



# GEF-8 STRATEGY & PROGRAMMING DIRECTIONS

PATHWAYS TO AN EQUITABLE, NATURE-POSITIVE  
AND CARBON NEUTRAL WORLD BEYOND COVID-19



# Update to the Programming Directions



## WHAT WE DID

1 Received comments from 19 participants in May., for a total of 1200 individual comments

2 Comments were divided into “Strategic” and “Editorial”. The later were addressed by team members based on relevance. The former were discussed with CEO team and acted on.

3 New Draft circulated to Agencies and Convention Secretariats in August and last set of comments incorporated in final draft.

4 Final Draft reviewed by CEO and quality checked against comments received.

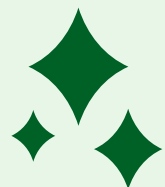
# Updates to the Replenishment Documents



- ▶ Revised GEF8 Programming Directions  
Document *GEF/R.8/05*
- ▶ New Document on Strategic  
Positioning  
Document *GEF/R.8/07*
- ▶ Note on Operationalizing the  
Integrated Programs  
Document *GEF/R.8/08*

# GEF-8 Programming Directions

GEF/R.8/05



## WHAT'S NEW

**1** Overall **architecture** of Integrated Programs and Focal Areas has **remained the same**

**2** Original introduction and strategic positioning section now a **separate document**  
Strategic Positioning Framework

**3** Comments and suggestions addressed - amounted to **strong support for all 11 Integrated Programs confirmed at the technical meeting**

Each Integrated Program and Focal Area chapters have been tightened up and edited based on specific donor comments.

Significant changes were made to the Infrastructure, the Restoration, and Clean and Healthy Ocean IPs

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## WHAT'S NEW

4 **New CSP chapter has been completed** and will be followed by a more comprehensive **Country Engagement Strategy** to be presented in 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

5 The **private sector topic** features strongly as **part of the integrated approach** in each of the IPs and updates were made to the section on private sector engagement to address comments.

6 We included an annex that describes how **the strategy will contribute to the Global Biodiversity Framework** that became available after the April meeting.

# GEF-8 Strategic Positioning Framework

Document GEF/R.8/07

NEW PAPER

**Introduction included** in the GEF-8 Programming Directions Document

Overall **strategic positioning strengthened**, including the GEF's role in narrowing the financing gap through policy coherence and other actions

**Stronger justification** and rationale for the GEF-8 Programming Directions Architecture presented

**Healthy Planet Healthy People** concept made clearer

Better description of **how the GEF is relevant** to a healthy planet and hence to the health of people

Detailed description of the **role and added-value of the GEF** for each of the proposed Integrated Programs

Enhanced description of each of the **focal area** chapters



# Note on Operationalizing the GEF-8 Integrated Programs

Document GEF/R.8/08

NEW PAPER

Description of some **procedural and process-oriented guidance** on “how” the Integrated Programs will be made operational in GEF-8.

Building on **equivalent guidance used in GEF-7**, the experiences of the GEF-6 and GEF-7 integrated/impact programs and updated with **major findings of the IEO**.

**Guidance based on inclusiveness for all countries**, fair, open, and transparent lead agency selection, and enhanced considerations and detailed program functions to be included in the lead agency roles for each IP.



# GEF-8 Strategic Positioning

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# Global responses and commitments to seek bold results by 2030 and beyond


- **Commitments by countries representing ~45% of the world's emissions to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050**
- **Commitment to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems - 350 million hectares of degraded landscapes into restoration**
- **High ambition coalition commitment to bring 30% of land and oceans under protection**



# Global responses and commitments to seek bold results by 2030 and beyond

- Sustainably manage 100% of the ocean area under national jurisdiction by 2025
- Phase out POPs controlled by the Stockholm Convention with time bound phase out dates during the period 2025 – 2036
- Phase out of mercury in products and industrial process by 2025
- Develop the Task Force on Nature-related Financial Disclosures - TNFD

**Calls for a GEF8 Strategy that is...**

A close-up photograph of a yellow snail with a black spiral shell crawling on a vibrant green leaf. The snail is positioned in the center-left of the frame, moving towards the right. The leaf is part of a plant with other green leaves and brown roots visible in the background. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the snail's shell and the leaf.

**Systemic and  
Transformational and  
Responds to Urgency  
of Raising Ambition**

# A Longer-Term Vision for the GEF

*To halt nature loss and ensure that the world is nature-positive by 2030 and carbon neutral and pollution-free by 2050*

# Embracing a Post-COVID-19 Framework



Healthy Planet

Healthy People

...protecting nature and restoring health of the environment that can and needs to underpin the health and well-being of human societies.

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# GEF-8 Integrated Programming

## *Pathway to Transformative Change for Blue and Green Recovery*

Integrated programs are defined by sharing several of the following characteristics:

- 1 Integration of actions **across sectors**; *or* Integration of resources across **GEF focal areas**; *or* Integration across **supply chains**;
- 2 Complement country-level investments with **transboundary action and impact** at regional or global scales;
- 3 Mobilize **diverse coalition of stakeholders** from relevant sectors for system transformation;
- 4 Address **drivers of environmental degradation** at global or regional scales;
- 5 Deliver multiple **global environmental benefits**;
- 6 Promote **greater private sector engagement**;
- 7 Foster **knowledge sharing and learning**.

# Programming Directions Responsive to **OPS-7 findings and recommendations**

- Increased attention to **Fragile States**
- Greater opportunities **for SIDS to participate in IPs**
- Improved focus **on scaling up** for greater impact
- Continue promoting multi-stakeholder platforms as a **promising tool** for private sector inclusion and KM mainstreaming among other functions
- Enhance the work of the CSP to further build country **capacity and awareness about the GEF**
- Enhanced focus on **Natural Capital Accounting, domestic resource mobilization and policy coherence**



# GEF-8 Integrated Programs, Focal Areas, and GEBs

## GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT BENEFITS MAPPED TO FOCAL AREAS

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS	Biodiversity	Climate Change	Land Degradation	International Waters	Chemicals and Waste	
<i>Amazon, Congo and Critical Forest Biomes</i>	Area protected in landscapes & seascapes	Emissions avoided or reduced	Area under sustainable land management	Fisheries managed sustainably	POPs, mercury, waste reduced or eliminated	
<i>Wildlife Conservation for Development</i>		Forest carbon stocks conserved	Area restored	Freshwater resources managed sustainably		
<i>Net-zero Accelerator</i>	Protected area under effective management	Land-based carbon sequestered	Area with deforestation reduced	Basins w/ enhanced water-food - energy ecosystem security		
<i>Ecosystem Restoration</i>						
<i>Clean and Healthy Ocean</i>						
<i>Blue and Green Islands</i>						
<i>Food systems</i>						
<i>Sustainable Cities</i>						
<i>Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development</i>						
<i>Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution</i>						
<i>Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains</i>						

# Operationalizing the integrated programs

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## Key Considerations and Processes

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# Program development and design

The "Programmatic" Approach facilitates:

*Engagement on typically **complex** and **evolving upstream** drivers of change*

*Generation and use of **project-learning***

*Regional **cooperation***

*South-South **exchange***

*Partnership-building and **programmatic co-financing***

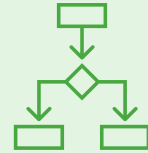
*Institutional change and **scale-up***

# Next steps for roll-out



## Programming modality

- *use of focal are resources (STAR + set-aside)*
- *OPS7 recommendations for enhancing efficiency and effectiveness*



## Selection of Lead Agencies

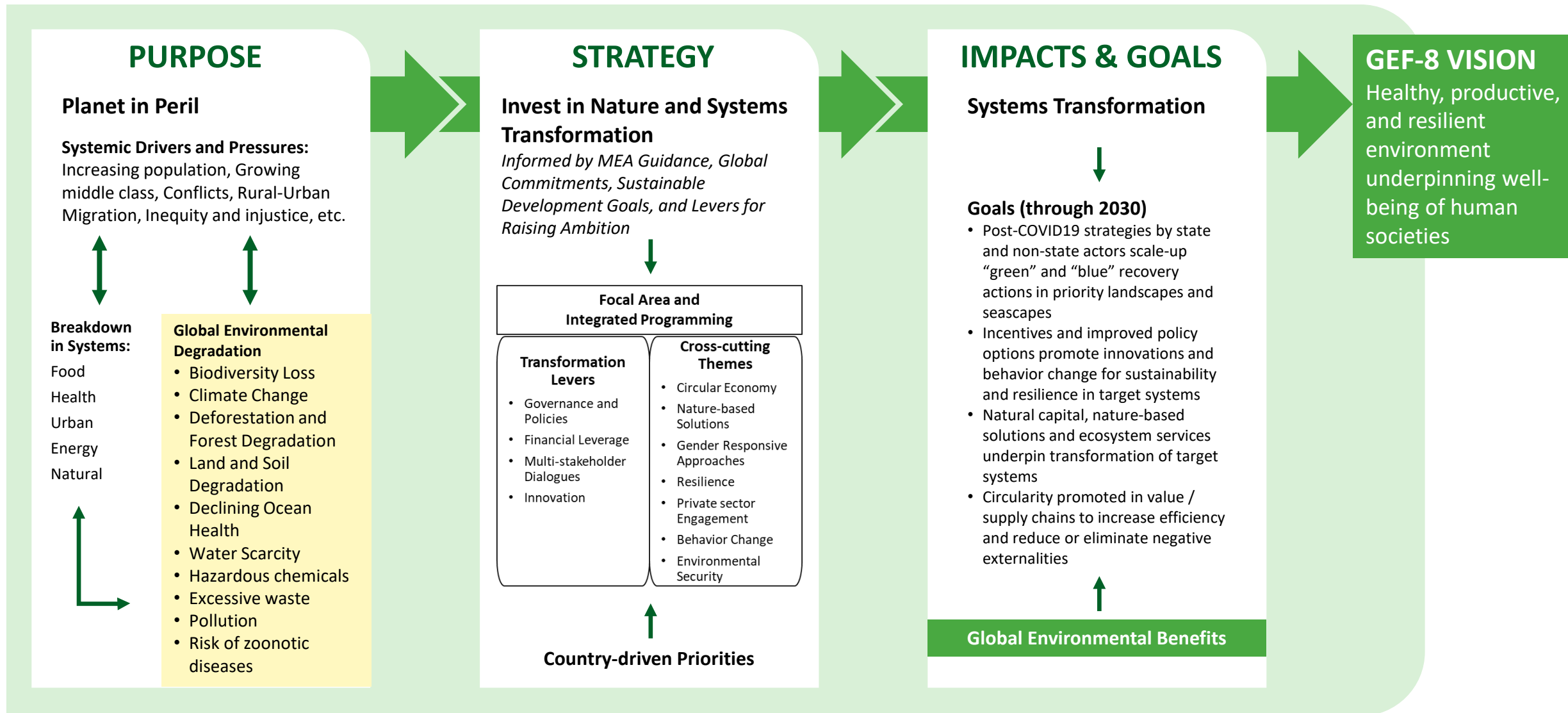


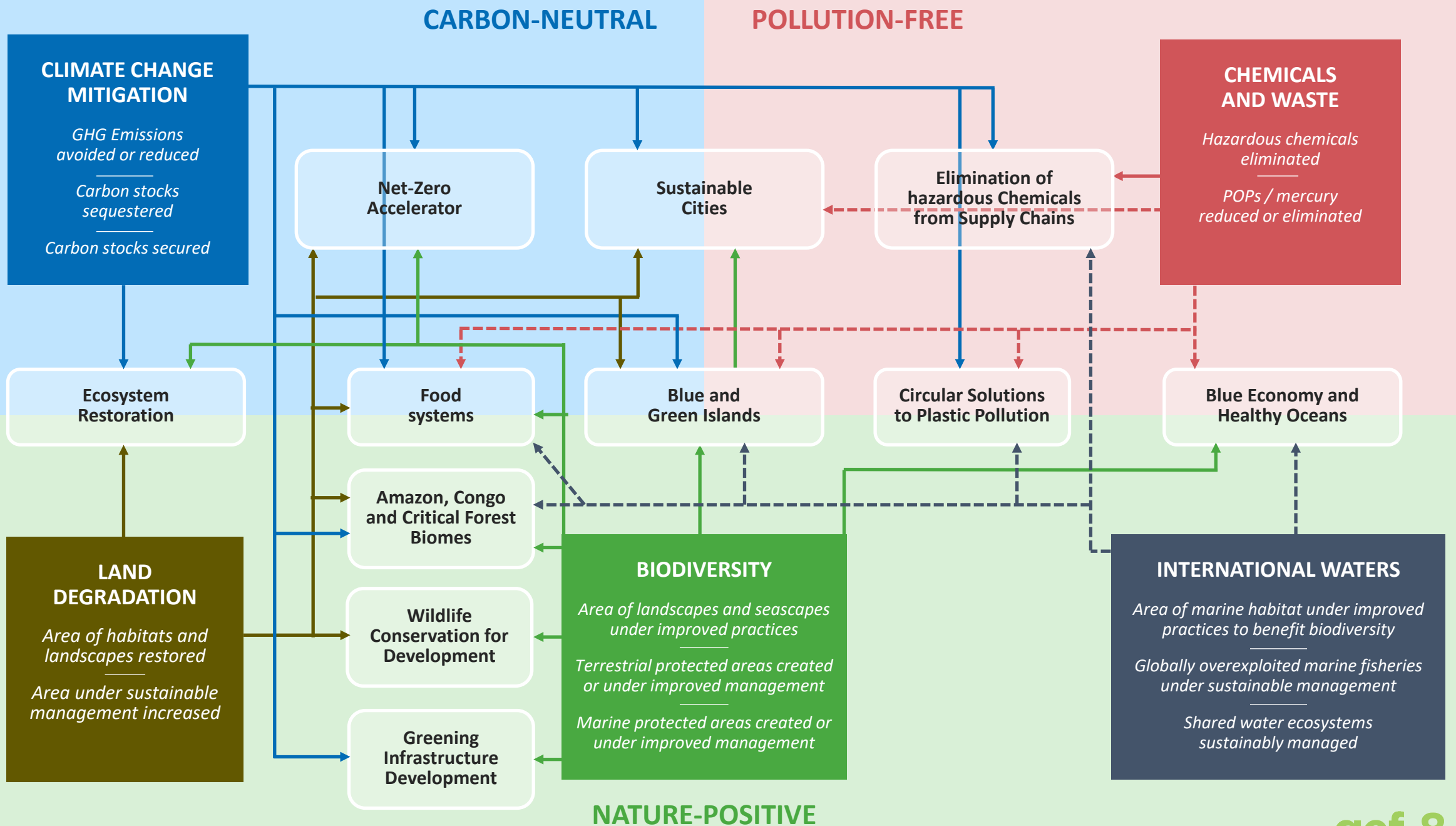
## Criteria for country participation



Engagement with countries on **opportunities** and **options** for participation

# GEF-8 Theory of Change







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