

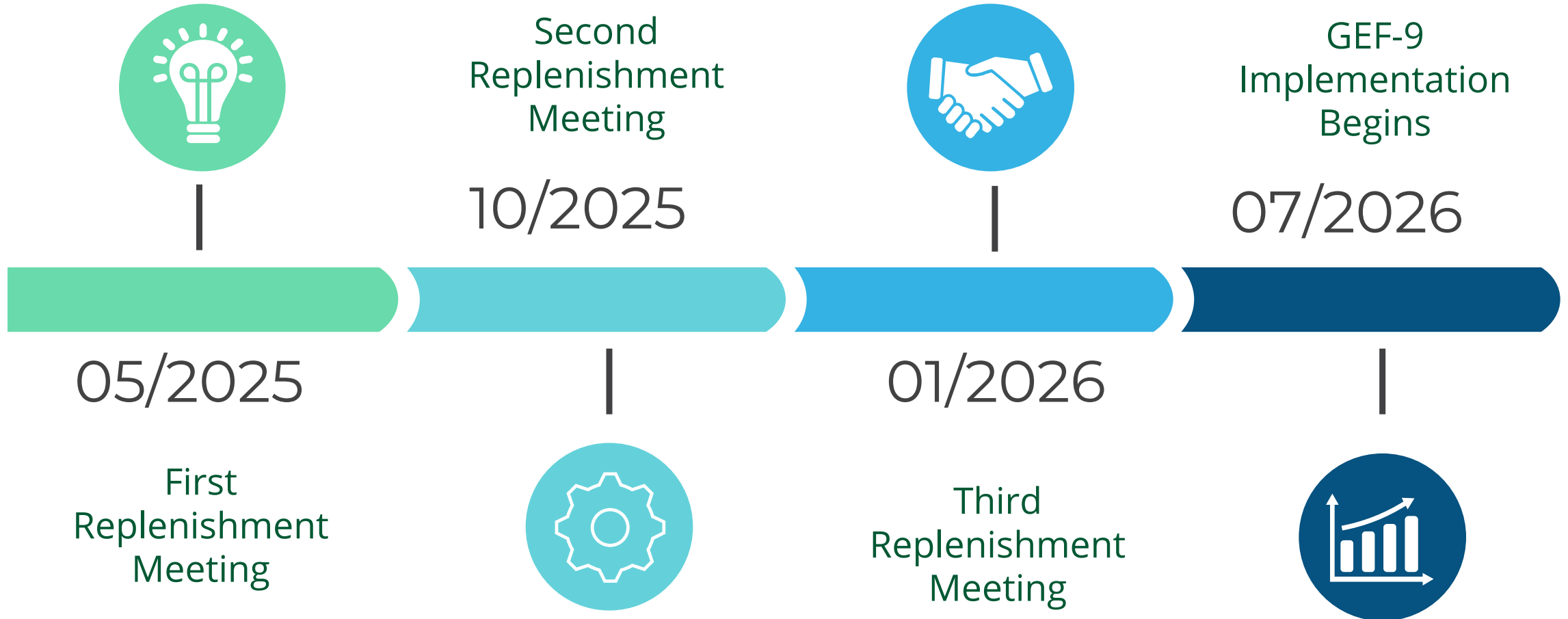
Confirming Enhanced Policy Directions for GEF-9: From Refinement to Agreement

GEF-9 Policy Directions



From Refinement to Agreement

Confirming enhanced Policy Directions for GEF-9



The Five As

Policy objectives retained with support from the 1st meeting

Policy options are now presented as actions, reflecting added analysis



Clarifications and completion since Kasane

Informed by Comments from Participants and Consultations

1. The Five As are further detailed and strengthened, reflecting feedback from the 2nd meeting and the Working Sessions.
2. STAR simulations are presented.
3. Results Management Framework is fleshed out.
4. Way forward on risk management is clarified.

Resolved Policy Actions for Decision

How Participants' feedback translated into operational clarity

KEY CONSIDERATIONS RAISED

- **Ambition and calibration** of NGIs and IPLCs
- **Need for clearer expectations** on key policy areas
- **Specific language and timelines** for clarity

TARGETED ADJUSTMENTS


- **Consolidated** policy packages for NGIs, IPLC, co-financing
- **Clearer articulation** of scope, sequencing, and next steps
- **Annex A operationalizes enhancements**, including timing and responsibilities

WHAT THIS ENABLES

- **Predictability** for Agencies, countries, governance
- **Reduced risk in** interpretation and implementation
- **Early and accelerated roll-out** of GEF-9 programming

Enabling Early, Coherent GEF-9 Delivery

Resolved policy choices

	1. Blended Finance	2. Co-financing	3. IPLCs	
To avoid:	Fragmented processing and ad-hoc proposal calls	Inconsistent definitions and late confirmation	Ad-hoc access and limited portfolio visibility	
These are clarified:	How NGIs draw on multiple windows, with clear compliance rules	What counts, how it is evidenced, and how results are attributed	Policy commitment and scaled use of proven delivery models	
Thus enabling:	Earlier, larger-scale blended finance investments	More credible leverage and private capital mobilization	Direct, predictable financing, measurable IPLC outcomes	

Annexed Policy Recommendations

Readiness for Early GEF-9 Delivery



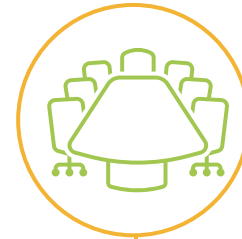
Durable ambition

Anchors enhanced guidance and ambitious goals within the GEF-9 framework



Operational clarity

Crystallizes expectations for Secretariat, Agencies and countries early in GEF-9



Bridge to authorizing environment

Provides a stable reference point for Council consideration and decisions



Predictability and early delivery

Predictable policies unlock early results and build trust for GEF-9 programming

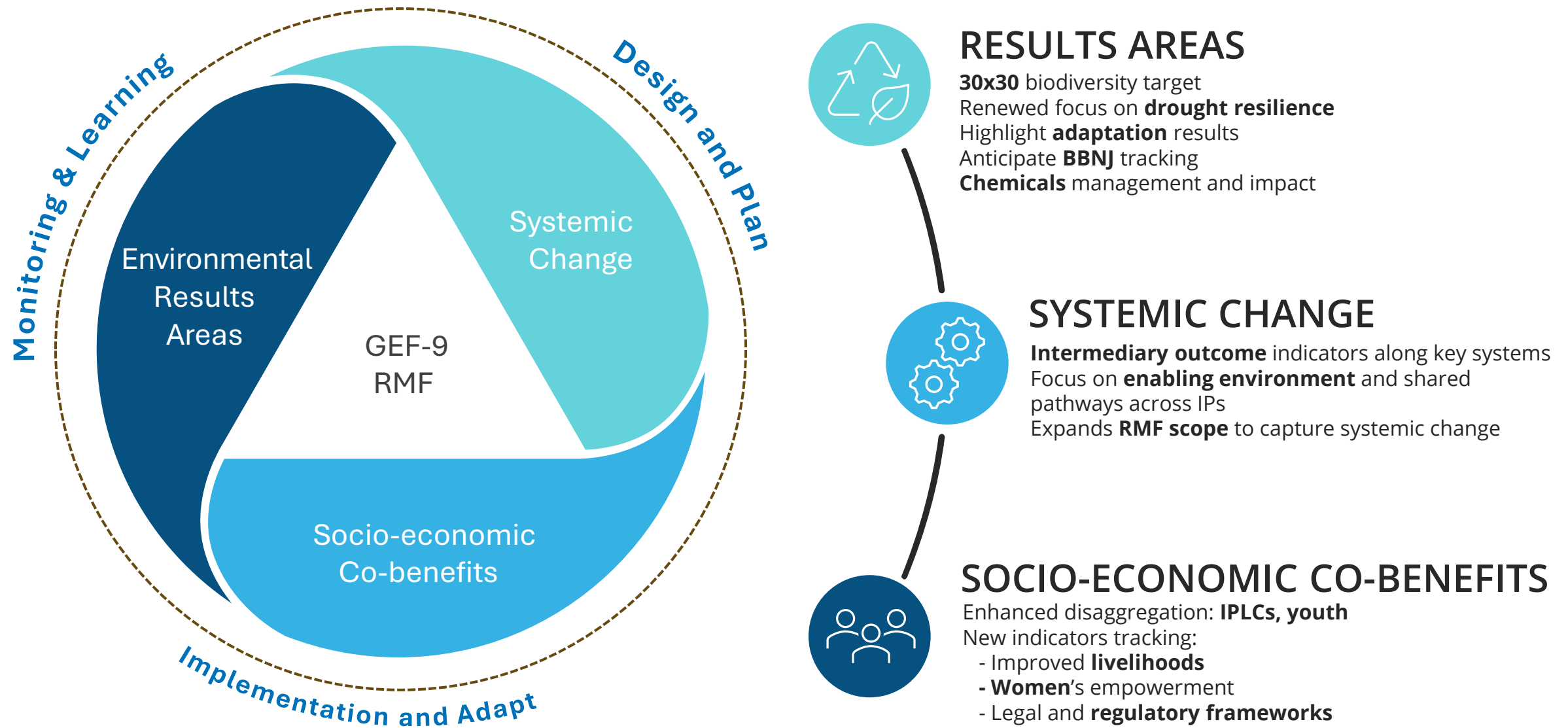
Today's Discussion

Two questions

1. Confirm convergence on the annexed policy recommendations
2. Endorse the enhanced Policy Directions paper as the basis for GEF-9

New Results Management Framework

Operationalizing outcome management in three impact areas



Risk Management

Evolution since the 2nd meeting



Innovation-focused

Clarified how risk management supports innovative programming



Steps clarified

Council to consider setting portfolio risk tolerance bands



Core approach stable

Risk categories and appetite levels, and oversight framework

Thank you



GEF-9 POLICY DIRECTIONS

System for Transparent Allocation of
Resources (STAR)



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GEF-9 Adjustments



Proposals	Existing or New Element	GEFSEC Recommendation
Advancing BD, LD and CC indices	Existing	Yes
Introducing a vulnerability index	New	No
Increasing the GDP index weight	Existing	Yes
Adjusting the ceiling definition	Existing	Yes
Rebalancing floors	Existing	Yes
Ringfencing resources to SIDS/LDCs	New	Yes
Introducing a disbursement Index	New	Yes
Maintaining a special window	Existing	Yes
Introducing a mid-term review	New	Yes
Maintaining full flexibility	Existing	Yes
Introducing a policy coherence index	New	No



Advancing Global Benefit Indices



Biodiversity

- Acknowledging the critical role of **marine biodiversity** in global ecological health:

GEF-8 :
75% Terrestrial + 25% Marine

GEF-9 proposal:

70% Terrestrial/
Freshwater + **30%** Marine



Land Degradation

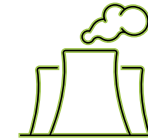
- Focuses on **proactive drought management**

GEF-8:

20% Area affected by LD +
60% Dryland + 20% Rural
Population

GEF-9 proposal:

20% Area affected by LD +
60% Dryland + **10%** Rural
Population + **10% Drought
Vulnerability**



Climate Change

- Recognizing the importance of promoting positive land use trends

GEF-8 :

95% GHG + 5% Forest Cover

GEF-9 proposal:

70% GHG + **30%** Forest Cover

Supporting Countries with Special Needs – GEF-9 Options



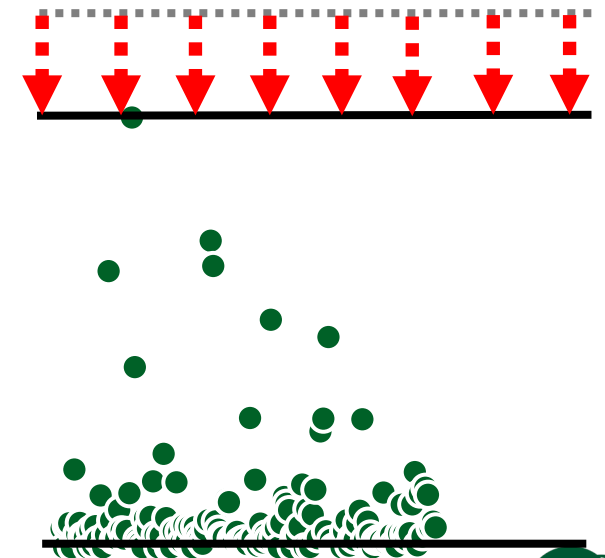
Economic Needs

- Further increasing the GDP weight to 0.18:
 - GEF-8 : Economic Needs = GDP^{-0.16}
 - **GEF-9 proposal:**
Economic Needs = GDP^{-0.18}



Ceilings

- Maintaining the ceiling level of 6%, while adjusting the multiplier:
 - GEF-8 Ceiling = 6% x (STAR envelope + set-asides)
 - **GEF-9 proposal = 6% x STAR envelope only**



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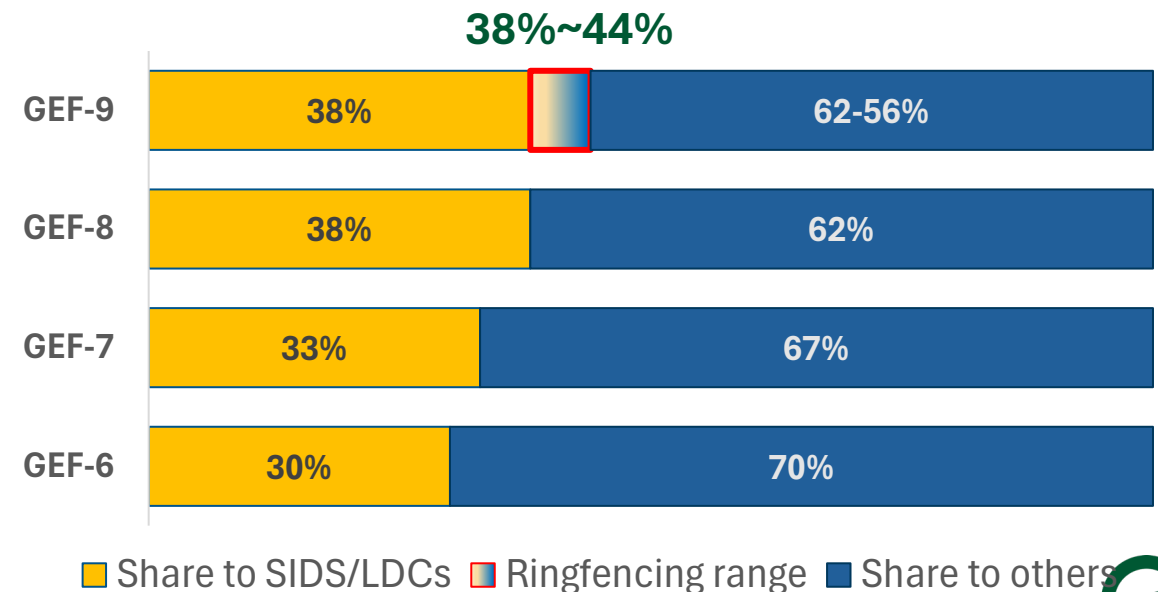
Adjusting level of floors

- Maintaining the aggregate floors, while rebalancing the individual focal area floors:

Focal Area	Floor for non-SIDS/LDCs	Floor for SIDS/LDCs
CC	0.2	0.3
BD	4.3	4.5
LD	0.5	3.3
Aggregate Floor	5	8

Ringfencing the share to SIDS/LDCs

- A ringfencing ratio in the range of 38%-44% of STAR resources for the SIDS and LDCs group as a whole



Increasing Country Incentives for Efficient Use of GEF Resources



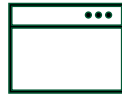
Disbursement Index

- Reflecting the emphasis on efficient and timely resource delivery:

GEF-8 : $0.4*IP + 0.6*TER$

GEF-9 proposal:

$0.3*IP + 0.5*TER + 0.2*Disbursement$



A Special Window

- Maintaining a special window for top recipient countries



Top **10** recipients, minus SIDS/LDCs



12% of their initial allocations



Blended Finance



Removing the “competitive” aspect of the Window and mainstreaming into the regular programming.



STAR Mid-term Review



HIGHLIGHT ANY SIGNIFICANT UNDER-UTILIZATIONS, AND POTENTIALLY DEVELOP MEASURES TO FURTHER INCENTIVIZE TIMELY PROGRAMMING

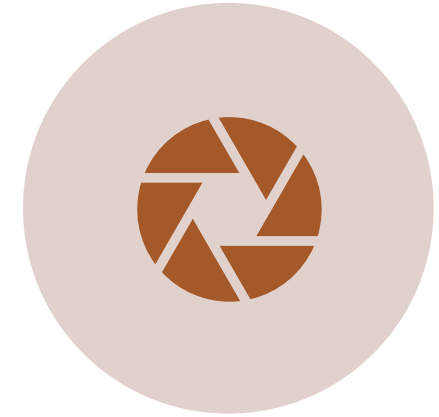
Maintaining Full Flexibility to Support Integrated Programming Principles



The GEF-8 Mid-term Review on STAR Full Flexibility was approved and well received by the Council at its 69th meeting

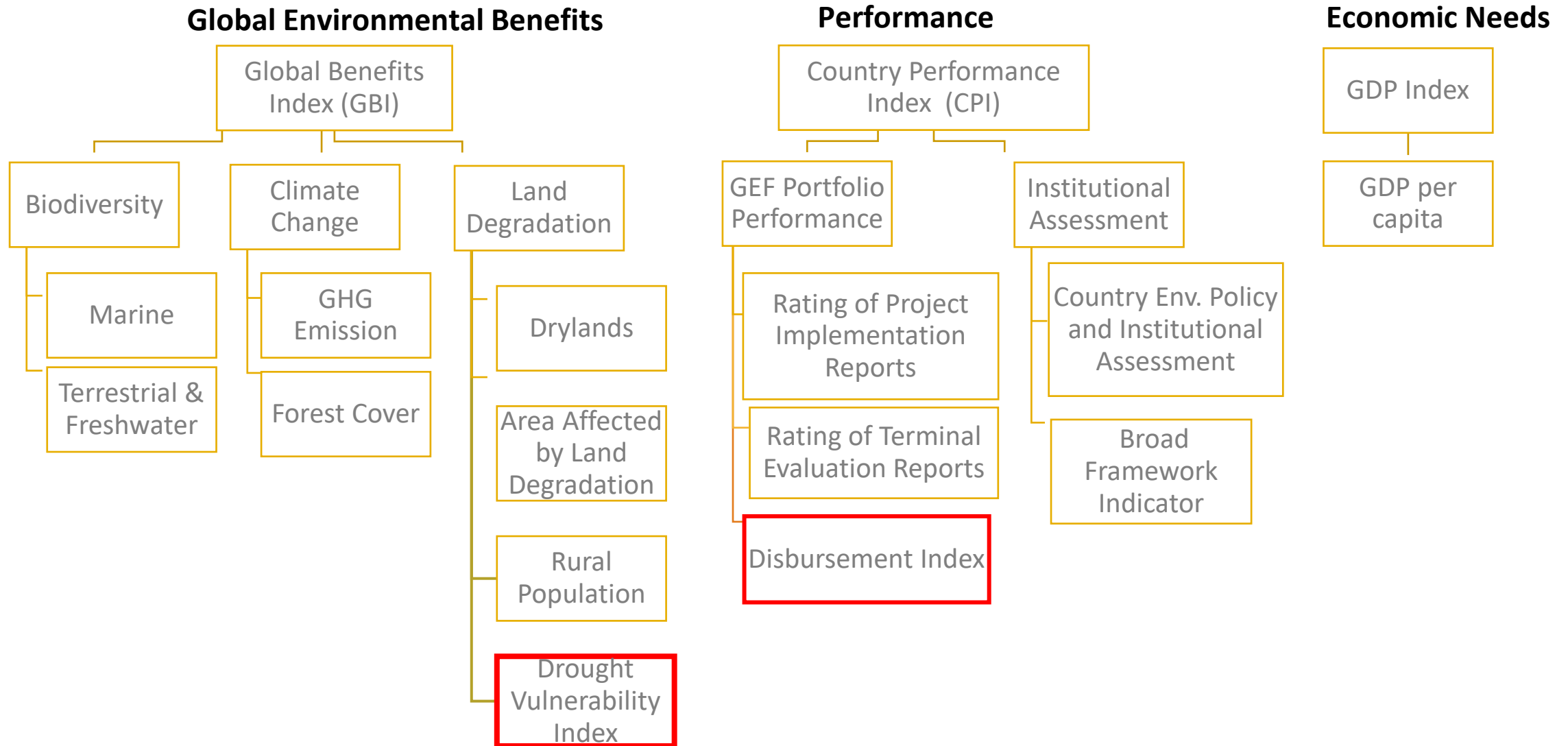


A similar analysis was conducted toward the end of GEF 8 and presented as an information document at the 70th Council meeting



Continue tracking Rio Markers in GEF-9

The GEF-9 STAR Structure



STAR Parameters

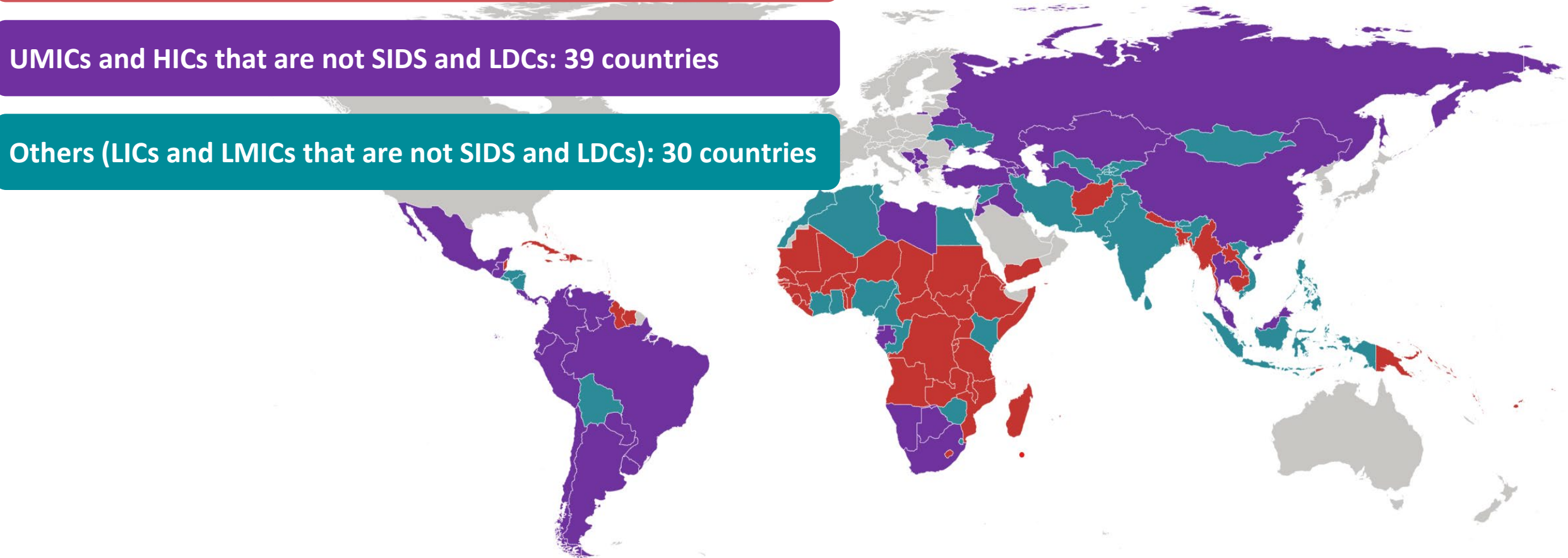
	GEF-8	GEF-9
STAR Envelope	\$2.43 Bn (45.7% of the 5.33Bn replenishment)	\$1.7Bn (38% of \$4.5Bn Scenario); \$2.0 Bn (37% of \$5.3Bn Scenario); \$ 2.1 Bn (35% of \$6.0 Bn Scenario)
Weight for the GBI	0.8 (Same as GEF-7)	0.8 (Same as GEF-8)
Weight for the CPI	1.0 (Same as GEF-7)	1.0 (Same as GEF-8)
Weight for the GDP index	-0.16	-0.18
Weights for GBI Sub-indices	BD: 0.25*Marine + 0.75*Terrestrial LD: 0.20*Area affected by LD + 0.60*Dryland + 0.20*Rural Population CC: 0.95*GHG+0.05*%Forest Cover	BD: 0.30*Marine + 0.70*Terrestrial/Freshwater LD: 0.20*Area affected by LD + 0.60*Dryland + 0.10*Rural Population + 0.10*Drought Vulnerability CC: 0.70*GHG+0.30*Forest Cover
Aggregate SIDS/LDCs floors	\$8 Mn	\$8Mn (Same as GEF-8)
Aggregate Non-SIDS/LDCs floors	\$5 Mn	\$5Mn (Same as GEF-8)
Focal Area Ceilings	6% of STAR plus set-asides	6% of STAR envelope
Weight for the Disbursement Index	0.4*PIR+0.6*TER	0.3*PIR+0.5*TER+0.2*Disbursement Index

Country Groups

SIDS/LDCs: 75 countries

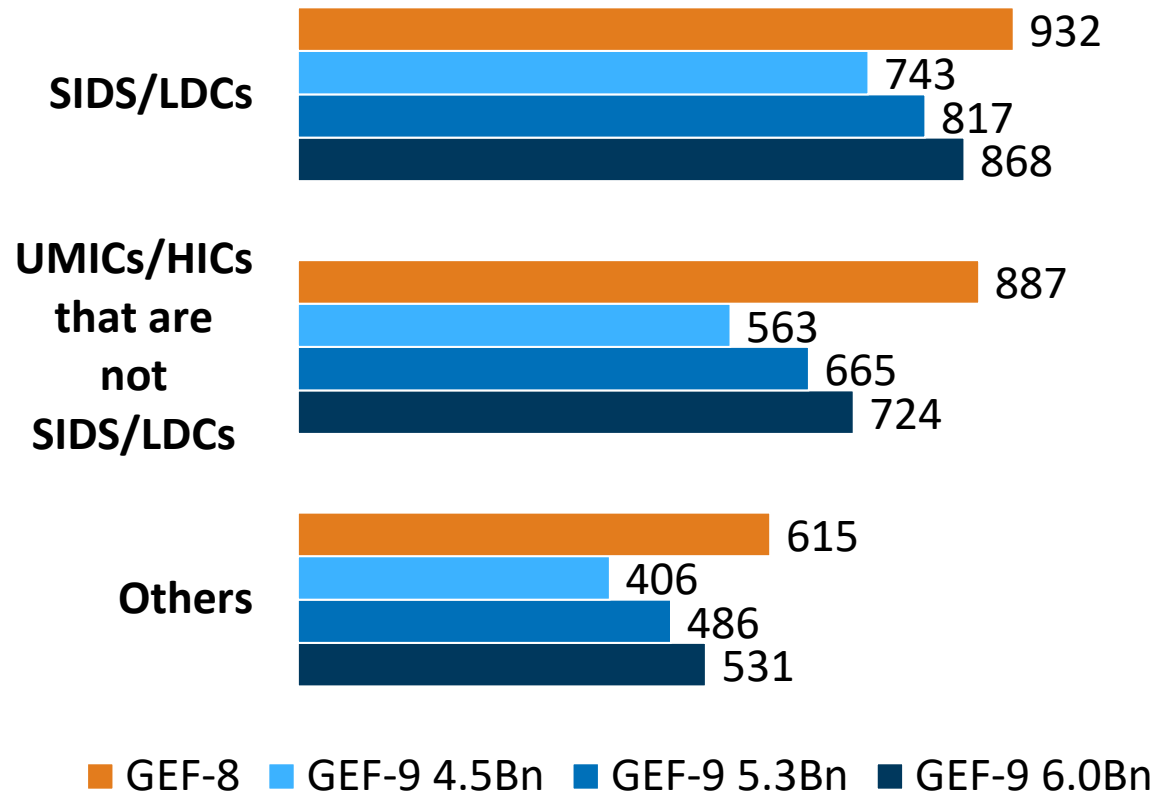
UMICs and HICs that are not SIDS and LDCs: 39 countries

Others (LICs and LMICs that are not SIDS and LDCs): 30 countries

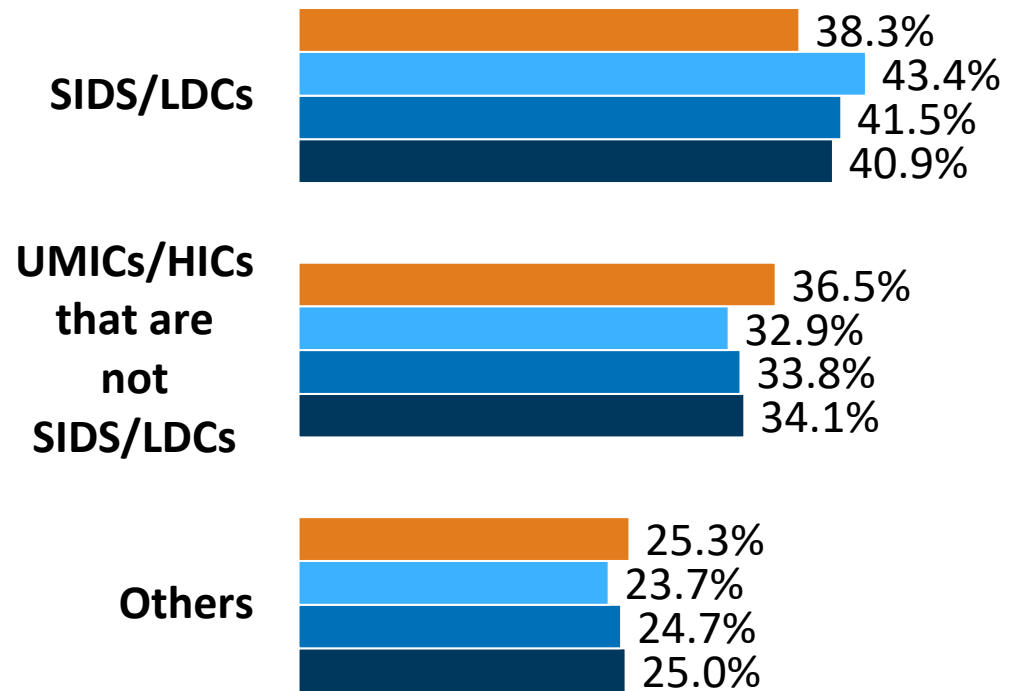


GEF-9 Preliminary Simulations on Country Groups

\$Mn USD, STAR Country Allocations



% Share of Total STAR Country Allocation



Preliminary Simulation Results



It is important to note that the simulations presented here are to be considered preliminary only.

Individual country outcomes within each group may vary significantly.

Final country allocations will be published on July 1st, 2026

Thank you

