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GEF Project Cycle

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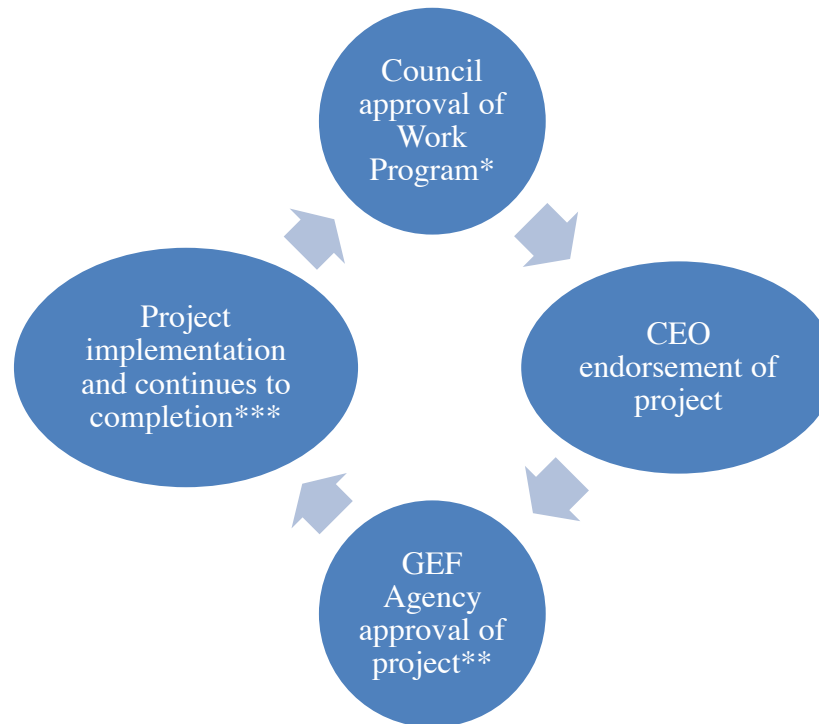
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Features of the GEF-5 project cycle

- PIF submitted on a rolling basis;
- 18 months preparation for FSP: begins from date of Council approval of the work program till CEO endorsement of the final project document;
- 12 months preparation for MSP: applies only to those MSPs that requested PPG; begins from date of PIF approval by CEO to approval of final project document by CEO;
- Program Framework Document (PFD) for Programmatic Approaches (PA) can be submitted only during Council meetings.



Full-Sized Project Cycle



* Work Program consists of PIFs cleared by the CEO

** GEF Agency approval of project signifies start of project implementation

*** Project completion follows terminal evaluation and financial closure



Project Cycle Steps for MSPs, EAs and PAs

Medium-Sized Projects and Enabling Activities follow expedited procedures which are approved by CEO under the delegated authority.

Programmatic Approaches: policy and procedures of the processing of the programmatic approaches are currently under review by the GEF Secretariat in collaboration with the GEF Agencies with the objective of reaching further simplification in its processing.



Streamlining Measures in the Project Cycle

The following streamlining measures were approved by the Council in June 2012:

1. Project Preparation Grant (PPG) is now approved together with PIF clearance in the same template;
2. MSP ceiling is increased to \$2 million;
3. All templates have been simplified;
4. Milestone extension is eliminated: overdue milestones are monitored by the GEFSEC and Agencies do not need to request milestone extension;



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5. Tranche payment of Agency fees: 40% are paid when Council approves the work program and 60% by CEO endorsement;
6. Approval of Umbrella Projects comprising a group of Enabling Activities is expedited by automatic CEO endorsement after Council approval and Agencies no longer required to submit a CEO endorsement request;
7. Harmonization process: a pilot operations process between the GEF Secretariat and the World Bank .



Harmonization Process between GEFSEC and WB

Objective: Streamline and harmonize the project cycles of the WB and the GEF Secretariat aimed to:

- Reduce administrative burden of the Bank
- Meaningful upstream involvement and contribution of GEF's Program Managers to the project design.

Harmonized process involves:

- GEF's PMs are invited to participate in the Bank's Concept Note meetings and to provide comments/inputs on the concept documents.
- GEF's PMs are also invited to participate in the Bank's decision meeting which decides on whether a project will proceed with the appraisal.



Harmonization Process between GEFSEC and WB... (2)

- GEF's PMs can make substantive comments aimed to improve on the preparation and design of the projects.
- WB proposal templates are further simplified by putting emphasis of the review on the WB documents.
- Final arrangement on the harmonization implementation is still under discussion between the GEFSEC and the Bank.



Thank you for your attention

Questions?



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