2023 GEF INTRODUCTION SEMINAR

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AGENDA

February 27
- GEF Overview
- GEF Partnership
- GEF Funding

February 28
- GEF Operations & Policies
- GEF-8 Programming

March 1
- OFP & Civil Society Support
- Small Grants Program

March 2
- Communication & Outreach
- Support for Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience

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AGENDA

GEF OPERATIONS

- Project & Program Cycle
- Project Cancellation Policy
- Agency Fee Policy
- Project Implementation & Execution

- Questions & Answers
  (Please type your question in chat)

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PROJECT CYCLE

Project Cycle

SOME KEY CONCEPTS (underlined)

Projects are **submitted** by GEF Implementing Agencies **through the GEF Portal (but projects are jointly prepared)**

There are four modalities or types of projects - each modality uses a specific **template** (NEXT SLIDE)

Letters of Endorsement signed by the official GEF Operational Focal Point **are a requirement**

There are plans to further streamline the project cycle, so what you will see may have some variations in the future.

Two important criteria for a project to be financed by GEF are (a) potential to **generate Global Environmental Benefits;** and (b) **consistency with the Programing Directions**

PROJECTS MODALITIES

Full-Sized Project (FSP): over US$2M
PIFs Approved by **Council** (twice a year in their meetings)

Medium-Sized Project (MSP): US$2M or less
PIFs are Approved by **GEF CEO** (on a rolling basis)

Enabling Activities (EA) entails a preparation of a plan, strategy or report to fulfill commitments under a Convention
EAs are Approved by **GEF CEO** (on a rolling basis)

Program: longer term and strategic arrangement of individual interlinked projects that aim at achieving large-scale impact
PFDs Approved by **Council** (twice a year in their meetings)

Child Project: an individual project under Program

Program

Country A Child Project

Country B Child Project

Country C Child Project
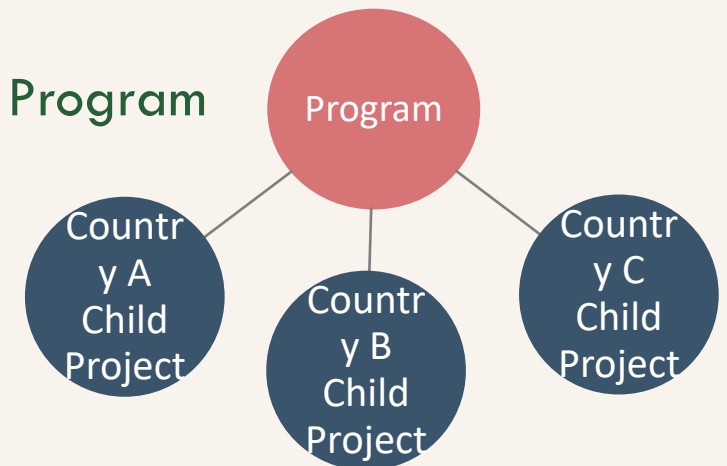
FULL-SIZED PROJECT CYCLE (similar for Programs)

START

OFP - LoE project concept consultation & development

Agencies - Convention Secretariats can provide comments to PIFs

Step 1
CEO Clearance of PIFs

STAP - Reviews all PIFs

Step 2
Council Approval of PIFs

Trustee Sets-aside funds

Agency project submission 12 mon from step 2

Step 3
CEO Endorsement 18 months from step 2

Agency internal approval -- first disbursement, then implementation begins

Annual Implementation Report Mid-Term Report

Step 4
Completion/ Terminal Evaluation

Step 5
Financial Closure 12 mon from step 4

Project Cancellation Policy

MSP
CEO PIF Approval

8 months after
CEO PIF Approval
Submission

12 months after
CEO PIF Approval

Unable to submit **CEO Approval Request** in time?

> **OFP** or **Agency** (for Global/Regional projects) notifies the GEF CEO *prior to* the submission deadline.

Unable to **obtain** **CEO Approval** in time?

> **OFP** or **Agency** (for Global/Regional projects) submits a Request for Extension to the GEF CEO *prior to* the deadline.

Agency Fee Policy

Agency Fee Structure

Child project under a Program: fee is based on the Program Financing amount irrespective of Child project financing amount

GEF financing amount	$10M & less	Over $10M
10 Agencies ADB, AFDB, EBRD, FAO, IDB, IFAD, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, WB	9.5%	9.0%
8 Newly accredited Agencies BOAD, CAF, CI, DBSA, FECO, FUNBIO, IUCN, WWF-US SGP	9.0%	
Project Preparation Grant (PPG)	Same rate as the baseline project	

Full-Sized Project Agency Fee Disbursement

20% — Council Approval

50% — 1st Disbursement

30% — Mid-term Evaluation
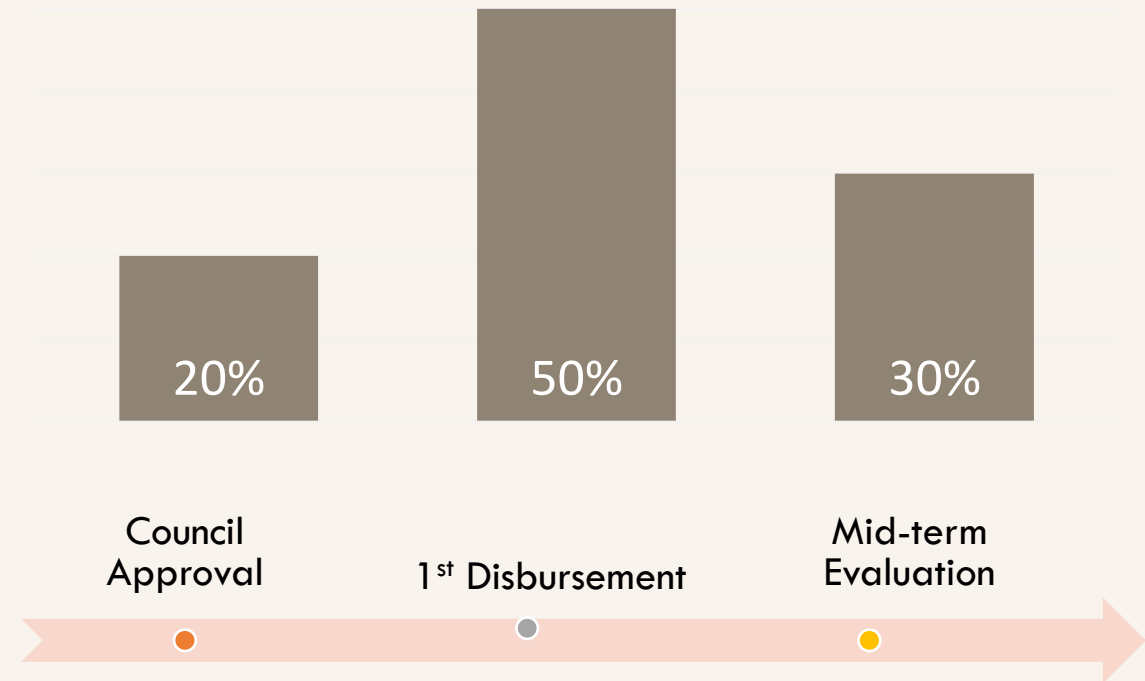
Implementation entails the **oversight** of project execution to ensure that the project is being carried out in accordance with agreed standards & requirements.

Implementation

Execution refers to the **management & administration** of the day-to-day activities of projects in accordance with specific project requirements in an agreement with the GEF Agency responsible for implementation.

Execution

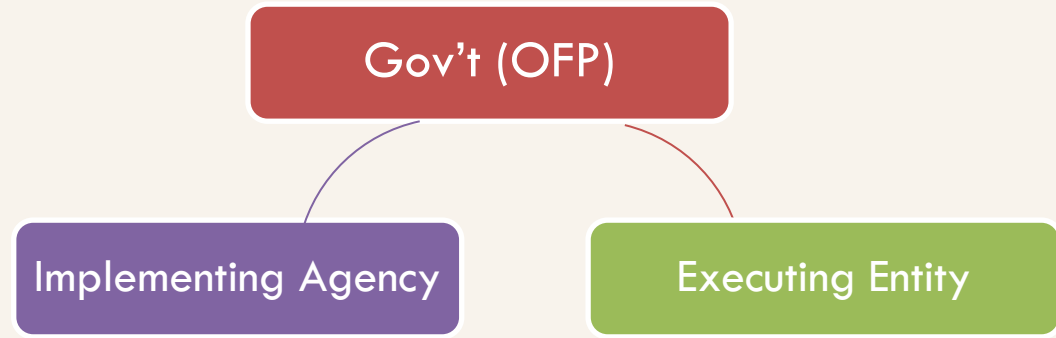**Fiduciary Standards & Agency Fee Policy** mandate the **separation** of implementation & execution functions:

- Conflict of interest

- Diminishes Country ownership and limits capacity building

OPERATIONS

Project Implementation & Execution

Gov't (OFP)

Implementing Agency

Executing Entity

Government agency - National / Regional / Global entities are highly encouraged to execute GEF projects (capacity development).

Project Implementation & Execution

If the GEF Implementing Agency aims to execute the project or portions of it:

- Ex-ante consultation with GEFSEC – if approved:

- Support letter signed by the OFP specifying the functions.

- Present institutional arrangement for the separation of implementation and executing functions in different departments of the GEF Agency – these must be presented at CEO Endorsement/Approval at the latest.

- Clear lines of responsibility, reporting and accountability within the GEF Agency between the project implementation and execution functions

Questions?

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AGENDA

GEF POLICY FRAMEWORK

- Results Framework
- Environmental & Social Safeguards
- Gender Equality
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Knowledge Management Requirements & Lessons Learned

- Questions & Answers
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GEF Policy Framework

- Fiduciary Standards
- Knowledge Management
- Project & Program Cycle
- Results
- Agency Fee
- Project Monitoring
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Gender Equality
- Environment & Social Safeguard
- Co-financing
- Project Cancellation

GEF Policies & Guidelines:
https://www.thegef.org/projects-operations/policies-guidelines

GEF-8 RESULTS MEASUREMENT FRAMEWORK
& Monitoring Project Progress

POLICY FRAMEWORK

Outline

Outline

1	The GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework
2	Project M&E Framework

Official Use

We are looking to boost GEF-8 shared impact

Assisting the GEF in delivering on its priorities

Increasing **impact** on the environment

Enhance **speed and quality**

Better measuring our **shared impact** over time

Communicate **institutional priorities**

Identify **lessons** from the past to guide the future

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Expanding from GEF-7 achievements
A suite of systems, processes and practices to manage for results

3. Incentives & accountability

2. Management systems

1. Reporting tools

- Core Indicator Targets
- Monitoring Report
- Corporate Scorecard
- IATI
- GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework
- Portal
- Geocoding
- Project Results Framework
- Project M&E Plan
- Project Implementation Report
- Mid-Term Review
- Terminal Evaluation
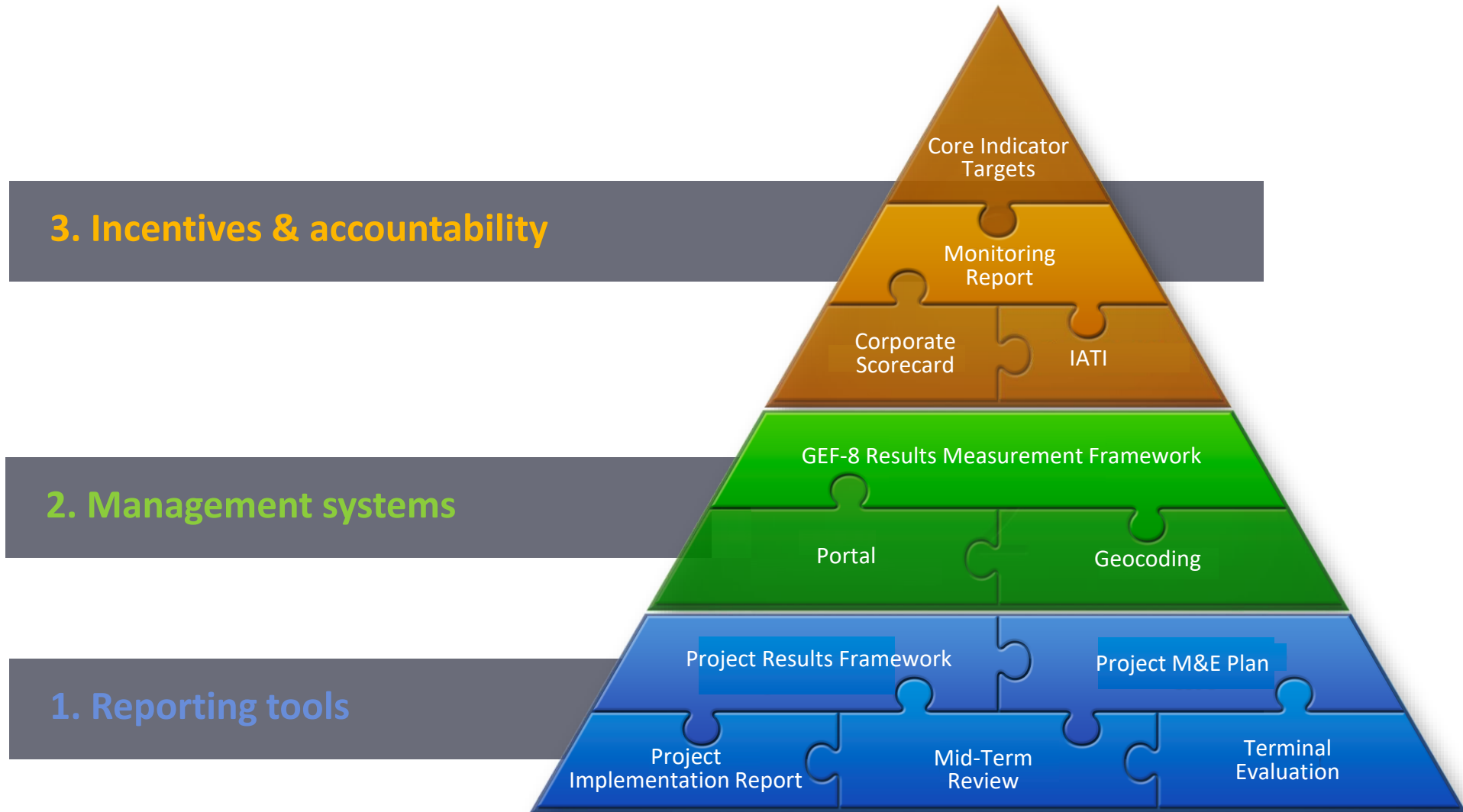
Continuous improvement of the results architecture
We have re-engineered and simplified our approach

GEF 4

Early steps towards a GEF-wide approach to results

GEF 5

Tracking tools for all focal areas
Annual monitoring reviews

GEF 6

High-level, GEB indicators
Replenishment-level targets
First Corporate Scorecard
Emerging lessons on tracking benefits

GEF 7

11 core indicators
Ambitious targets
Reporting in GEF Portal
IATI compliance

GEF-8

Harnessing data and information on results for evidence-based decision-making and learning

The GEF-8 RMF strengthens the focus on delivering results

TIER 1 | Project and Program Results

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TIER 2 | Operational Performance
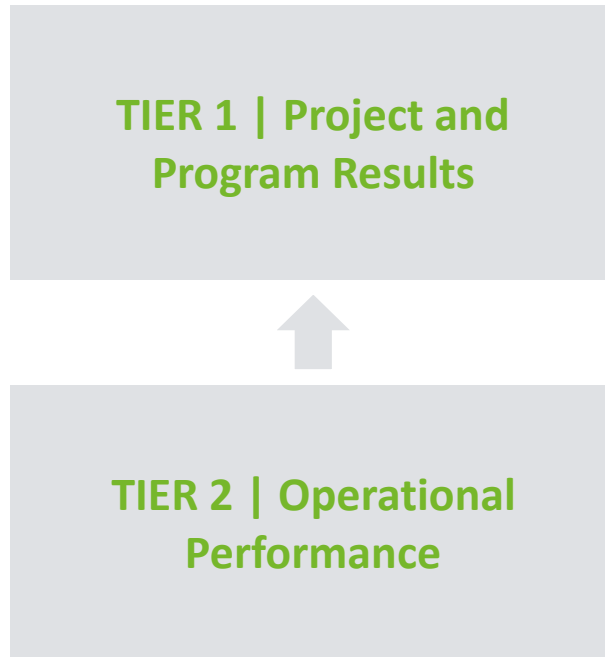
Better links project operational progress to actual results

Organizes metrics by results areas and drivers of performance

Reports cumulatively on actual results across the GEF-8 cycle

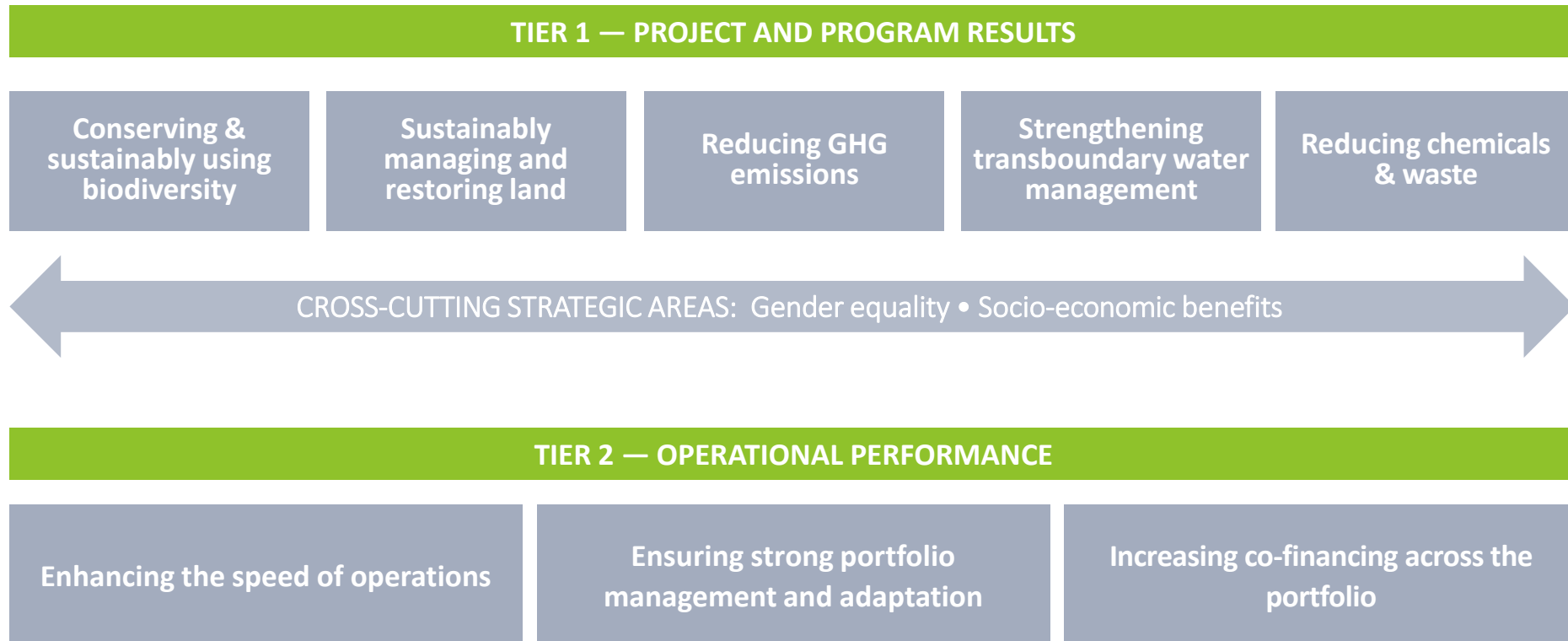Enhances key environmental results areas with new metrics

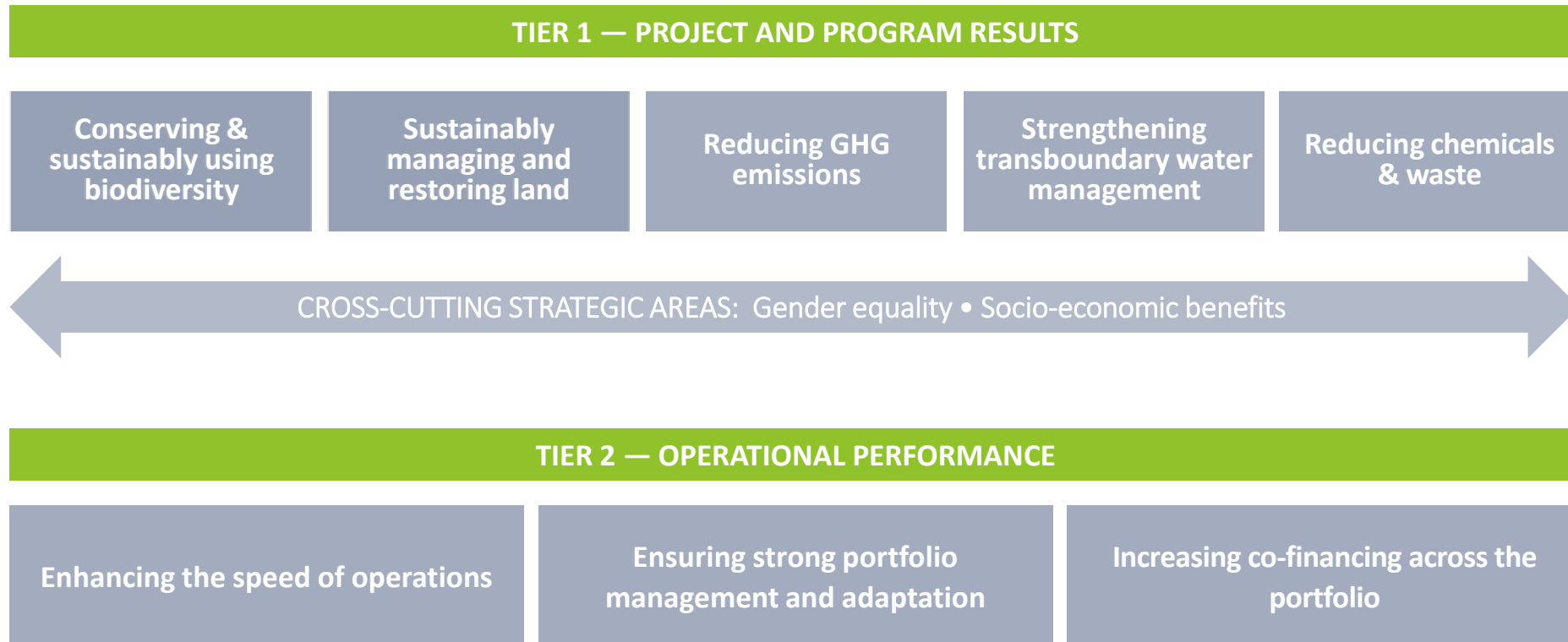Focuses on adaptive management and timely completion

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Increasing strategic focus on key programming areas
Maintaining the set of Core Indicators

TIER 1 — PROJECT AND PROGRAM RESULTS

| Conserving & sustainably using biodiversity | Sustainably managing and restoring land | Reducing GHG emissions | Strengthening transboundary water management | Reducing chemicals & waste |

CROSS-CUTTING STRATEGIC AREAS: Gender equality • Socio-economic benefits

TIER 2 — OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

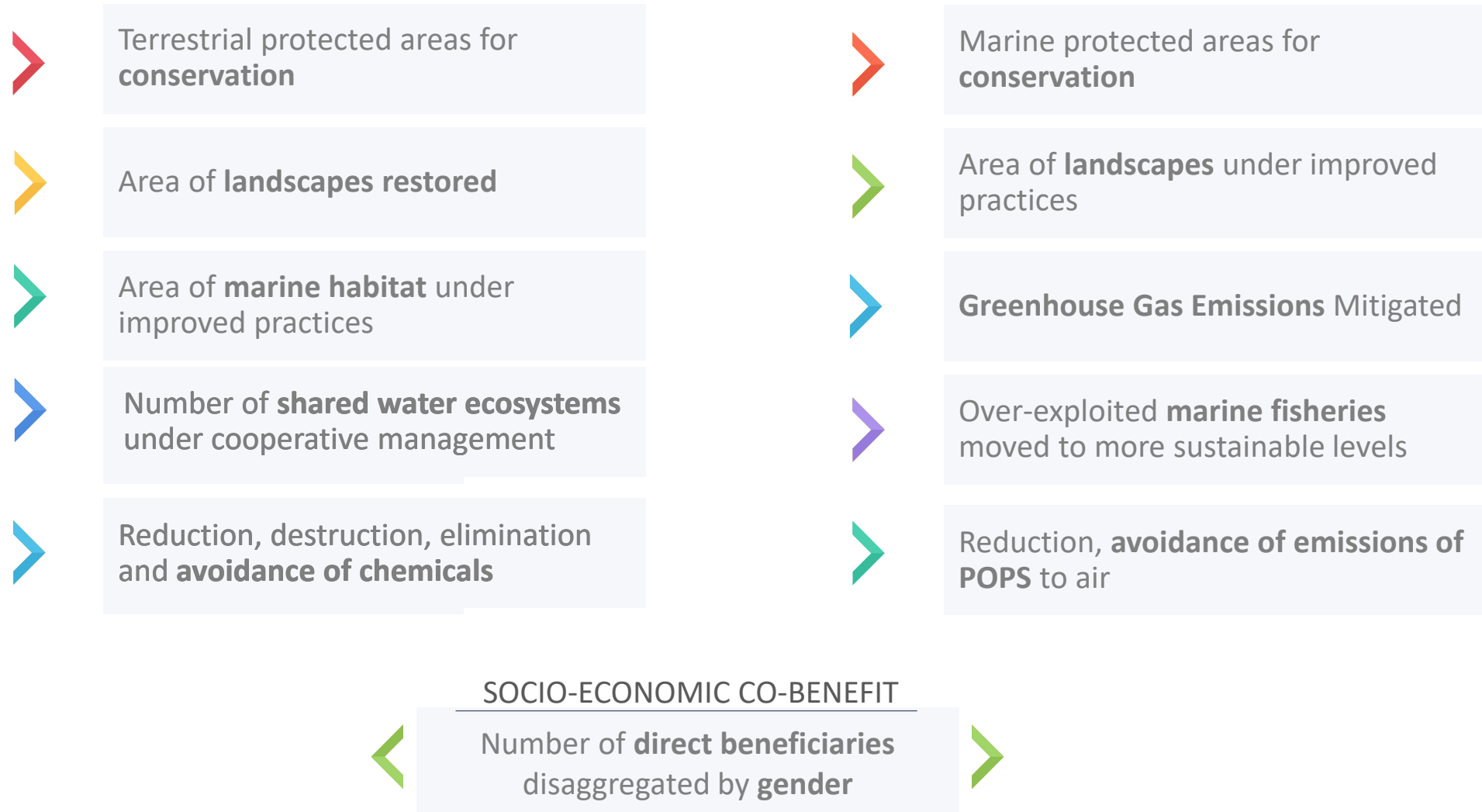| Enhancing the speed of operations | Ensuring strong portfolio management and adaptation | Increasing co-financing across the portfolio |

Official Use

Focusing on metrics that boost the partnership's impact
Continuing the Portfolio Scorecard implementation

TIER 1 — PROJECT AND PROGRAM RESULTS

Conserving & sustainably using biodiversity	Sustainably managing and restoring land	Reducing GHG emissions	Strengthening transboundary water management	Reducing chemicals & waste

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TIER 2 — OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Enhancing the speed of operations	Ensuring strong portfolio management and adaptation	Increasing co-financing across the portfolio

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Core indicators increase the focus on strategic priorities
GEF-7 indicators are aligned to environmental challenges

> Terrestrial protected areas for **conservation**

> Marine protected areas for **conservation**

> Area of **landscapes restored**

> Area of **landscapes** under improved practices

> Area of **marine habitat** under improved practices

> **Greenhouse Gas Emissions** Mitigated

> Number of **shared water ecosystems** under cooperative management

> Over-exploited **marine fisheries** moved to more sustainable levels

> Reduction, destruction, elimination and **avoidance of chemicals**

> Reduction, **avoidance of emissions of POPS** to air

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CO-BENEFIT

< Number of **direct beneficiaries** disaggregated by **gender** >

Sub-indicators support and inform core indicators
They include disaggregated and contextual indicators

▶ *Core indicator*—Reduction, elimination and avoidance of **chemicals of global concern and their waste** (metric tons of toxic chemicals reduced)

AGGREGATE UP TO CORE INDICATOR

- Solid and liquid Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and POPs containing materials and products removed or disposed (POPs type)
- Quantity of mercury reduced
- Hydrochlorofluorocarbons reduced or phased out

BRING CONTEXT TO CORE INDICATOR

- Number of countries with legislation and policy implemented to control chemicals and waste
- Number of low-chemical/non-chemical systems implemented, particularly in food production, manufacturing, and cities

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Results on gender

Gender policy

◗ Enhance accountability and compliance

◗ Take gender into account during project preparation

◗ Action, results and lessons during implementation

◗ Conduct gender analysis and action plan

Reporting on gender

◗ Access and control of natural resources

◗ Improve of women participation in decision making

◗ Socio economic benefits and services for women

GEF-8 TARGETS & EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION FROM INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

CORE INDICATOR		GEF-8 TARGETS	EXPECTED IP CONTRIBUTION (%)
CONSERVING & SUSTAINABLY USING BIODIVERSITY			
1	Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management	150 million ha	49
2	Marine protected areas created or under improved management	100 million ha	48
4	Area of landscapes under improved practices	195 million ha*	51
5	Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity	70 million ha	69
SUSTAINABLY MANAGING AND RESTORING LAND			
3	Area of land and ecosystems under restoration	10 million ha	64
REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS			
6	Greenhouse Gas emissions mitigated	1850 million metric tons of CO_2e	51
STRENGHTHENING TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT			
7	Shared water ecosystems under new or improved cooperative management	40	18
8	Globally over-exploited marine fisheries moved to more sustainable levels	2.1 million metric tons	1
REDUCING CHEMICALS AND WASTE			
9	Chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced	300 thousand metric tons	17
10	Persistent organic pollutants to air reduced	5900 grams of toxic equivalent	33

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GEF-8 RMF — Key Documents

Ensuring a consistent use of Core Indicators and approach to reporting

GEF-8 PROGRESS
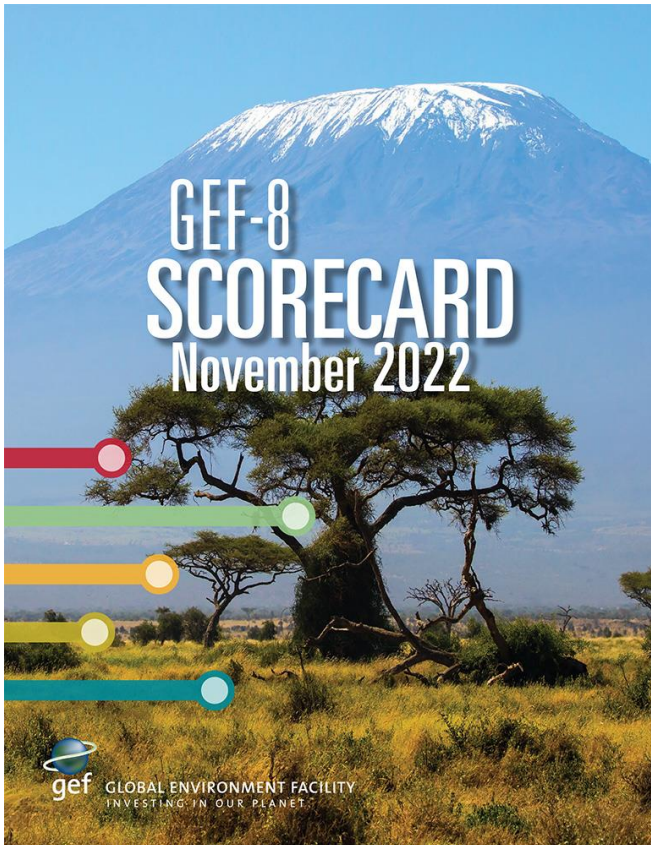
ANNUAL UPDATE

2022

Monitoring Report

GUIDELINES

Implementation of the GEF-8

Results Measurement

Framework

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The GEF Partnership has achieved significant impact

Tangible results across environmental areas in fiscal 2022

BIODIVERSITY

18 million
hectares of protected areas created or managed sustainably

That's **equal** to the size of Cambodia

RESTORE LAND

1.3 million
hectares of land under sustainable land management

That's **over 900,000** football fields

MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE

147 million
tons of CO_2e in greenhouse gas emissions expected to be reduced

That's the emissions of nearly **30 million** gas passenger vehicles driven for one year

MANAGE INTERNTL. WATERS

4 shared water ecosystems under cooperative management

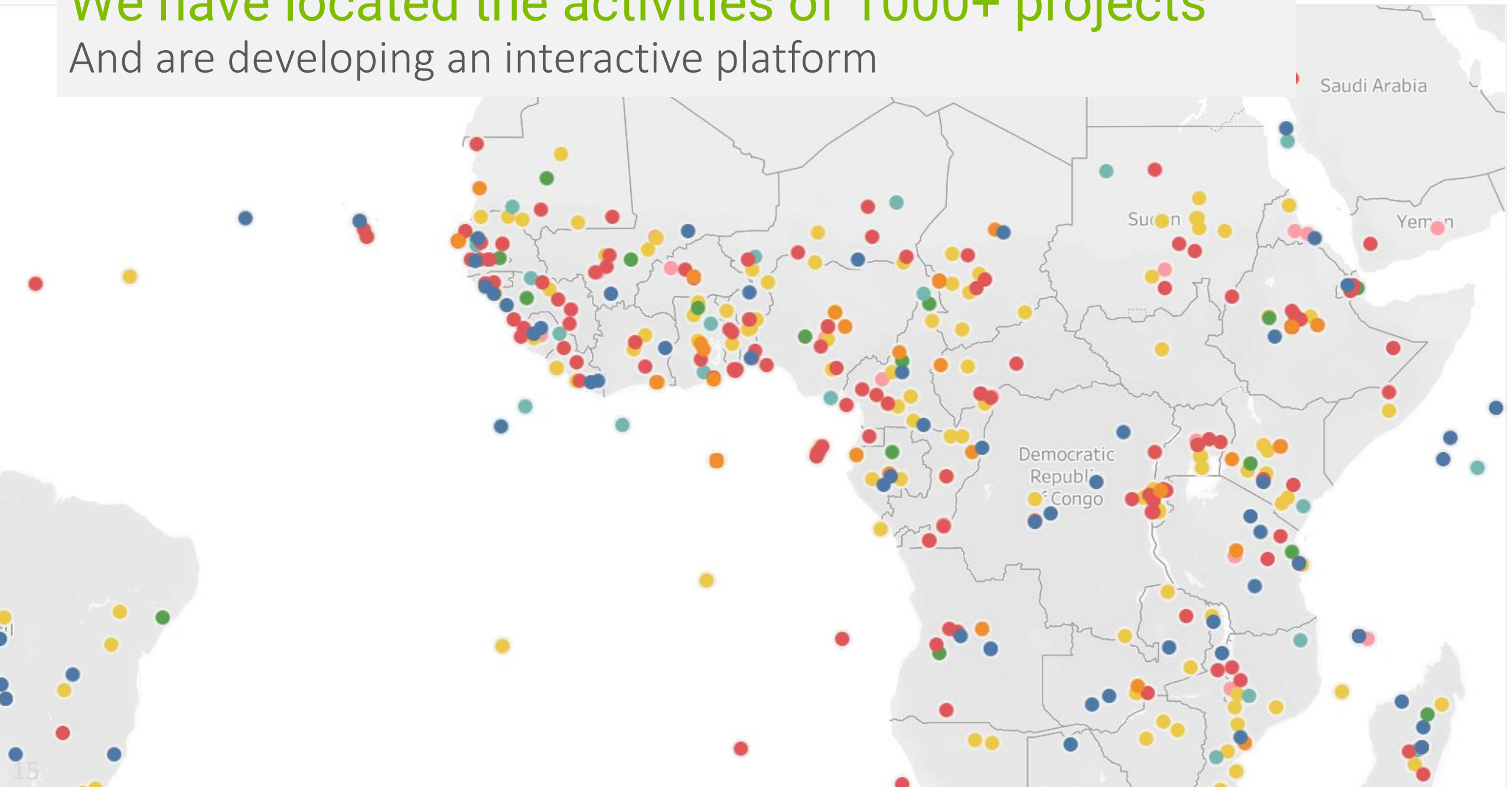That's **more** countries working together in Large Marine Areas

REDUCE CHEMICALS & WASTE

4.5 thousand tons
of chemicals of global concern and their waste reduced

That's the equivalent of **20** statues of liberty

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We have located the activities of 1000+ projects
And are developing an interactive platform

What does the GEF Results Architecture mean for you?

1 Increasing **strategic focus** on key outcomes

2 Better measuring the **GEF impact on the environment**

3 Enhancing attention on **achieving actual results**

4 Promoting **accountability and transparency**

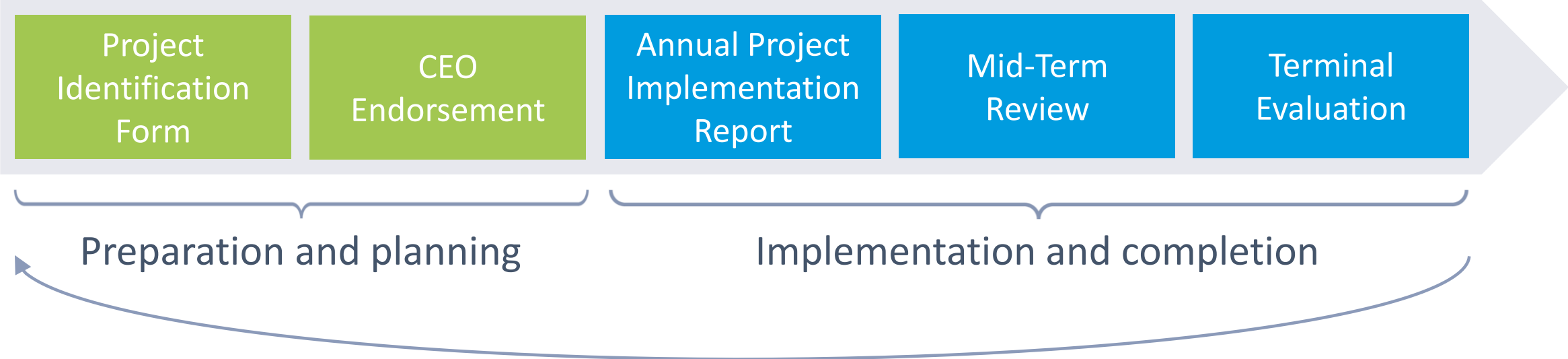**5** Draw **lessons** from the past to guide the future

Outline

What is monitoring?

▶ Starts at the project design stage

▶ Standardized data collection and analysis on specific indicators

▶ Continuous and systematic function

▶ Usually conducted in-house, as opposed to independently

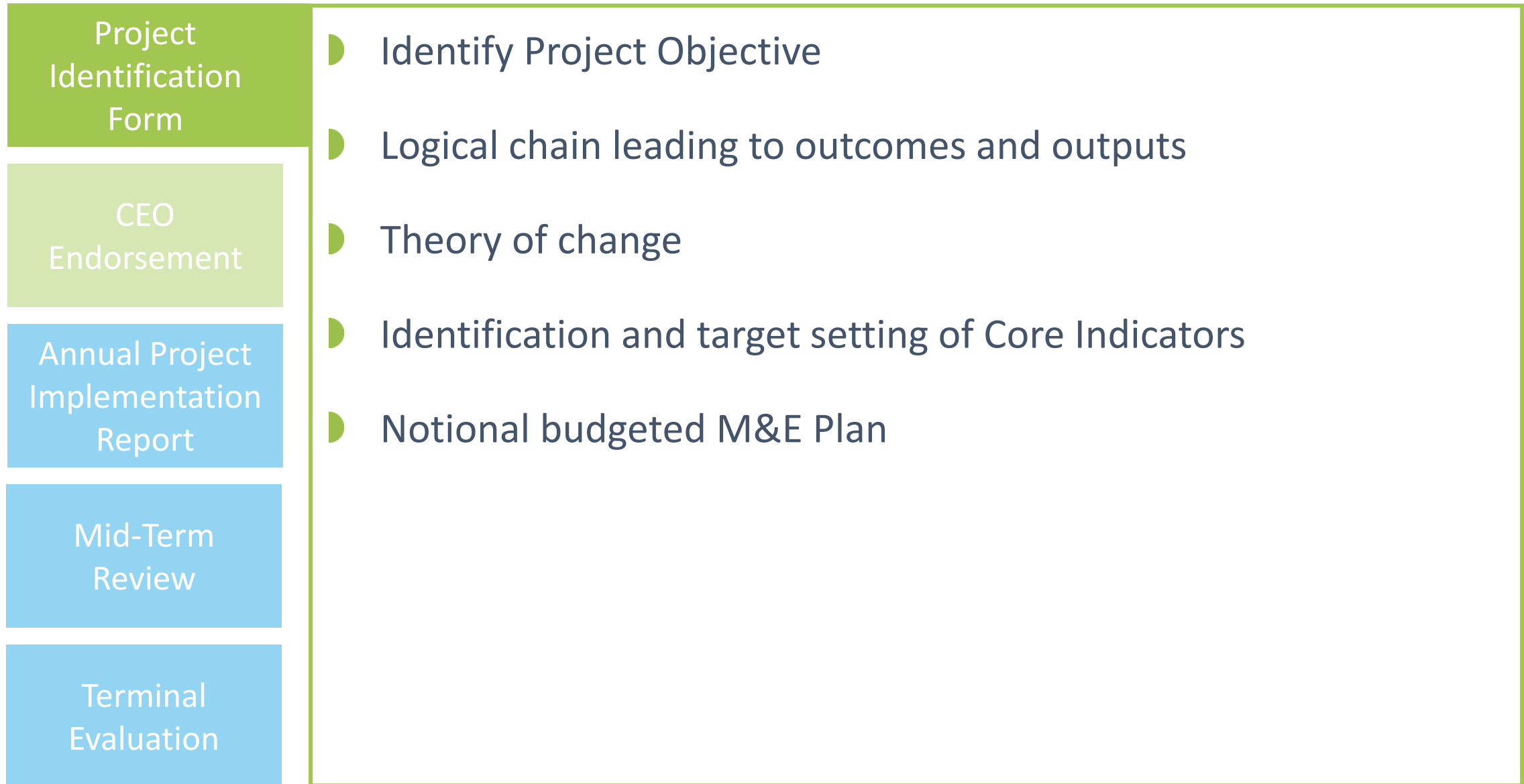▶ Provides information on progress in the achievement of agreed objectives and the use of allocated resources

The monitoring policy tracks implementation progress
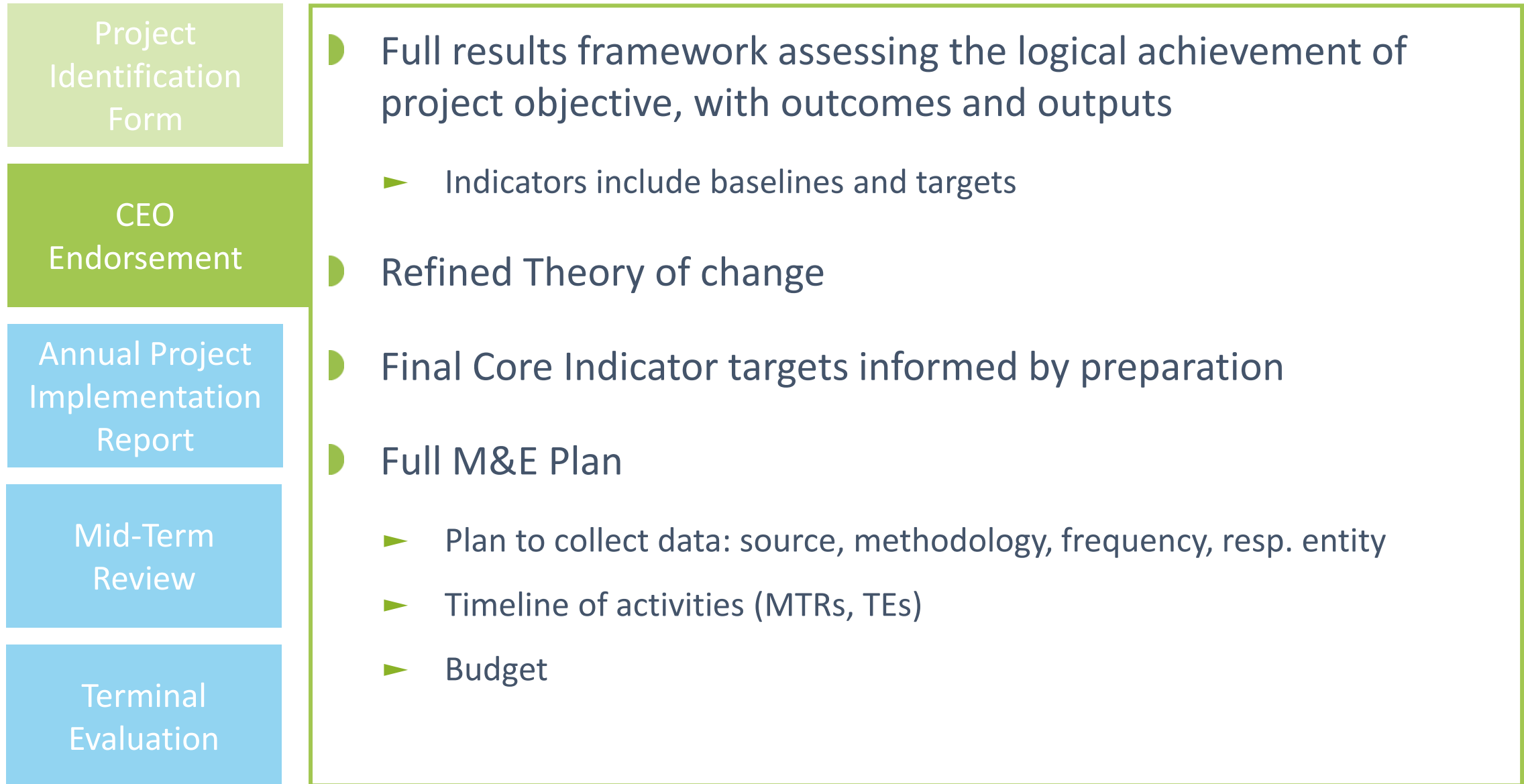## It provides requirements aligned to agencies' practices

| Project Identification Form | CEO Endorsement | Annual Project Implementation Report | Mid-Term Review | Terminal Evaluation |

Preparation and planning

Implementation and completion

Learning feeds back into project design

The monitoring policy tracks implementation progress

Project Identification Form	▶ Identify Project Objective
	▶ Logical chain leading to outcomes and outputs
CEO Endorsement	▶ Theory of change
Annual Project Implementation Report	▶ Identification and target setting of Core Indicators
Mid-Term Review	▶ Notional budgeted M&E Plan
Terminal Evaluation	

The monitoring policy tracks implementation progress

Project Identification Form

CEO Endorsement

Annual Project Implementation Report

Mid-Term Review

Terminal Evaluation

- Full results framework assessing the logical achievement of project objective, with outcomes and outputs

  ► Indicators include baselines and targets

- Refined Theory of change

- Final Core Indicator targets informed by preparation

- Full M&E Plan

  ► Plan to collect data: source, methodology, frequency, resp. entity

  ► Timeline of activities (MTRs, TEs)

  ► Budget

The monitoring policy tracks implementation progress

Project Identification Form	◗ Update on key progress indicators:
	➤ Project status
CEO Endorsement	➤ Disbursement
	➤ Ratings—Implementation Progress, Development Outcome and Risk
Annual Project Implementation Report	➤ Expected MTR and Terminal Evaluation dates
	➤ Indicators include baselines and targets
	◗ Qualitative update
Mid-Term Review	➤ Project implementation progress and challenges
	➤ Gender plan, Stakeholders engagement and Knowledge activities
Terminal Evaluation	

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The monitoring policy tracks implementation progress

Project Identification Form	◗ Full MTR report
CEO Endorsement	◗ Update on key progress indicators:
	► Actual core indicators results achieved
	► Progress in materializing co-financing
Annual Project Implementation Report	◗ Qualitative update
	► Project implementation progress and challenges
Mid-Term Review	► Gender plan, Stakeholders engagement and Knowledge activities
	► Lessons learned
Terminal Evaluation	

Official Use

The monitoring policy tracks implementation progress

| Project Identification Form |
| CEO Endorsement |
| Annual Project Implementation Report |
| Mid-Term Review |
| **Terminal Evaluation** |

- Full Terminal Evaluation report

- Update on key progress indicators:
  - Final achieved core indicators results
  - Final co-financing materialized

- Qualitative update
  - Project implementation progress and challenges at completion
  - Gender plan, Stakeholders engagement and Knowledge activities
  - Lessons learned

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Specific project modalities require different requirements
Designed to respond to each project type

ENABLING ACTIVITIES

Regular reporting and streamlined set of indicators

PROGRAMS

Theory of change and annual progress update

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Regular project features and consolidated annual report
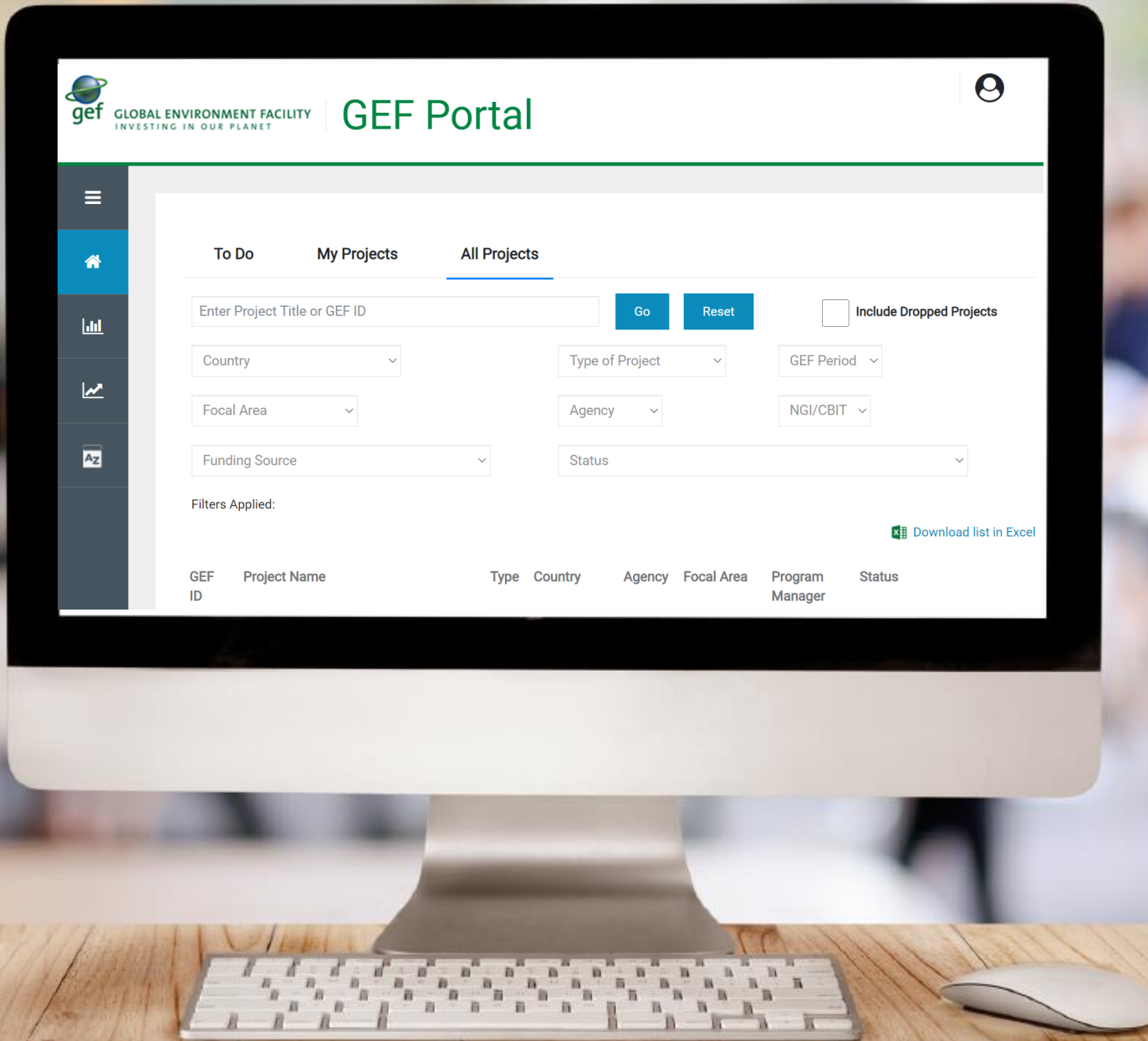
Access to project data
Real-time reporting

- ▶ Direct entry

- ▶ Live interface on progress

- ▶ Enhances country engagement

- ▶ Allows for enhanced reporting

Strengthening M&E quality, Promoting adaptation
Designing sound M&E frameworks and promoting adaptation

- Continue promote the use of theories of change to enhance learning and evaluability

- Design Impact Program M&E plan to facilitate aggregation across projects

- Better track adaptation during implementation

- Encourage the use of Mid-Terms Reviews for learning and solving implementation problems

Monitoring & Evaluation

Design and plan

Learning

Results

Adapting

Implementation

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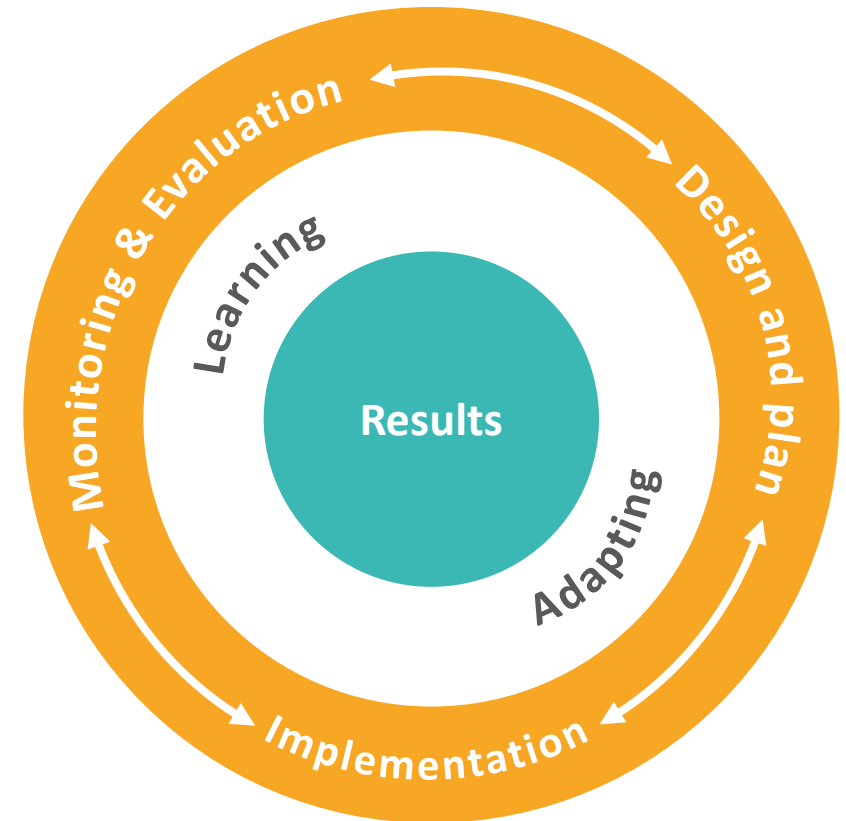
What does monitoring progress mean for you?

① Achieving projects on **time, with quality and results**

② Being accountable by making available **progress data**

③ Tracking progress **over time**

④ Receiving early warning for **proactive corrective action**

⑤ Engaging on a **performance-driven dialogue**
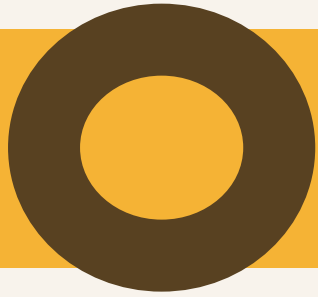
GEF's Policy and Guidelines on Environmental and Social Safeguards

- Anticipate social and environmental risks and impacts

- Plan to avoid or mitigate risks and impacts

- Manage and monitor implementation

- Respond to issues as they arise

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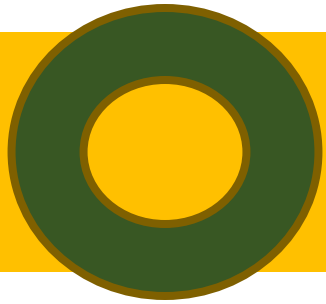
Stakeholder Engagement

GEF's Operational Policies "*shall provide for full disclosure of all non-confidential information, and consultation with, and participation as appropriate of, major groups and local communities, throughout the project cycle.*"

(Paragraph 5 of GEF Instrument)

Stakeholder Engagement

Objective

Promote inclusive and meaningful participation of stakeholders

Principles

- Constructive, responsive, accountable and transparent
- Fair, balanced, and inclusive participation
- Sustained commitment and action
- Supported by appropriate documentation and information

GEF POLICY ON
Stakeholder
Engagement

Increasing transparency, accountability, integrity, effectiveness and sustainability of GEF projects and programs

Reducing risks and addressing social and economic needs of affected parties and stakeholders
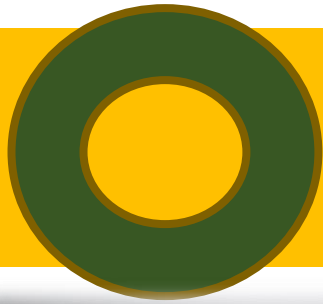
Stakeholder Engagement Requirements

Project Concept (PIF)

- Provide a description of any consultations conducted during project development

- Provide information on how Stakeholders will be engaged and means of engagement throughout the project cycle

Project Development (CEO Endorsement)

- Provide Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEP) or equivalent documentation

- *Stakeholders who have been and will be engaged*
- *means of engagement*
- *dissemination of information*
- *roles and responsibilities*
- *resource requirements*
- *timing of engagement*

Project Monitoring and Reporting (MTR/TE)

- Report progress, challenges and outcomes of the implementation of stakeholder engagement

Gender Equality

GEF POLICY SERIES

GEF POLICY ON
Gender Equality

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The Policy

- A catalyst for gender-responsive approaches in environmental projects
  - Women are PARTNERS and beneficiaries
  - Gender inequalities are addressed
- Minimum equirements in project design

MEAs

- With gender action plans; gender-specific targets and mandates

Gender Equality – Environmental action

- Mutually-supportive; win-win; co-benefits

Report

- Agencies reports on projects; GEF Sec reports to Council

Gender Equality

Guidance to Advance Gender Equality
IN GEF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

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PIF & PFD → **CEO Endorsement** → **Reporting**

PIF & PFD	CEO Endorsement	Reporting
✓ Incorporation of gender perspectives in the project description and relevant project components	✓ Detailed gender analysis; gender action plan	✓ Information in PIRs, MTRs, TEs progress on gender-sensitive indicators, results
✓ Confirmation that project will comply with gender policy requirements	✓ Gender-responsive measures for each project component	✓ Share good practice, methodologies; lessons learned
	✓ Gender-sensitive indicators, sex-disaggregated targets	

100% of Projects : with gender analysis / assessment

- GEF Secretariat
  - Policy instruments
  - Leadership, Gender specialist, thematic experts
- Governments
  - Guidance, mandate through the Council
  - Work of national steering committees, OFPs
- Implementing agencies
  - Compliance with agencies' own policies & standards, and GEF's policies
  - Building their teams' expertise over time
- CSOs, other non-state stakeholders
  - Proactivity
  - Active engagement throughout
- MEAs
  - Stronger integration of gender issues/gender action plans
  - Requests for support to the GEF in some cases

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT
Requirements &
Lessons learned

POLICY FRAMEWORK

GEF's Knowledge & Learning Objectives

1. Improve quality and impact of GEF funded projects and programs

2. Inform policy dialogues and enhance policy coherence, at global, regional and national levels

Agencies have a key role towards success in both areas.

Our Mission: Reverse Global Environmental Degradation

KM&L is a collaborative, partnership-wide effort – **All Hands on Deck** – All GEFSEC teams facilitate & support KM&L.
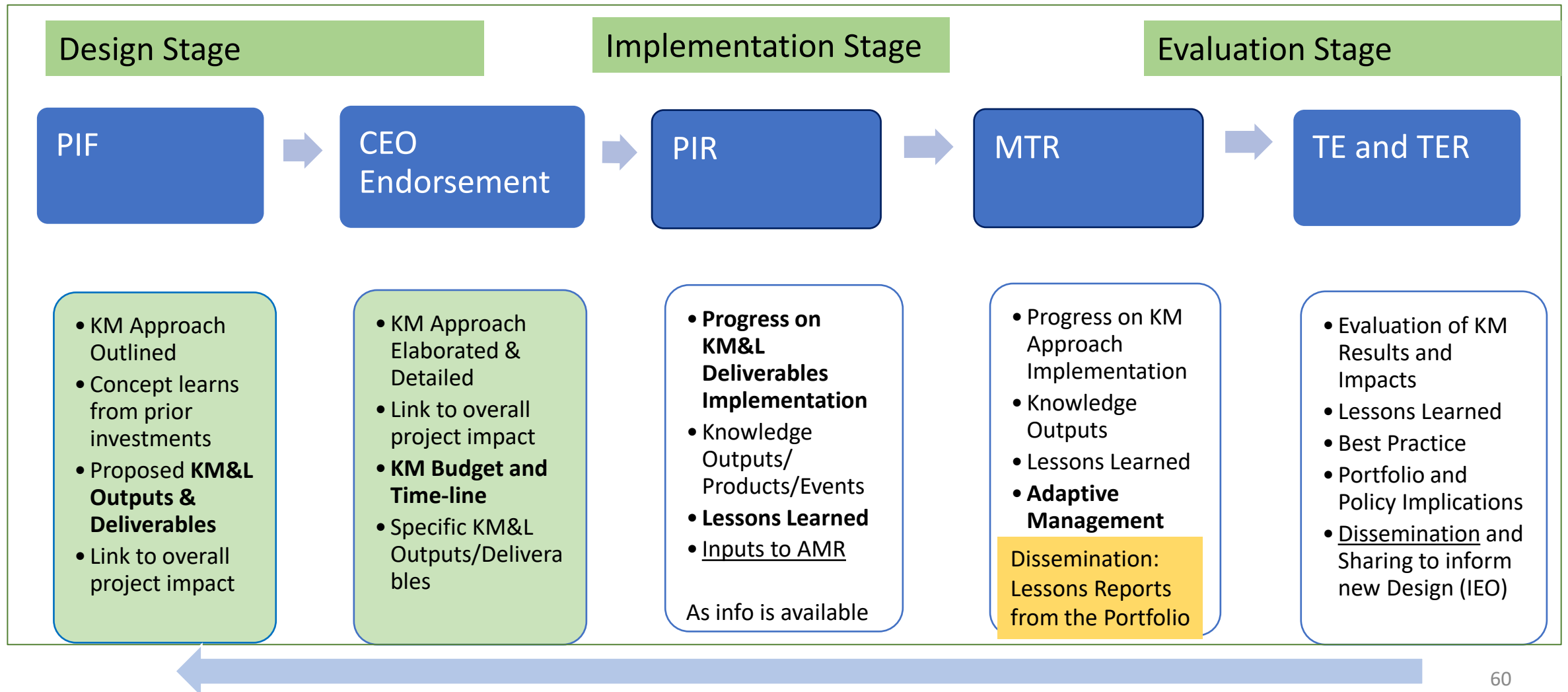
ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING IN GEF PROJECTS/PROGRAM

1 **An overview of existing lessons** and **best practice** that inform the project/program concept

2 **Plans to learn** from relevant projects, programs, initiatives & evaluations

3 **Processes** to capture, assess and document info, lessons, best practice & expertise generated during implementation

4 **Tools and methods** for knowledge exchange, learning & collaboration (at both program & project levels), **including knowledge platforms and websites**

5 **Knowledge outputs** to be produced and shared with stakeholders (at both program & project levels)

6 A discussion on how knowledge and learning will **contribute to overall project/program impact and sustainability**

7 **Plans for strategic communications**

8 **Budget and timelines** for KM Approach implementation/delivery (required at CEO endorsement stage)

GEF Project/Program Cycle – KM&L Expectations/Flow

Using, Generating, Capturing and Sharing Knowledge - FSPs and IPs/Child Projects

Design Stage

Implementation Stage

Evaluation Stage

PIF → CEO Endorsement → PIR → MTR → TE and TER

PIF
- KM Approach Outlined
- Concept learns from prior investments
- Proposed **KM&L Outputs & Deliverables**
- Link to overall project impact

CEO Endorsement
- KM Approach Elaborated & Detailed
- Link to overall project impact
- **KM Budget and Time-line**
- Specific KM&L Outputs/Deliverables

PIR
- **Progress on KM&L Deliverables Implementation**
- Knowledge Outputs/Products/Events
- **Lessons Learned**
- Inputs to AMR

As info is available

MTR
- Progress on KM Approach Implementation
- Knowledge Outputs
- Lessons Learned
- **Adaptive Management**

Dissemination: Lessons Reports from the Portfolio

TE and TER
- Evaluation of KM Results and Impacts
- Lessons Learned
- Best Practice
- Portfolio and Policy Implications
- Dissemination and Sharing to inform new Design (IEO)

Enhancing Knowledge Exchange Across the Partnership
GEF Corporate KM&L Toolbox

Capture, Store & Access:

GEF Portal
GEF Kaleo
GEF Geo-map

Knowledge Exchange:

Regional ECWs, Country Dialogue Workshops, CSO Forums, etc.

South-South Exchanges

GEF Knowledge Days – site visits

Pilot Knowledge and Collaboration Platform (KCP) for GEF Focal Points

GEF Presentations/Side Events at COPs, etc.

Agency Retreats

GEF Gender Partnership

GEF BBLs

Reporting:

GEF Score Card
Annual Monitoring Report
Country Fact Sheets
GEF Reports to Conventions

Dissemination:

GEF Website

GEF Publications and Videos

Good Practice Briefs

Social Media Tools (Blogs, Twitter, etc.)

GEF Booths at COPs and other events

Training & Capacity Building:

GEF Academy E-courses

Art of Knowledge Exchange Guidebook and Workshops

Targeted Workshops (GEF Intro Seminar, etc.)

Internal Training Events

Enhancing Knowledge Exchange Across the Partnership
GEF Corporate KM&L Toolbox

IT-based GEF Systems:

- GEF Website
- GEF Portal
- GEF Kaleo
- GEF Geo-map
- GEF Academy E-courses
- Pilot Knowledge and Collaboration Platform (KCP) for GEF Focal Points
- Social Media Tools (Blogs, Twitter, etc.)

Project level: IP Platforms and GEF Project Websites

Person to Person Exchanges:

- Targeted Workshops (GEF Intro Seminar, Regional ECWs, Country Dialogues, Constituency Meetings, CSO Forums, IPs, etc.
- South-South Exchanges
- GEF Knowledge Days – site visits
- GEF Presentations/Side Events at COPs, etc.
- Agency Retreats
- GEF Gender Partnership
- GEF BBLs
- Internal Training Events
- GEF Booths at COPs and other events

Project Level: Knowledge Exchange Activities

Knowledge Products:

- Good Practice Briefs
- GEF Score Card
- Country Fact Sheets
- Annual Monitoring Report
- GEF Reports to Conventions
- Art of Knowledge Exchange Guidebook and Workshops
- GEF Publications and Videos

Project Level: Knowledge Products and other knowledge outputs

STAP and IEO knowledge products and events

Partnership-wide KM&L Survey (Feb-Mar 2022) Findings & Recommendations for GEF 8

Findings:

- There is **appreciation** of existing GEF knowledge sharing and learning efforts; but there is **uneven awareness** of some KM&L tools and products.

- The GEF Website is the go-to place for GEF information; but it could be more user friendly and provide access to more in-depth knowledge products, more up-to-date project data, more detailed technical information as well as links to GEF project websites and agency platforms.

Recommendations:

1. Raise **awareness** of K&L tools/products that the GEF already has; including GEF Kaleo, IP platforms and project websites.

2. Enhance quality and improve **flow and accessibility** of existing GEF corporate KM&L tools, products, methods, activities and platforms.

3. Invest **more corporate resources** into KM&L governance, coordination and implementation capacity at the GEF Secretariat.

4. Focus on identifying/sharing **lessons and good practice** from GEF investments.

5. Utilize **MTRs** as a learning tool; enhance **AMRs** to discuss lessons and good practice.

6. Prepare clear **guidance and training** around KM&L products, tools, and methods that are especially effective for project level.

7. Create **incentives** to better codify and share knowledge across the GEF partnership.

8. Be more **realistic** about **expectations** around KM&L for the GEF partnership as capacity is a limiting factor.

9. Build **shared understanding &** develop **capacity** among key GEF stakeholders around good knowledge and learning outcomes for GEF funded projects/programs to enhance their impact and sustainability.

Near Term / Ongoing KM&L Actions in GEF 8

- **IP Workshops** - regional
- GEF Website
- GEF Portal
- **GEF Kaleo – internal process enhancement and external marketing**
- Art of Knowledge Exchange
- **GEF Academy (e-courses) – update for GEF 8**
- GEF Knowledge Days – with site visits
- South-South Exchange Webinars
- **Pilot GEF KCP – Knowledge and Collaboration Platform for GEF Focal Points**
- GEF Technical BBLs
- GEF Trainings on Operational Issues
- **Good Practice Briefs**

- **Pilot Learning Missions to GEF Projects under Implementation**
- GEF Booths, Pavilions, Presentations and Side-events at International Events
- **Lessons Learned Reports based on MTR submissions**
- GEF Reports to Conventions
- **Options for connecting GEF knowledge systems to existing global platforms**
- GEF Publications
- GEF Communications Products: News, Stories, Multimedia, Blogs, Social Media Feeds, etc.
- **KM&L Guidelines and Training for Agencies**
- Other….

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Questions?

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Introduction Seminar
February 2023

Pathways to an equitable, nature-positive, carbon neutral and pollution free world beyond COVID-19

GEF-8 PROGRAMMING OVERVIEW

PRESENTATION AGENDA

Context for GEF-8

GEF-8 strategy and programming directions

    Integrated Programs

    Focal Areas

Q and A

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

Sustainably manage 100% of the **ocean** area under national jurisdiction by 2025

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

Phase out **POPs** controlled by the Stockholm Convention with time bound phase out dates during the period 2025 – 2036

Develop the Task Force on Nature-related **Financial Disclosures**

Phase out of **mercury** in products and industrial process by 2025

Calls for a GEF-8 Strategy that is

systemic and transformational and responds to urgency of raising ambition
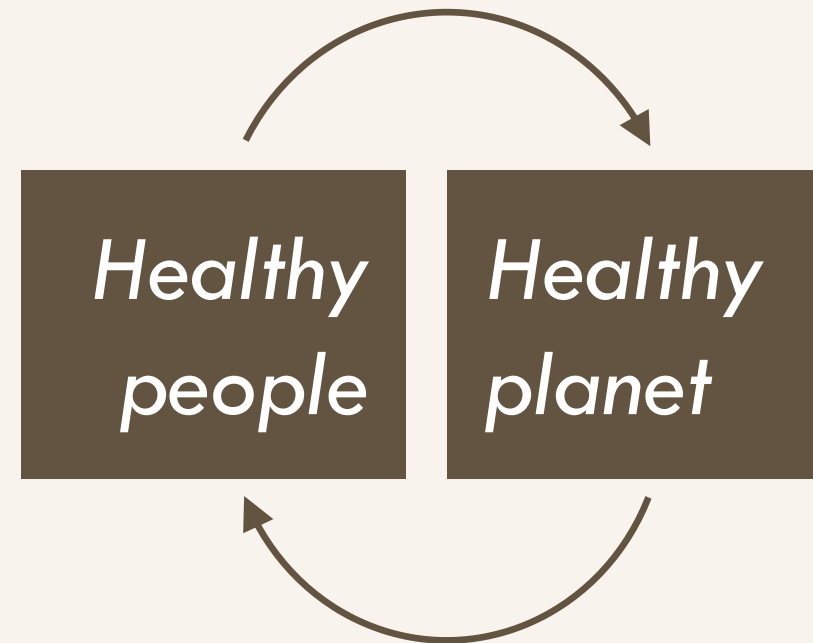
A longer-term vision for the GEF

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

GEF-8 embracing a post-COVID-19 framework

Healthy people	*Healthy planet*

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

GEF-8 FOCUS ON INTEGRATION FOR IMPACT AND SCALE

Pathway to Transformative Change for Blue and Green Recovery

Country projects and portfolios should focus on maximizing these characteristics:

Integration of actions across sectors, focal areas, or drivers	Transformative Investments	Ensure Durable Outcomes
Address drivers of environmental degradation at global or regional scales; Avoid leakage and promote policy coherence Work across scales and sectors	Promote greater private sector engagement; Innovate and take measured risk for higher return	Design for resilience in the face of uncertainty Build Institutional and financing to sustain impact

GEF-8: HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE
Unified action towards 2030 Goals and Commitments

FOCAL AREAS

- Biodiversity
- Climate change mitigation
- Land degradation
- International waters
- Chemicals and waste

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

Food Systems
Ecosystem Restoration
Sustainable Cities
Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes
Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution
Blue and Green Islands
Clean and Healthy Ocean
Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development
Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator
Wildlife Conservation for Development
Elimination of Harmful Chemicals from Supply Chains

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Mobilizing the Financial Sector for Environmental Goals through Blended Finance

Community Action for Global Transformation - Small Grants Program and Beyond

CROSS-CUTTING

Circular economy • Nature-based solutions • Gender responsiveness • Resilience • Private sector engagement

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

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GEF-8 INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

Pathway to Transformative Change for Blue and Green Recovery

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

1 **Integration** of focal areas and approaches

2 Deliver **multiple** global environmental benefits

3 Complement country-level investments with **transboundary** action and impact at regional or global scales

4 Promote a global **platform** for coordination and technical support to country projects

5 Provides incentives for **country** participation

6 Delivers more **outcomes** than individual projects on same topic

# GEF-8 Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes IP

Goal: Maintaining the integrity of the globally important tropical forests

Objective: Conservation of the last and globally important primary tropical forests

Priorities on Amazon, Congo, and other Critical Forest Biomes

Multiple levels of intervention with a focus on Jurisdictional / landscape level with a mix of institutional and incentive tools to protect primary forests and reduce the pressures in the landscape:

- Expand, strengthen the <u>management of protected areas</u> + OECM beyond PAs

- Develop <u>enabling conditions</u> (governance, policies, law, ILUP…)

- <u>Alternative and improved livelihood</u>

- <u>Catalyze multi-stakeholder engagement</u> at different levels to enable transformational changes

- <u>Resource mobilization</u>: Develop/catalyze finance and other incentives for forest protection while eliminating perverse incentives (PES…)

- <u>Empowerment of IPLCs</u>

- <u>Regional cooperation</u>, incl. support for coordinated management with neighboring countries (corridors)
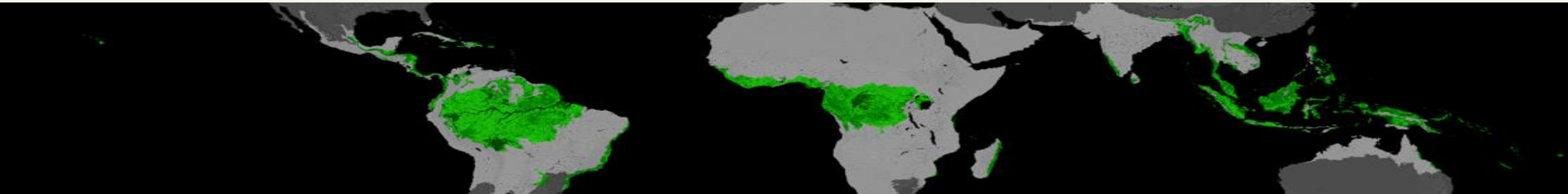
Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program (WCD IP)

Goal

Conserve wildlife and landscapes by transforming the drivers of species loss and ensuring that countries and communities are benefiting from these natural assets.

Objectives

Increase wildlife populations and the ecological connectivity and integrity of wildlife landscapes
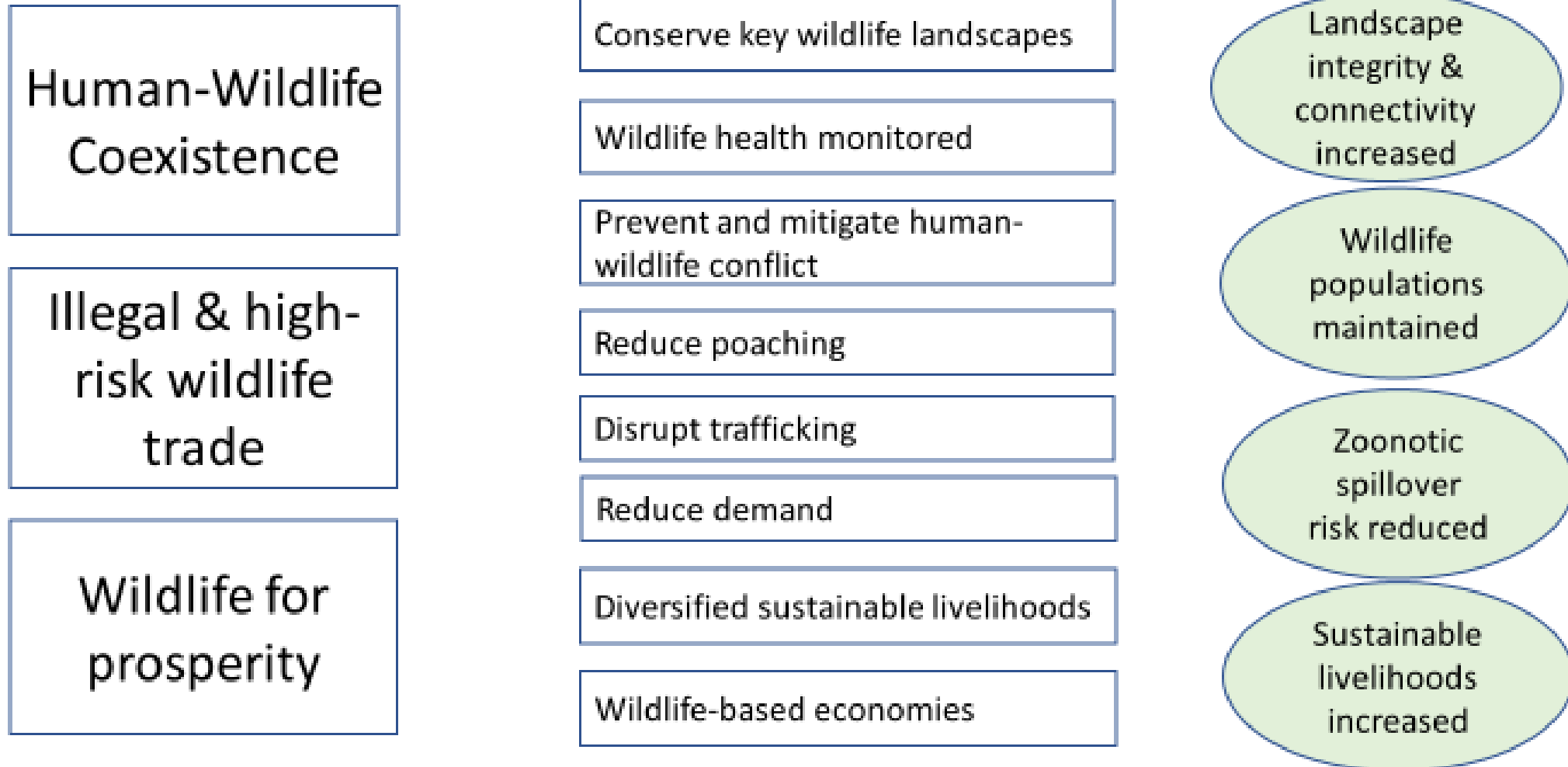
Reduce the risk of zoonotic spillover

Increase sustainable benefits from wildlife and landscapes

GEF-8 Wildlife Conservation for Development IP framework
Secure wildlife populations and landscapes for the benefit of people & planet

Healthy Planet, Healthy People

Human-Wildlife Coexistence

Illegal & high-risk wildlife trade

Wildlife for prosperity

Conserve key wildlife landscapes

Wildlife health monitored

Prevent and mitigate human-wildlife conflict

Reduce poaching

Disrupt trafficking

Reduce demand

Diversified sustainable livelihoods

Wildlife-based economies

Landscape integrity & connectivity increased

Wildlife populations maintained

Zoonotic spillover risk reduced

Sustainable livelihoods increased

Cross-cutting: Social and behavioral change, knowledge management, gender, indigenous people and local communities
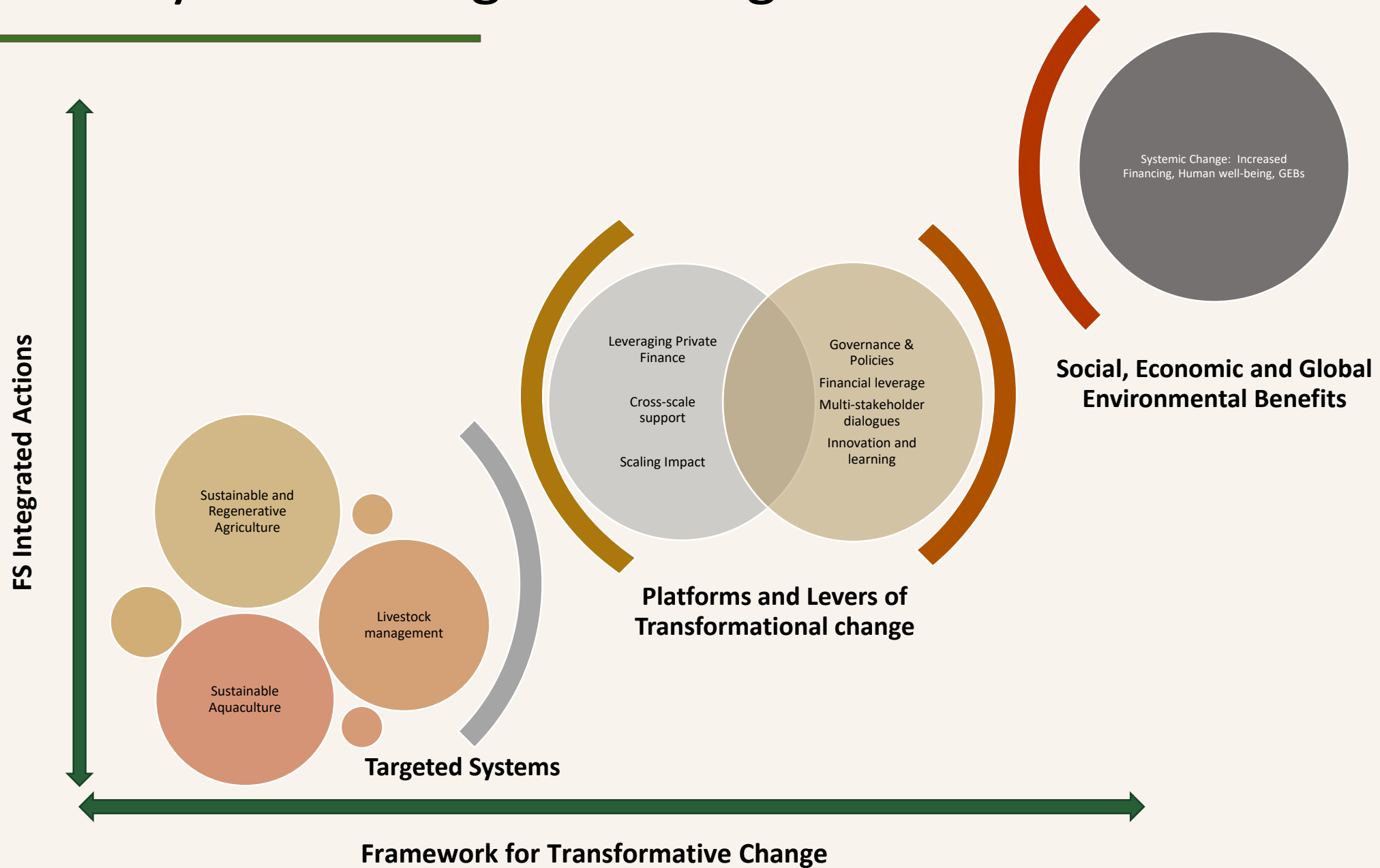
Food Systems Integrated Program

- The **Goal** of the FS Integrated Program is to **catalyze the transformation to sustainable food systems** that are nature positive, resilient, and pollution-reduced

- The IP will seek to reduce environmental degradation and negative externalities in food **production systems** and on the demand side across **supply chains**

- Priorities and Focus for Transformative Change : Livestock Systems; Sustainable & Regenerative Agriculture; Aquaculture

- **Contributions to MEAs:** major contributions to all 3 Rio Conventions and the IW FA GEBs

Food Systems Integrated Program

FS Integrated Actions

Sustainable and Regenerative Agriculture

Livestock management

Sustainable Aquaculture

Targeted Systems

Leveraging Private Finance

Cross-scale support

Scaling Impact

Governance & Policies

Financial leverage

Multi-stakeholder dialogues

Innovation and learning

Platforms and Levers of Transformational change

Systemic Change: Increased Financing, Human well-being, GEBs

Social, Economic and Global Environmental Benefits

Framework for Transformative Change

Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Program

Goal: Achieve healthy and resilient ecosystems to foster green recovery and secure livelihoods

Objective: Generate multiple environmental and socio-economic benefits by restoring degraded landscapes through an integrated approach

Approach: Technical assistance interventions complemented by programmatic support for policy, catalyzing finance, multi-stakeholder platforms, and private sector engagement

A Global Movement for Transformational Impact

=> Multi-objective and multi-criteria selection of landscapes for major contributions to all 3 Rio Conventions

# Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator Integrated Program

Overarching Goal:

To accelerate implementation of nature-positive, net-zero pathways by investing in nature and new technologies.

The IP will support countries reaching their ambitious net-zero goals by 2050, close the gap that currently exist between the current climate plans and the Paris Agreement targets.

The IP will also support the goals of the CDB and the CCD by ensuring that climate mitigation policies are also fostering biodiversity conservation and land degradation goals.

Specific Objectives:

- Support the adoption of **net-zero long-term strategies and policies** that are **coordinated with** national **biodiversity and land degradation** strategies.

- Promote to the effective **integration** of the climate and nature agendas at the national and global level.

- Invest in **NZNP-aligned pipelines of projects** that generate multiple global environmental benefits.

- Support the development of **robust data systems** to monitor progress towards NZNP targets.
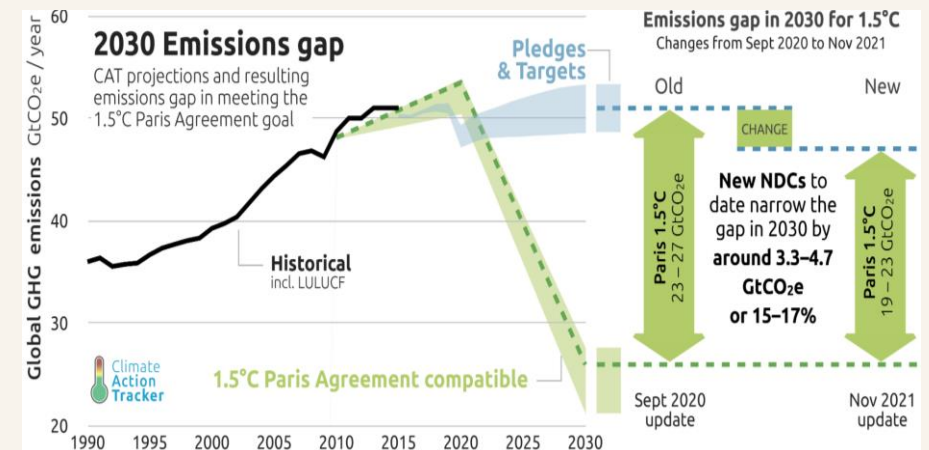
Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program

The goal is to demonstrate the transformational potential of incorporating the value of nature into decision-making

and

using innovative Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to achieve development and MEA goals and address SIDS challenges related to food security, climate change mitigation and adaptation and reduction and of hazardous chemical pollution.

The <u>**objective**</u> is to *reduce ecosystem degradation* and *facilitate nature-positive development*, by applying Nature-based Solutions in key ecosystems that support socio-economic development in SIDS, with specific application to the *food, tourism and urban sectors.*

Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development Integrated Program (GRID)

Goal

Enable countries to meet transportation infrastructure needs and the economic and social benefits critical to achieving the SDGs and Paris Agreement goals.

Objective

Enable countries to develop portfolios of transportation infrastructure projects that build in sustainability from inception.

GRID Upstream Approach

Improve **infrastructure-related planning, regulatory, financial, and institutional and management frameworks** geared to the differential needs of countries and landscape specificities.

Framework elements will include whole-life costs, resilience, and other elements deemed essential for a well-operating transportation infrastructure industry _**and**_ for embedding sustainability into infrastructure development from inception.

GRID Downstream Approach

At the country and landscape/seascape scale, the program will simultaneously target three key areas:

- Improve the **policy enabling environment for decision-making and investing** in the delivery of transportation infrastructure services through integrated and sustainably engineered approaches.

- Strengthen **integrated, multisectoral, and participatory upstream planning and design.**

- Enhance **financing and de-risking mechanisms** for delivery of sustainably engineered approaches to providing transportation infrastructure services.

Sustainable Cities Integrated Program

GEF-6
Sustainable Cities Integrated Approach Pilot

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GEF-7
Sustainable Cities Impact Program (UrbanShift)

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GEF-8
Sustainable Cities Integrated Program
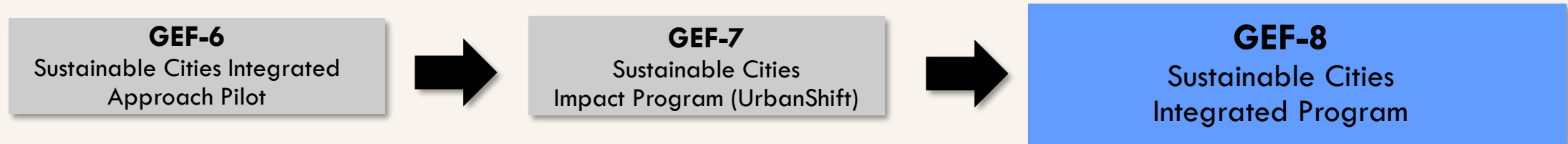
Goal: Advance integrated and systems-based approaches towards building net-zero carbon, nature-positive, inclusive and climate resilient cities.

GEF-8 Ambitions and Priorities:

- Enable sustainable urban transformation and raise cities' ambition aligned with global 2030 goals.

- Accelerate adoption of integrated approach to include nature and circularity principles for action on climate, biodiversity, and chemicals and waste.

- Support solutions and partnerships that enable increased flow of investments to cities for implementation of sustainable solutions and global green recovery.

- Promote a people-centric approach to integrate gender, health, and inclusion.

Strategic Priorities

Integrated land use planning and governance

- Support institutional coordination and collaboration between sectors
- Develop integrated spatial plans

Integration of nature in urban development

- Support enabling policy and regulatory environment to bring nature into cities
- Demonstrating urban Nature-based Solutions

Decarbonization of the built environment

- Development of plans, policies, and strategies for decarbonization
- Catalyze investments in urban infrastructure, such as buildings, energy, waste and transportation.

Circular economy approaches

- Support policies and physical infrastructure
- Focusing on building materials, water and waste management, urban food systems, plastics, and industries

Innovative financing

- Financing models to increase flow of finance to cities
- Collaboration with financial institutions and the private sector

Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution IP

NATURAL RESOURCES · TAKE · MAKE · DISPOSE · WASTE WASTE WASTE

Oil & Gas Extraction:
POPs & GHG Emissions

Transportation:
GHG Emissions

Burning Waste:
POPs & GHG Emissions

Waste into Environment:
Freshwater & Marine Ecosystem Degradation

Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution IP

Goal: catalyze circular economy approaches to reduce plastic production, consumption and disposal

Objectives:

- **eliminate unnecessary plastic products,** shift to sustainable materials
- **innovate for circularity** by designing for extended life (reuse, refill, repair, rent, repurpose) and for recycling
- **circulate products** by shifting consumer behavior, by improving recycling systems, and by fostering markets for recycled material
- **create cross-cutting enabling conditions** through coordination along the plastic value chain

Clean and Healthy Ocean Integrated Program

Goal:

To contribute to a sustainable blue economy by curbing the inflow of land-based-pollution into the coastal environment, thereby advancing the ecological, social, and economic well-being of countries situated along the coasts of the world's Large Marine Ecosystems.

Objective:

The objective of this Integrated Program is to address hypoxic zones by curbing coastal pollution from agricultural, industrial and municipal sources through policy and regulatory measures and infrastructure investments combined with Nature Based Solutions.

Two-prong Approach:

🌊 A global multi-stakeholder platform

🌊 Significantly scale-up action in LMEs

Eliminating Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains Integrated Program

Goal:

To significantly reduce or eliminate the environmental degradation of globally significant supply chains

Objectives:

- Enable the greening of supply chains.
- Enable zero pollution and zero waste, nature based and carbon neutral supply chains.

Focus: Fashion and Construction

Sri Lanka

FOCAL AREAS

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BIODIVERSITY

GOAL

Globally significant biodiversity conserved, sustainably used, and restored.

Major objectives

To improve conservation, sustainable use and restoration of natural ecosystems.

To effectively implement the Cartagena and Nagoya protocols.

To increase mobilization of domestic resources for biodiversity.

Major contributions to GEBs and MEAs

Comprehensive implementation support for the Global Biodiversity Framework

Integrated landscape/seascape management.

Domestic resource mobilization.

LAND DEGRADATION

GOAL

To avoid, reduce, and reverse land degradation, desertification and mitigate the effects of drought.

Major objectives

Sustainable land management.

Landscape restoration.

Address Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought (DLDD), particularly in drylands.

Improve the enabling policy and institutional framework for LDN.

Major contributions to GEBs and MEAs

Specific objective on addressing DLDD issues.

Increased emphasis on land-based interventions for drought mitigation.

CLIMATE CHANGE

GOAL

Support developing countries to make transformational shifts towards net-zero GHG emissions and climate-resilient development pathways.

Major objectives

1. **Innovation, technology transfer, and enabling policies** for mitigation options with systemic impacts.

    1.1. Accelerate the efficient use of energy and materials.

    1.2. Enable the transition to decarbonized power systems.

    1.3. Scale up zero-emission mobility of people and goods.

    1.4. Promote Nature-based Solutions with high mitigation potential.

2. Enabling conditions to **mainstream mitigation concerns** into sustainable development strategies.

    2.1. Support capacity-building needs for transparency under the Paris Agreement through the CBIT.

    2.2. Support relevant Convention obligations and enabling activities.

INTERNATIONAL WATERS

GOAL

Supporting nations in transboundary cooperation in shared marine and freshwater ecosystems

Major objectives

Accelerate joint action to support Blue Economic Development.

Advance management in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ).

Enhance water security in freshwater ecosystems.

Major contributions to GEBs and MEAs

Increased focus on Implementation of Strategic Action Programs.

Enhanced support to joint action on sustainable Blue Economic Development.

Advanced attention to food, water and ecosystem security through a nexus approach.

INTERNATIONAL WATERS

GOAL

Supporting nations in transboundary cooperation in shared marine and freshwater ecosystems through 3 step process:

- *Assess ecological & socioeconomic conditions*

- *Agree on a regional strategic action program (SAP)*

- *Implement the SAP*

Major objectives

Support **Large Marine Ecosystems** to accelerate Blue Economic Development.

Advance management in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (**ABNJ**).

Enhance water security in **freshwater** ecosystems.

Major contributions to GEBs and MEAs

GEBs:

New or improved marine protected areas (**MPAs**)

More sustainable **fisheries** and aquaculture

Reduced **pollution**, including from wastewater, agricultural run-off and plastics

Strengthened **collaboration** among countries with shared water body

MEAs:

Beyond Biodiversity National Jurisdiction Treaty

Plastic Pollution Reducing Treaty

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CHEMICALS AND WASTE

GOAL

Prevent pollution from harmful chemicals and waste particularly POPs and Mercury.

Major objectives

Policy reform to cleaner chemistry and eliminate existing waste.

Preventing a future build up of harmful chemicals and waste in the environment.

Eliminating harmful chemicals and waste in current waste streams and that are stockpiled in existing infrastructure and processes.

Major contributions to GEBs and MEAs

Focus on gaps preventing sound management and to prevent a future buildup of chemicals in the environment

Harmonized approaches across jurisdictions to allow transparency in supply chains

CARBON-NEUTRAL

POLLUTION-FREE

NATURE-POSITIVE

CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION
- GHG Emissions avoided or reduced
- Carbon stocks sequestered
- Carbon stocks secured

CHEMICALS AND WASTE
- Hazardous chemicals eliminated
- POPs / mercury reduced or eliminated

Sustainable Cities

Elimination of hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains

Ecosystem Restoration

Food Systems

Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator

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LAND DEGRADATION
- Area of habitats and landscapes restored
- Area under sustainable management increased

BIODIVERSITY
- Area of landscapes and seascapes under improved practices
- Terrestrial protected areas created or under improved management
- Marine protected areas created or under improved management

INTERNATIONAL WATERS
- Area of marine habitat under improved practices to benefit biodiversity
- Globally overexploited marine fisheries under sustainable management
- Shared water ecosystems sustainably managed
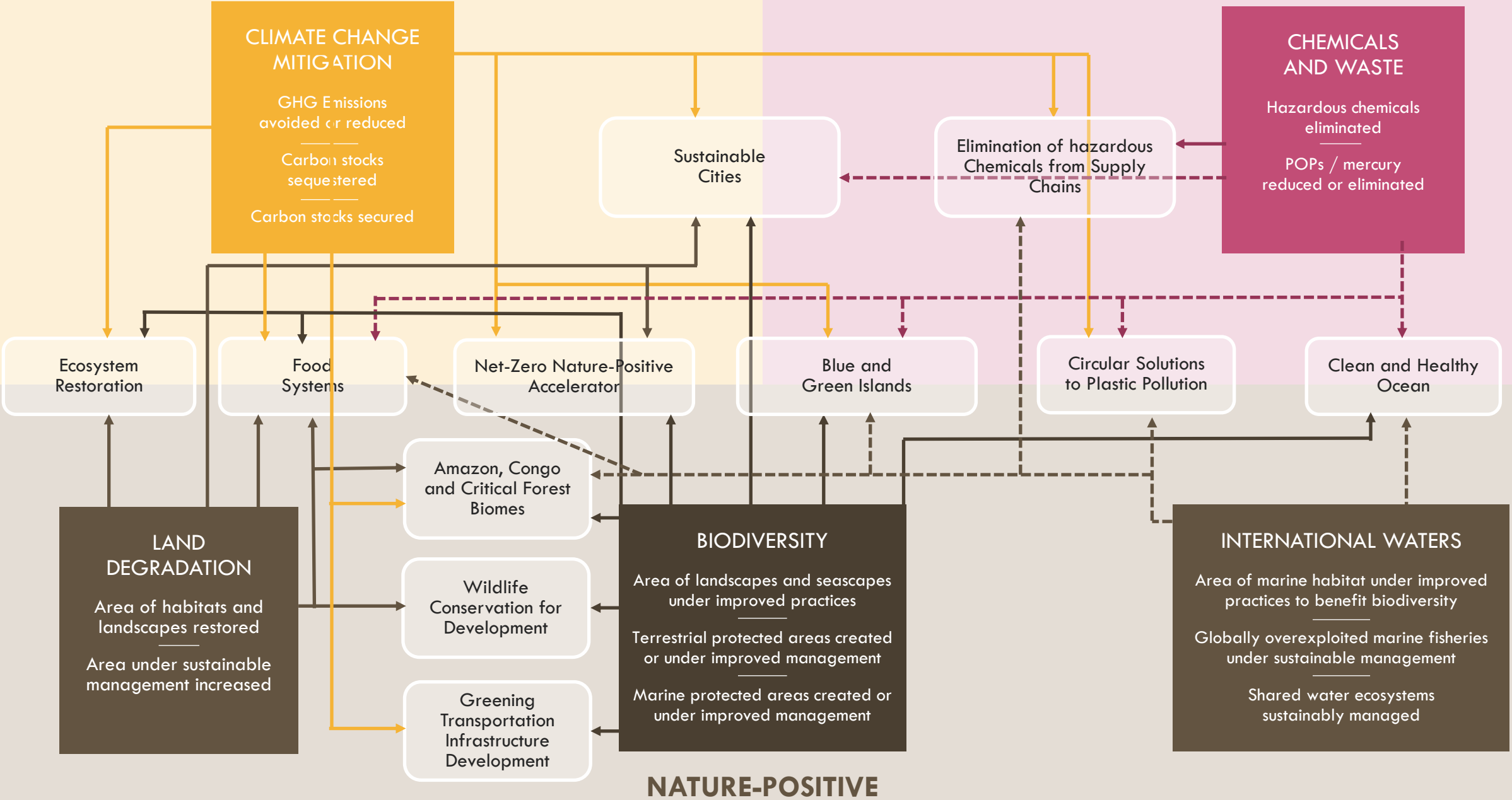
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