



GEF INTRODUCTION SEMINAR

February 27 - March 2, 2023

7:30 – 11:00 AM EST (Washington DC Time)

Conducted in English, Interpretation available in Spanish, French & Portuguese

Zoom registration: <https://worldbankgroup.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrdOqhqT8rGtBovrugVaRtp-5W0s9mWLOT>

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TIME (EST)	DAY 1 - February 27, Monday <i>What is GEF?</i>
7:30 – 8:00	Opening Remarks <i>Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, GEF CEO and Chairperson</i>
8:00 – 8:05	Seminar Objectives & Agenda
8:05 – 8:15	<i>What is GEF?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate, Governance
8:15 – 8:25	GEF-8 Programming and Policy Directions <i>Paola Ridolfi, Manager, GEF Policy & Operations</i> <i>Mohamed Bakarr, Lead Environmental Specialist, GEF Programs</i>
8:25 – 9:25	<i>Who are the GEF partners?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) • GEF Independent Evaluation Office <p>Q/A</p>
9:25 – 9:35	Coffee break & Say hello
9:35 – 10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptation Fund • Relations with Conventions • GEF Trustee and its Financial Operations <p>Q/A</p>
10:20 – 11:00	<i>How to access GEF funding?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEF-8 Funding Structure • STAR Country Allocation System • Fiduciary Standards <p>Q/A</p>



TIME (EST)	DAY 2 – February 28, Tuesday <i>GEF Operations & Policies, GEF-8 Programming</i>
7:30 – 8:30	GEF Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project & Program Cycle• Project Cancellation Policy• Agency Fee Policy Q/A
8:30 – 9:20	GEF Policy Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results Framework• Environmental & Social Safeguards• Gender Equality• Stakeholder Engagement• Knowledge Management Requirements & Lessons Learned
9:20 – 9:30	Screen Break
9:30 – 10:00	GEF Policy Framework Q/A
10:00 – 11:00	GEF-8 Programming Strategy Q/A
TIME (EST)	DAY 3 – March 1, Wednesday <i>Supporting & engaging OFPs and Civil Society</i>
7:30 – 8:10	Meet Philippines Operational Focal Point Anna Teh, Undersecretary, Dept of Environment & Natural Resources
8:10 – 9:20	How does the GEF support OFPs? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Country Engagement Strategy• OFP Knowledge & Collaboration Platform (KCP)• Country Factsheets Q/A
9:20 – 9:30	Coffee break & Say hello
9:30 – 9:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GEF Portal
9:50 – 11:00	How does the GEF support & engage civil society? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engagement with Civil Society• Small Grants Program Q/A



TIME (EST)	DAY 4 – March 2, Thursday <i>Communication & Outreach, GEF's Support for Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience, Adaptation Fund</i>
7:30 – 8:00	GEF Communication & Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital services: website, social media, newsletter• News and editorial: storytelling and media relations• Event support, Publications, Videos and Branding
8:00 – 9:00	GEF's Support for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LDCF (Least Developed Countries Fund)• SCCF (Special Climate Change Fund) Q/A
9:00 – 9:30	Adaptation Fund Q/A
9:30 – 9:50	Closing Remarks <i>Paola Ridolfi, Manager, GEF Policy & Operations</i>
9:50 – 10:00	Group Photo & Smile