

# TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON GEF-8 PIF TEMPLATE

- GEF-8 PIF template justification (GEFSEC)
- Outline of the major changes in the PIF from GEF-7 to GEF-8 (GEFSEC)
- Good project design in PIFs – what STAP will look for (STAP)
  - STAP will give a presentation on their Good Project Design paper and other relevant aspects to help understand the expected content of the project rationale and project description sections.
- Q&A and discussion with agencies.



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## Justification for new Templates

- PIFs have become long cumbersome documents (60-80 pages)
- New policies in the past have added sequential sections to the PIFs
- Present PIF has sections that are disjointed from the actual narrative of the project
- Confusion about need for Theory of Change and level of detail needed

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of cross-government, multi-ministry leadership on GEF projects. It should also clearly articulate in its results framework socioeconomic co-benefits and policy reforms. The path to a greener recovery will require integrated programs to ensure the inclusion of civil society and indigenous peoples as well as other diverse stakeholders, and attention to cross-cutting issues such as gender, resilience, and engagement with the private sector.

### SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

The GEF should reappraise its vision for the SGP in order to expand its purpose and potential for impact. The SGP

cesses so funds can be accessed, and toward implementation, more readily—particularly in the post-pandemic period. The GEF will thus be able to support a green, blue, clean, and resilient recovery with efficiency and alacrity. For one thing, the administrative requirements for the two-step MSP process should be streamlined so it does not limit the use of the MSP, which is a useful mechanism for innovation. The approval process for the nongrant instrument should be reviewed for consistency and to reflect industry good practice standards. And the GEF partnership must address delays in implementation of enabling activities after approval.

Where to next?

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### ISSUES

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Major changes in the PIF from GEF-7 to GEF-8

- We have significantly reorganized the logic and layout of the PIF, moving most of the tables to the end and moving the narrative to the front.
- We have included a new (short) project summary that can be used for many purposes (work program cover note among other uses, this would be limited to ½ page)
- We have suggested page limits as indicative of what should be appropriate length for key sections

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- The 2 main sections of the PIF are now contained in a Project Rationale section (background and justification of projects) and a Project Description section (project design, theory of change, risk analysis, GEBs etc). This section is also where the relevant information on gender, stakeholders, private sector and KM would be included and weaved into the narrative in specific ways that are relevant to this particular project. In GEF-7, most of these topics are covered in separate sections that are detached from the project description itself.

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- The Risks section would focus on risk during preparation and implementation, whereas the risks relevant to project outcomes would be included in the Project Description section.
- There is a section on alignment with country and regional priorities as well as the alignment or not with country policies (policy coherence).

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- We have also separated the project design content information from the policy requirements information.
- The sections on Gender, Stakeholder, PS, and KM are now “certification” boxes that agencies have fulfilled the requirements of GEF policies on each of these topics. They have the option of uploading relevant documents related to this.
- The relevance of these topics is now included in the narrative of the Project Description section as relevant to the specific project. This is different from GEF-7 where the “meat” of the topics was a stand-alone piece of the PIF dissociated from the project narrative.
- The new GEF-8 review sheet will take those changes into account and will be aligned with the new PIF structure and logic.