

EVENT DETAILS

24 JUNE | SUNDAY

12:30 p.m.–2 p.m. | My Son 1 Room

Sustainable Infrastructure—Building a Global Movement and Innovations to Avoiding Deforestation and Biodiversity Loss from Infrastructure Investments

Global infrastructure investment is accelerating dramatically. For transport infrastructure alone, 25 million kilometers of roads will be added by 2050—with 90% in developing countries—including many regions that sustain exceptional biodiversity. The Sustainable Development Goals call for sustainable infrastructure and recognize that biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services underpin all SDGs. In this session, WWF, ADB, and other development and country partners will discuss challenges and constraints, good practices, as well as opportunities to scale-up sustainable infrastructure. Strengthening policies, improving spatial planning, and wildlife-friendly design principles will be discussed.

*Lunch boxes will be provided



25 JUNE | MONDAY

12:30 p.m.–2 p.m. | My Son 1 Room

Nature-based solutions—GEF Experience and Innovations for Nature Based and Inclusive Approaches to Address Climate Change and Disaster Risks

Nature-based solutions have gained increasing attention due to their ability to provide low-cost protection while delivering biodiversity conservation and improved livelihoods. The GEF has enabled the piloting of innovative approaches as well as knowledge dissemination in multiple countries. Mainstreaming nature-based approaches into infrastructure planning and design is the critical next step. Know-how on developing economic cost benefits, sound design principles, and tailoring applications to specific environments: coasts, watersheds, and cities will be essential. This session will bring together GEF agencies and country partners to discuss lessons and good practice from the GEF portfolio and opportunities to roll-out and scale-up globally.

*Lunch boxes will be provided



12:30 p.m.–2 p.m. | Hoi An 2 Room

Mobilizing Private Sector Finance to Scale Up Global Environmental Benefits

Multilateral development banks (MDBs) play a fundamental role in directing capital towards sustainable investments by demonstrating the opportunities and potential returns, and reducing the risks associated with them. A joint MDB report estimates that in 2016, MDBs mobilized nearly \$164 billion in long-term private finance through their investment operations. While MDBs have leveraged large amounts of public finance, they are working to increase private finance to support client countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and commitments to the Paris Agreement. This event will showcase how MDBs are catalyzing global environmental benefits by scaling-up investments in green and low-carbon infrastructure through green finance mechanisms, blended finance, and other instruments.



26 JUNE | TUESDAY

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. | My Son 2 Room

Supporting the Global Shift to Electric Mobility

The era of electric mobility is well underway. Many countries are rolling out plans to prioritize policies, standards, and financing models to fast track e-mobility on a large scale. GEF aims to help these countries foster appropriate regulatory frameworks, plan for disruptive market changes, and integrate electric vehicles into the transport grid. This event, led by UN Environment, in collaboration with the International Energy Agency and ADB, will showcase practical steps countries are taking to manage the transformation to e-mobility. Understand the current state of electric mobility worldwide, gain insights on the future of e-mobility, and get a preview of a proposed global program.

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. | Hue Room

Global Platform for Sustainable Cities

The Global Platform for Sustainable Cities, or GPSC (www.thegpsc.org), brings collaborators from 28 cities across 11 countries together with MDBs, the UN, and other partners to scale up sustainable and integrated urban planning. Learn how cities can tap into, and leverage, the GPSC for practical knowledge, scalable solutions, and financing opportunities that encourage urban solutions for local and global environmental benefits. UN-Habitat will be welcomed as a GPSC Knowledge Partner, along with the International Finance Corporation as an Investment Partner. Get an overview of GPSC's activities and next steps heading towards GEF-7.



4:30 p.m.–6 p.m. | Hoi An 2 Room

Global Wildlife Program—Concerted Action to Combat Illegal Wildlife: Reducing Poaching, Trafficking, and Demand

The Global Wildlife Program (GWP) is a \$131 million GEF-funded grant program that brings together 19 countries across Africa and Asia in a coordinated approach to combat wildlife crime along the supply chain, by reducing poaching, trafficking, and demand. Implementing national strategies to improve wildlife and protected areas management, enhance community livelihood benefits, strengthen law enforcement capacity, and reduce demand through behaviour change are key. This event will provide an overview of the GWP's partnerships with governments, donors, and implementing partners—such as the ADB, UNDP, UN Environment and World Bank—to help reduce the threats to wildlife, and help countries increase social, economic and ecosystem benefits.



6 p.m.–7:30 p.m. | Ha Long Room

Innovative Financing Models for Accelerating Energy Efficiency

Drawing lessons and best practices from GEF-supported energy efficiency initiatives in Latin America, Asia and the Pacific, and Eastern Europe, new tools including interventions to change consumer behavior, intelligent approaches, advanced technologies, and innovative financing are now available. In this session we will explore how public sector financing institutions can (i) structure business models to deliver energy efficiency services, (ii) catalyze, “crowd in” or blend private sector and domestic funding, (iii) reduce risk and uncertainty of returns, (iv) provide incentives for environmental benefits or targets, (v) create demonstration pipelines, and (vi) support project preparation and proof of concept technology incubators or accelerators.

* Light snacks and refreshments will be provided



6 p.m.–7:30 p.m. | Hue Room

The Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem: Reconfirming the Commitment to Collaborate for Sustainable Management

Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand have endorsed the Strategic Action Program (SAP) of the Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) that envisions “a healthy ecosystem and sustainable use of marine living resources.” Implementation of the SAP is expected to contribute positively to the ecosystems and livelihoods of nearly 400 million people in coastal zones through improved management of fisheries, reduced pollution, and restoration of degraded freshwater, coastal, and marine areas. In this event, participating countries will reaffirm their commitment to the SAP implementation by noting: (i) the achievements of Phase 1 supported by GEF and (ii) salient features of Phase 2 BOBLME Program led by FAO in collaboration with ADB.

