

Global Environment Facility Introduction Seminar



GEF Capacity
Development Activities
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GEF Small Grants Programme
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Agency Stakeholders

Global Environmental Facility (GEF)



**United Nations Development
Programme (UNDP)**



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**United Nations Office for Project
Services (UNOPS)**



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What is SGP?

A program, which:

- Believes that local solutions to global environmental problems exist.
- Supports community-based initiatives and action.
- That the process of implementation leads also to poverty reduction and local empowerment.



Nature of SGP Grants

- **Planning grants: \$2,500**
- **Small grants projects: up to \$50,000**
- **Strategic grants: up to \$150,000**
- **Local CBOs, NGOs, communities, civil society organizations;**
- **Review and approval of proposals done at country level through National Steering Committee**



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SGP Country Governance Structure

National Steering Committee (NSC):

- Country driven
- Capacity-building for CSOs
- Review and approval of projects
- Mobilize resources, link SGP to policy and planning
- Majority non-governmental
- OFP and UNDP CO are ex-officio
- All volunteers of various expertise
- Tenure 2 years; exceptionally renewable



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SGP Country Governance

Technical Advisory Group (TAG):

- Get more involvement;
- Expert review group;
- NGO experts, academia, reps of Convention
- Focal Points;
- Quality of proposals.



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SGP Country Management

SGP Country Team:

National Coordinator (NC)

- Competitively selected
- UNOPS contracted
- Implements decisions and policies of NSC
- Primary supervisor is SGP Global Manager on programmatic matters.

Programme Assistant (PA)

- Competitively selected and UNOPS contracted
- Supports the NC and reports to the NC



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SGP Global Management

Central Programme Management Team (CPMT)

- Provide guidance on meeting the commitments of SGP to GEF
- Maintain global coherence
- Raise global co-financing
- Link country outcomes to global environmental governance
- Global Manager and DGM plus focal area experts that also serve as Regional Focal Persons

SGP Steering Committee

- GEF Secretariat (Chair), UNDP-GEF and the GEF CSO Network
- Provides strategic guidance



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SGP as a Global Programme

SGP Participating Countries



- 22 new countries joined during OP4 (2008-2010)
- 8 new countries started up during 5th Operational Phase (OP5) from 2010-2014 for a total of 136
- More than 19,000 projects globally

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Integration with National Efforts

- Development of the Country Programme Strategy (CPS)
 - a. endorsed by the NSC and shared with the GEF OFP and Convention Focal Points;*
 - b. links with other planning and priority processes in the country*
- Involvement in NPFES, NBSAPs, NAPAs, etc.
 - a. input SGP lessons learned*
 - b. position CSO/community stakeholders into strategic roles*
- Linkages with MSPs/FSPs



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SGP OP6 Programming directions

In GEF-6, SGP will have a three-pronged approach

- Focus on globally recognized ecosystems
- Set up institutional and financial support mechanisms
- Systematically develop the capacity of local and national civil society stakeholders.



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SGP OP6 Programming directions

For greater efficiency in the use of limited resources and to promote mainstreaming and scaling up, SGP country programmes can select from a set of four (4) multi-focal strategic initiatives:

- Community Landscape and Seascape Conservation
- Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology
- Low Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits
- Local to Global Chemical Management Coalitions



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Partnerships

- Grantees
- National Governments
- State/Local Governments
- Regional Governments
- Bilateral aid
- Corporations
- Multilateral agencies
- Foundations
- NGOs



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Thank you for your attention

Questions?

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