



GEF-9 PROGRAMMING DIRECTIONS

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Update to the GEF-9 Programming Directions



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Representatives of GEF Partnership commented
(Donors, Constituencies, Agencies, Conventions)

255

Comments addressed, over 1,100 text revisions

3.0

GEF-9 Programming Directions v 3.0 draft
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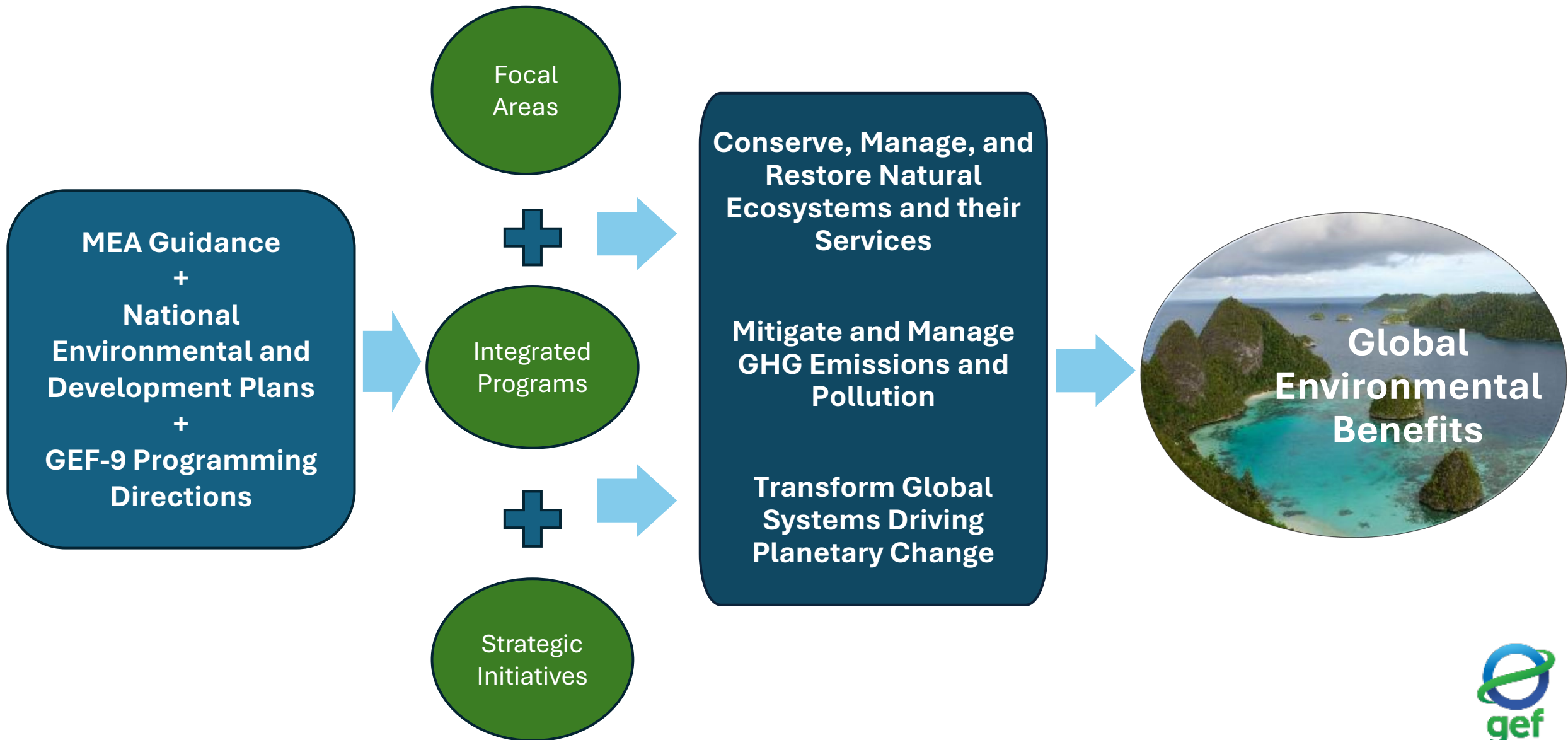
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* Key Updates: Blended Finance, Country Engagement
Strategy, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

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Private Sector and Bioeconomy integrated
in relevant Focal Areas and Integrated Programs

GEF Trust Fund Programming



GEF-9 Focal Areas

Biodiversity

- Landscape & seascape approaches
- Integration with MFA, MTF investments, including GBFF
- **Biodiversity finance** and domestic resource mobilization

Climate Change Mitigation

- Decarbonized energy access
- **Nature-based solutions**
- **Resource efficiency:** energy and materials

Land Degradation

- Mainstreaming **ecosystem restoration**
- **Drought management** and resilience
- **UNCCD alignment** on drought and LDN

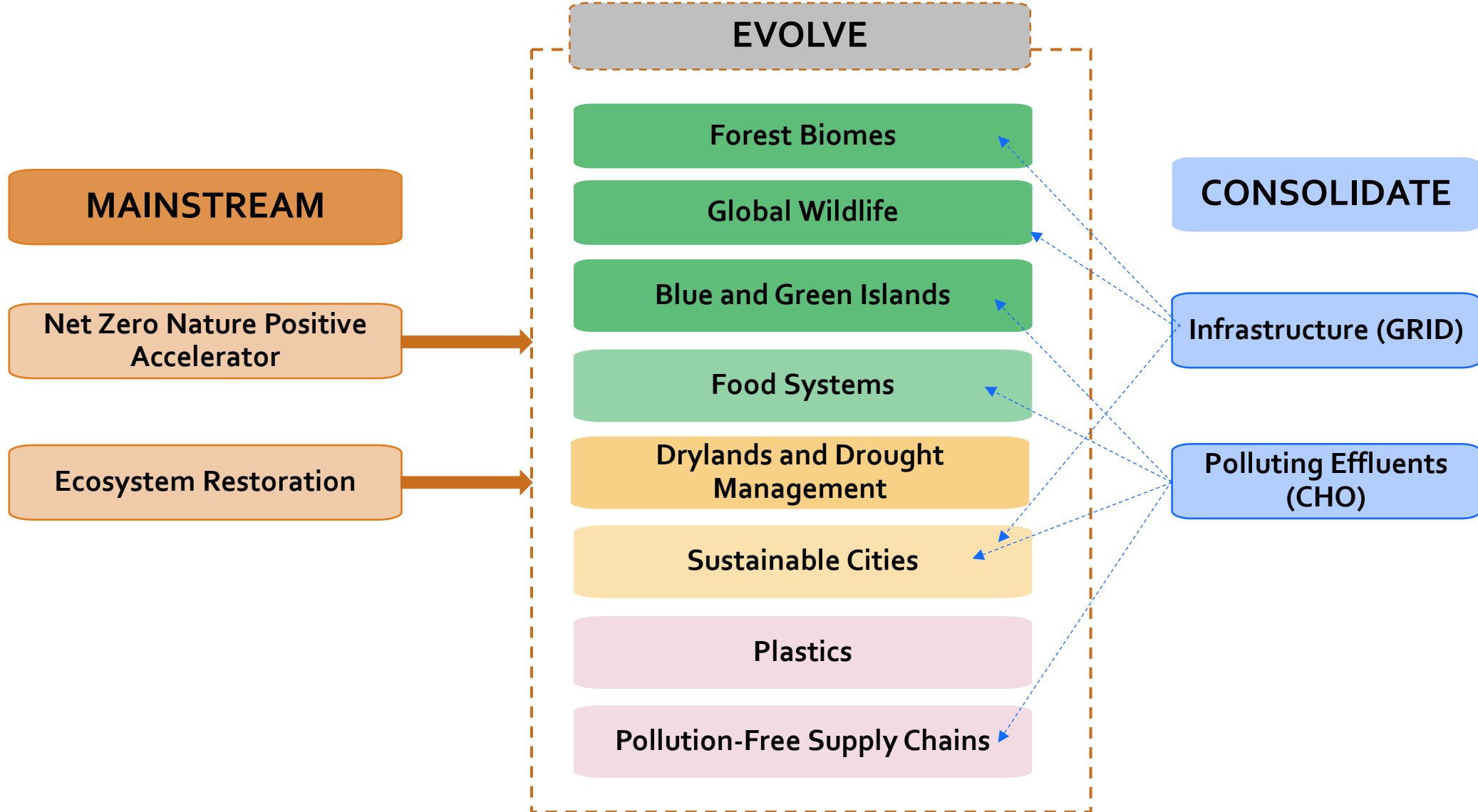
Chemicals & Waste

- **Private sector** and blended financing enhancements
- **Innovation and technology** scaling
- **Plastic pollution** efforts

International Waters

- **Large** marine ecosystems
- Support to the **BBNJ Agreement**
- Strengthened focus on **groundwater**

GEF-9 Integrated Programs



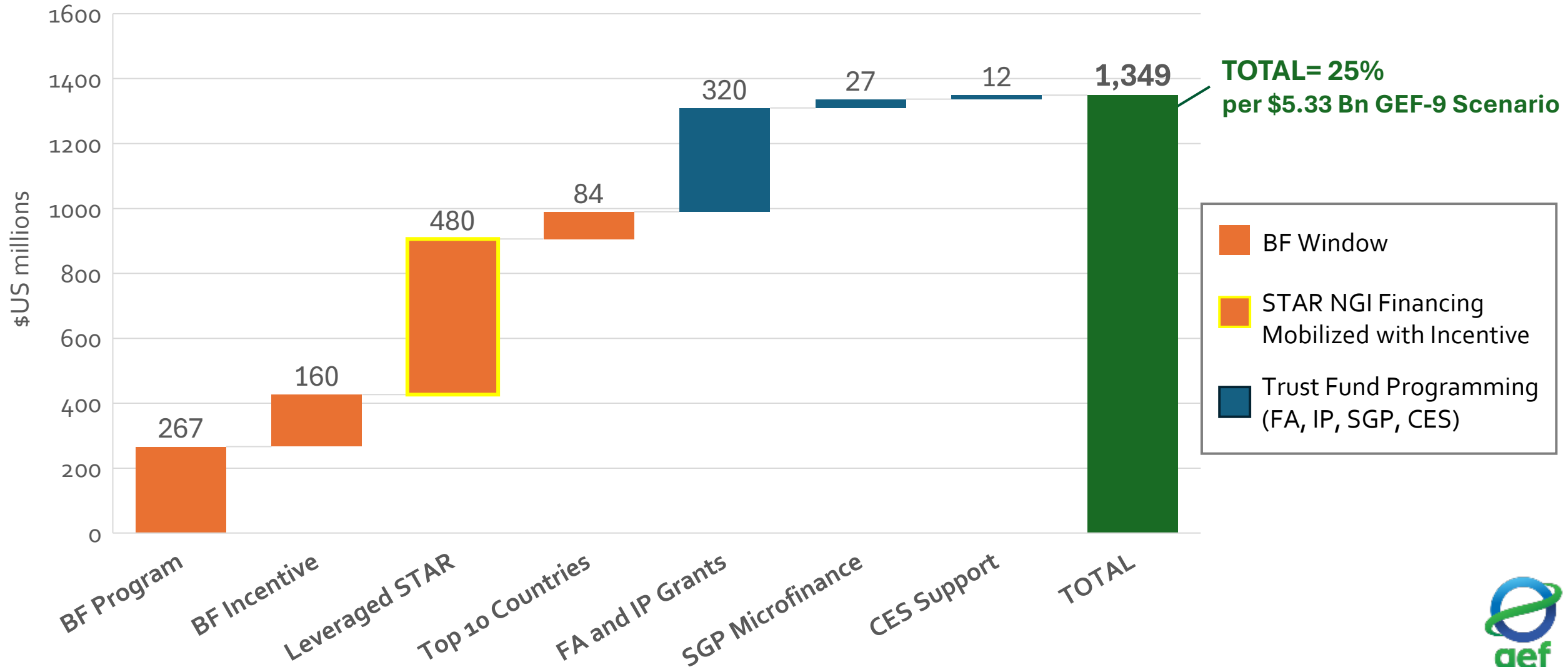
Blended Finance and Private Investment



- **Increased funding** for blended finance in the NGI window
- **Incentivized STAR programming** in blended finance projects
- Top 10 recipients **Challenge (12%)**
- **Mainstreamed** blended finance in GEF Trust Fund programming
- **Aligned with SGP and CES** efforts

mainstreaming Blended Finance (BF)

GEF TF Financing for Private Sector Investment Mobilization



Country Engagement Strategy



Country Ownership

- Empower OFPs with training, resources, recognition, retention
- Enhance **Upstream Technical Dialogues** for portfolio planning



Whole-of-Government

- Mainstream **policy coherence**
- Expand **National Steering Committees**
- **Country Platforms** for Development Finance coherence & leverage

Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

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Whole of Society

- Engage IPLCs in **National Dialogues, ECWs** and other GEF fora
- Strengthening of **IP&LC stewardship** through ICI direct funding
- IPOs and CBOs as **executing partners**

Thank you

