat and agencies better meet the GEF-relevant Knowledge and Learning needs of your country?

- What is the demand in your institution for GEF Knowledge and Learning Products (GEF publications, newsletters, website, project generated documents, events/seminars, etc.)?

- How do you find the quality of existing GEF Knowledge and Learning Products that you currently access and use?

- How can countries better contribute to meet Knowledge and Learning needs of GEF stakeholders locally and globally and to improve Knowledge Flow across the GEF partnership?

- How can Knowledge and Learning be better integrated into GEF projects?

Thank You!