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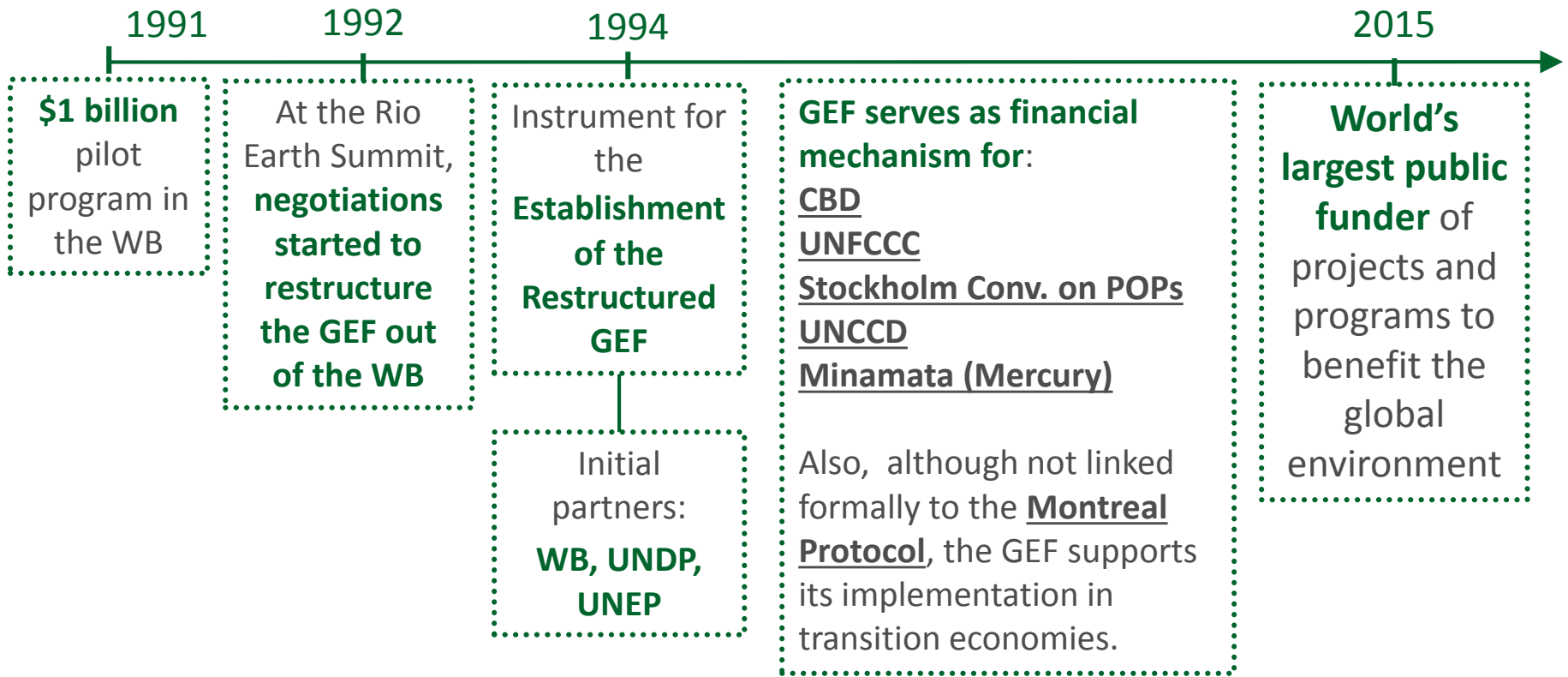
# WHAT IS THE GEF?

## History and Structure

### GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop

Dead Sea, Jordan  
September 09-10, 2015

# History of the GEF



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# GEF Goal and Mission

**Goal:** to address global environmental issues while supporting national sustainable development initiatives.

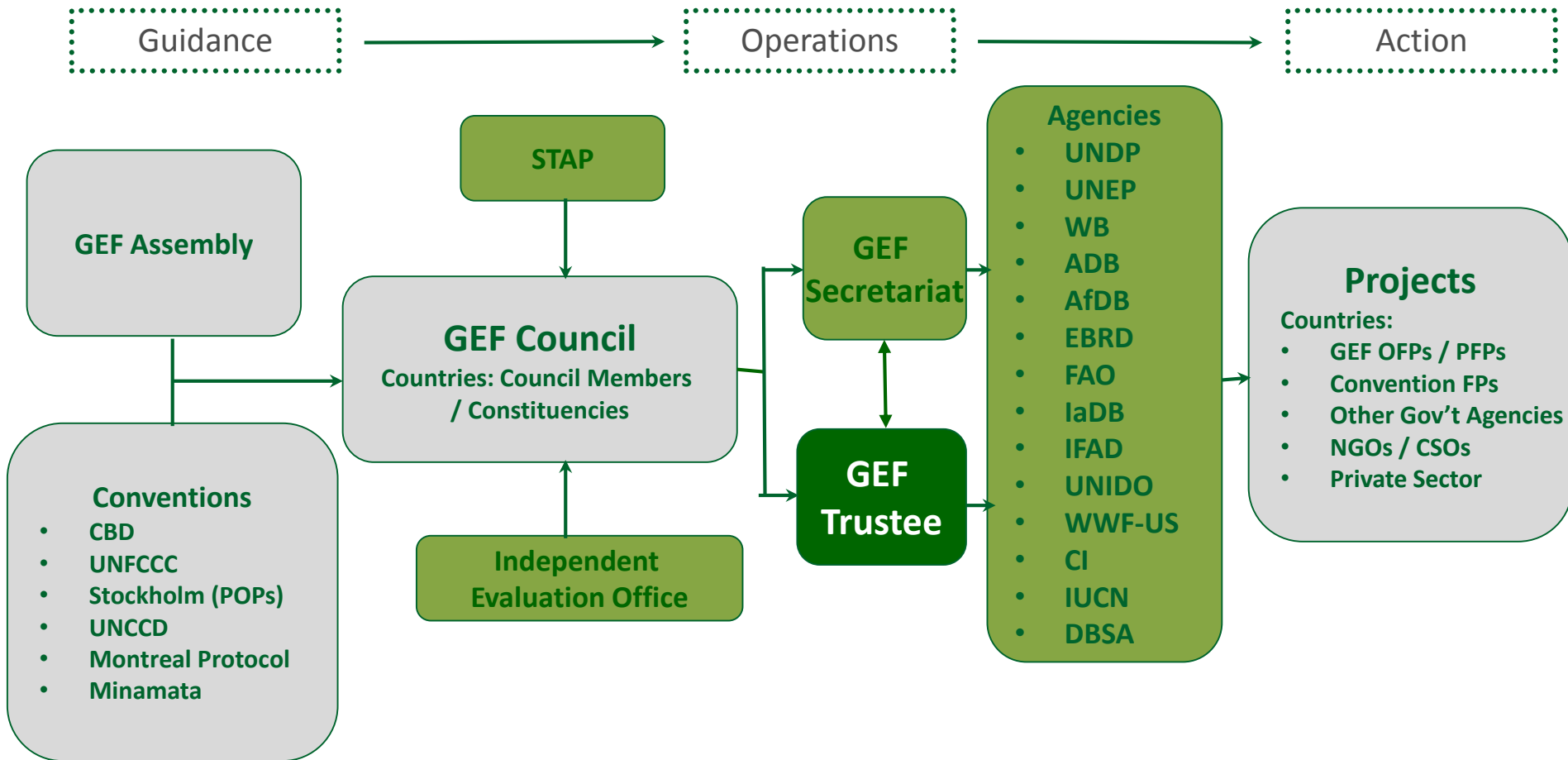
**Mission:** the GEF is a mechanism for international cooperation for the purpose of providing new, and additional, grant and concessional funding to meet the agreed incremental costs of measure to achieve agreed global environmental benefits.



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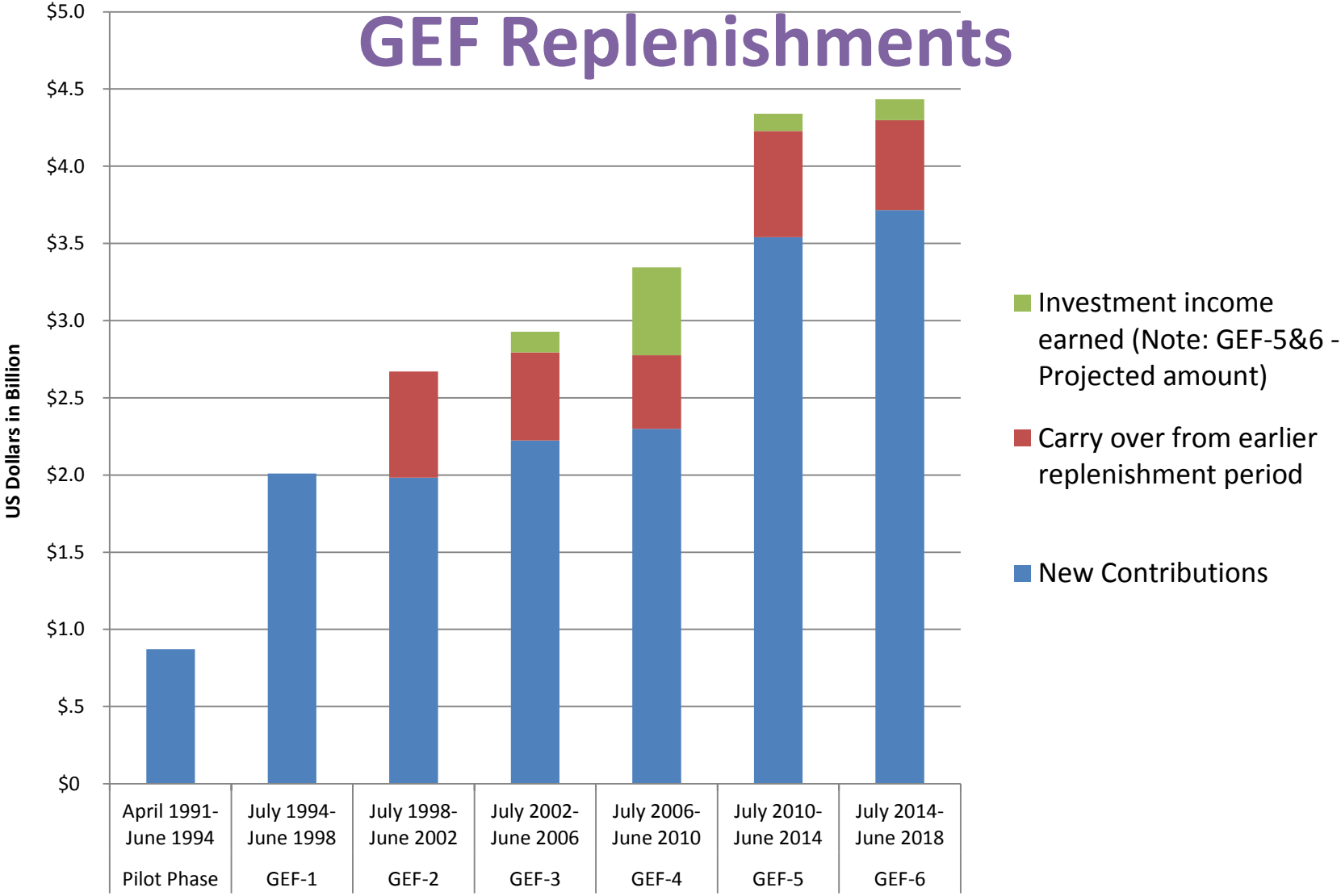
# GEF Trust Fund

## *Institutional Framework*



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# GEF Replenishments



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Focal Areas/ Themes	GEF-6 Programming Targets (\$ million)
<b>BIODIVERSITY</b>	<b>1,296</b>
<i>STAR Country Allocations</i>	1,051
<i>STAR Set-aside</i>	245
- Convention obligations	13
- Global and Regional Programs	82
*Integrated Approach Programs	45
a) Taking Deforestation out of the Commodities Supply Chain	35
b) Fostering Sustainability and Resilience of Production Systems in Africa	10
* Other Global and Regional Programs	37
- Sustainable Forest Management	150

<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b>	<b>1,260</b>
<b><i>STAR Country Allocations</i></b>	941
<b><i>STAR Set-aside</i></b>	319
- Convention obligations	130
- Global and Regional Programs	109
*Integrated Approach Programs	50
a) Sustainable Cities - Harnessing Local Action for Global Commons	40
b) Fostering Sustainability and Resilience of Production Systems in Africa	10
*Other Global and Regional Programs	59
- Sustainable Forest Management	80
<b>LAND DEGRADATION</b>	<b>431</b>
<b><i>STAR Country Allocations</i></b>	346
<b><i>STAR Set-aside</i></b>	85
- Convention obligations	15
- Global and Regional Programs	50
* Integrated Approach Programs	40
a) Fostering Sustainability and Resilience of Production Systems in Africa	40
* Other Global and Regional Programs	10
- Sustainable Forest Management	20



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<b>CHEMICALS &amp; WASTE</b>	<b>554</b>
<i>Convention breakdown</i>	554
- POPs	375
- Mercury	141
- SAICM	13
- ODS	25
<b>INTERNATIONAL WATERS</b>	<b>456</b>
<i>Focal Area Programing</i>	456
<b>Non Grant Instrument Pilot</b>	<b>115</b>
- <i>Sustainable Cities Integrated Approach Program</i>	5
- <i>Other non grant instruments</i>	110
<b>CORPORATE PROGRAMS</b>	<b>197</b>
Country Support Program (CSP)	23
Cross Cutting Capacity Development (CCCD)	34
Small Grants Program	140
<b>Corporate budget: Secretariat, STAP and Trustee</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Independent Evaluation Office</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>TOTAL GEF Replenishment</b>	<b>4,433</b>



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# Implementing GEF-6: Use of funds (recipient countries)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>		<b>GEF6 Allocations (US\$mill)</b>	<b>Share</b>
<b>SIDS/LDCs</b>		<b>700</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>"Big 5"</b>		<b>631</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Other Countries</b>		<b>1007</b>	<b>43%</b>
<i>... Of which</i>	<i>LICs</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>2%</i>
	<i>LMICs</i>	<i>412</i>	<i>18%</i>
	<i>UMICs</i>	<i>523</i>	<i>22%</i>
	<i>HICs</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>1%</i>
<b>TOTAL Country Allocations</b>		<b>2338</b>	<b>100%</b>

=> Trade-off: "Impact" vs "equity"?



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# Relations with the Conventions Secretariats (1)

- The GEF serves as a financial mechanism to five conventions.
- The Memorandum of Understanding is the means through which the Conventions and the GEF cooperate.
- The conventions, for which the GEF serve as financial mechanism, provide broad strategic guidance to the GEF
- The GEF Council responds to this broad guidance by developing operational criteria for GEF projects



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# Relations with the Convention Secretariats (2)

- The Secretariat of the Conventions and the GEF Secretariat consult as necessary in the guidance that the COPs provide
- In particular, in accordance with the GEF project cycle, the Secretariat of the Conventions are invited to comment on the project proposals under consideration for inclusion in a proposed work programme.
- The GEF Secretariat prepares a report on GEF activities to be presented on each COP on a regular basis. This report is previously reviewed and approved by the Council



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# LDCF and SCCF – Climate Change Adaptation

- Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) -> established in 2001 under UNFCCC COP
- First multilateral funds to implement concrete adaptation actions on developing countries
- LDCF and SCCF provided vulnerable countries and communities initial resources to finance a pioneering adaptation portfolio.
- Managed and administered independently from the GEF Trust Fund



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# Thank you for your attention!

## Questions?

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