

**Global Environment Facility
Knowledge Management (KM) Advisory Group Meeting
June 15, 2022**

Background: The **GEF Knowledge Management (KM) Advisory Group** was established in October 2015. It consists of interested members of the GEF Partnership including GEF Agencies, STAP, IEO, CSO network, donor and recipient countries, the Conventions as well as KM experts from like-minded institutions. The last meeting of the Group was held virtually on December 1, 2021.

The Group serves as an informal vehicle for collaboration and consultation on the implementation, planning and execution of knowledge and learning initiatives across the GEF Partnership. It supports the GEF Knowledge Management and Learning (KM&L) Agenda and functions as a sounding board for KM&L initiatives and proposals to achieve the objectives set forth in the [GEF KM Approach Paper¹](#) (2015), bringing together diverse set of voices and perspectives.

Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 (Morning in Washington DC)

Duration: The meeting begins at 8:15 am and adjourns at 11:30 am (EST US and Canada).

Mode: Virtual/ Zoom

Participants:

- GEF Partner Agencies (Executive Coordinators and KM specialists)
- GEF Secretariat (interested members of senior management and staff)
- Convention and CSO Representatives
- GEF Council Members and Focal Points
- GEF IEO and STAP Representatives
- Experts and Colleagues from Like-minded Institutions

Activities: Presentations, Facilitated Conversation and Group Discussion

Purpose and description: The goal is to go over progress made in the development of the GEF's KM&L strategy, as summarized in GEF/C.62/Inf.08² (2022), and to discuss key issues, challenges as well as opportunities for collaboration and learning across the GEF Partnership in line with GEF 8 priorities. There will be presentations from InforMEA, STAP and IEO relevant to the strategy development process.

Registration/Access: Register in advance for this meeting at the following link:

<https://worldbankgroup.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlucOCqpjgoE9NxbrAc9PcJdQScde9plzid>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email. If you wish to nominate others to attend, please contact Yasemin Biro Kirtman, ybiro@thegef.org and Christina Bogoyo, cbogoyo@thegef.org.

¹ https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/EN_GEF.C.48.07.Rev._01_KM_Approach_Paper.pdf

² [https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2022-](https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2022-05/EN_GEF_C.62_Inf.08_Update%20on%20Progress%20to%20Develop%20a%20GEF%20Knowledge%20Management%20and%20Learning%20Strategy.pdf)

[05/EN_GEF_C.62_Inf.08_Update%20on%20Progress%20to%20Develop%20a%20GEF%20Knowledge%20Management%20and%20Learning%20Strategy.pdf](https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2022-05/EN_GEF_C.62_Inf.08_Update%20on%20Progress%20to%20Develop%20a%20GEF%20Knowledge%20Management%20and%20Learning%20Strategy.pdf)

AGENDA

- 8:15 – 8:20 am** **Welcome and a Reflection on Knowledge and Learning Priorities in GEF-8**
– *Carlos Manuel Rodriguez*, GEF CEO or *Francoise Clottes*, Director, Policy, Partnerships and Operations Unit (PPO), GEFSEC
- 8:20 – 8:45 am** **An Update on the GEF Knowledge Management & Learning (KM&L) Strategy Development Process** – *Yasemin Biro Kirtman*, GEF Knowledge and Learning Coordinator, Partnerships and Operations Unit (PPO), GEFSEC and *Prof. Kimiz Dalkir*, Director and Associate Professor, School of Information Studies, McGill University
- 8:45 – 9:00 am** **Knowledge and Learning – Perspective from the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP)** - *Graciela Metternicht* and *Mark Stafford-Smith*, STAP members
- 9:00 - 9:30 am** **Presentation of InforMEA, the UN Information Portal on Multilateral Environmental Agreements,** - *Eva Duer*, Legal Officer and InforMEA Team Leader, Law Division, UN Environment (UNEP)
- 9:30 – 10:15 am** **Lessons from GEF-funded Knowledge Hubs/Platforms as part of Integrated Programs (IPs), Integrated Approach Pilots (IAPs) and Programs** – moderated by *Aloke Barnwal*, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Programming Unit (GPU), GEFSEC
- a. **Knowledge Hub of Resilient Food Systems (IAP)** - IFAD team
 - b. **URBANSHIFT - Knowledge Platform of Sustainable Cities (IP)** - UNEP team
 - c. **Knowledge Platform of Global Wildlife Program** - WBG team
 - d. **Q&A and Discussion** - Discussants: *Jean-Marc Sinnassamy*, Senior Environmental Specialist, GPU, GEFSEC and *Adriana Moreira*, Senior Environmental Specialist, GPU, GEFSEC
- 10:15 – 10:45 am** **Insights from the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) on Lessons Learned from GEF Investments** – *Geeta Batra*, Chief Evaluation Officer, IEO
- 10:45 – 11:25 am** **Facilitating Knowledge Exchange at Country Level: GEF Knowledge Days and Pilot Knowledge and Collaboration Platform (KCP) for GEF Focal Points** – *William Ernest Ehlers*, Program, Director, Country Support Program (CSP), *Robert Schreiber*, Program Coordinator, CSP, GEFSEC, and *Christina Bogyo*, Sr. Program Assistant, GEFSEC
- 11:25 – 11:30 am** **Next Steps towards a GEF KM&L Strategy** – *Yasemin Biro Kirtman*, GEF Knowledge and Learning Coordinator, PPO, GEFSEC
- 11:30 am** **Closing Remarks** - *Carlos Manuel Rodriguez*, GEF CEO or *Francoise Clottes*, Director, Policy, PPO, GEFSEC