



GBFF PROJECT CYCLE

1st council

GEF/GBFF.01/03

February 8th – 9th

COP GUIDANCE

“ Request the GEF to design and implement a project cycle with a simple and effective application and approval process, providing easy and efficient access to resources of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund ”

GBFF PROGRAMMING DIRECTIONS

(approved June 2023)

1

A single project modality namely “GBF Fund Project”

2

The GEF Secretariat (through the CEO) approves a simplified PPG

3

Agencies prepare the project document within 9 months of PPG approval

4

Fully prepared projects will be presented to Council for approval as part of formal Work Programs

5

STAP will provide comments prior to council. Council can provide comments up to 2 weeks after GBFF Council meetings

6

Project Implementation starts with first disbursement

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KEY PROVISIONS



require an advanced analysis of implementation arrangements prior to approval;



modify the cancellation policy for a new milestone attached to the first disbursement.

A STREAMLINED PROJECT CYCLE

GEF Trust Fund Project Cycle

**PIF
Submission**

**Council Approval
of Work Program
as presented by the
CEO (PIFs)**

**Project
Preparation**

**CEO
endorsement**

**Implementation/
1st disbursement**

GBFF Project Cycle

**PPG Submission/
CEO Approval
of PPG / Project
Preparation**

**Council Approval
of Work Program
(prepared projects) /
CEO Endorsement**

**Implementation/
1st Disbursement**

A FASTER PROJECT CYCLE

12 months

6 months

**PPG Submission/
CEO Approval
of PPG / Project
Preparation**

**Council Approval
of Work Program
(prepared projects)
/ CEO Endorsement**

**Implementation/
1st Disbursement**

PROJECT CANCELLATION PROVISIONS

12 months

6 months

PPG Submission/
CEO Approval
of PPG / Project
Preparation

Council Approval
of Work Program
(prepared projects)
/ CEO Endorsement

Implementation/
1st Disbursement

*Unable to submit CEO Endorsement
Request 9 months after PPG approval ?*

OFP (for national projects) or Agency (for Global/
Regional projects) submits a **Request for Extension
invoking force majeure** to the GEF CEO prior to
the deadline (max. 3 months)

*Unable to start implementation 6
months after CEO Endorsement?*

Project cancelled.

Subject to funds availability, the Agency
may resubmit the project for CEO
Endorsement within one year from the
effective date of cancellation



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