Operationalizing the GEF-7 Programming Directions

National Dialogue
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Focal Areas

- Biodiversity
- Climate Change Mitigation
- Land Degradation
- International Waters
- Chemicals and Waste
I. **Mainstream biodiversity** across sectors as well as within production landscapes and seascapes (Biodiversity Mainstreaming in Priority Sectors; Global Wildlife Program; (IWT and Wildlife and Tourism); Natural Capital Assessment and Accounting; Sustainable Use of Plant and Animal Genetic Resources; and Inclusive Conservation)

II. **Address direct drivers** to protect habitats and species (Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species; Improving Financial Sustainability, Effective Management, and Ecosystem Coverage of the Global Protected Area Estate)

III. Further develop biodiversity **policy and institutional framework** (Biosafety, Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources, and Enabling Activities)
Climate Change Mitigation Focal Area

I. Promote innovation, technology transfer for sustainable energy breakthroughs (de-centralized renewables with storage; electric mobility; accelerating energy efficiency; and cleantech innovation)

II. Demonstrate mitigation options with systemic impacts (through impact programs)

III. Foster enabling conditions for mainstreaming mitigation concerns into sustainable development strategies, including CBIT, NDCs, Enabling Activities
Land Degradation Focal Area

I. Support on the ground implementation of Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN)

II. Creating an enabling environment to support LDN implementation globally, including UNCCD EAs
International Waters Focal Area

I. Strengthening Blue Economy opportunities

II. Improve governance in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)

III. Enhance water security in freshwater ecosystems
Chemicals and Waste Focal Area

I. Industrial Chemicals

II. Agricultural Chemicals

III. SIDS/LDCs program - Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States

IV. Enabling Activities
Impact Programs

Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR)
Sustainable Cities
Sustainable Forest Management
Impact Programs: Key Principles

I. Address drivers and promote systemic change

II. Deliver impact and results across Focal Areas

III. Open access but proactive engagement with key countries
Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR): Overview

Achieving Transformational Shift – “Sustainability”

I. Efficient and effective food value chains for multiple benefits

II. Removing deforestation from supply chains

III. Expand restoration of degraded lands
FOLUR: Two key priorities for GEF financing

• Spatially explicit geographies defined on basis of their global importance for commodities, food production, and restoration of ecosystem services

• Established supply or value chains
Impact Programs

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Sustainable Cities Impact Program

- Rapid and unplanned urban growth is one of the key drivers of environmental degradation.
  - 70% of global GHG emissions
  - Direct implication on food systems
  - Urban sprawl affecting natural infrastructure and biodiversity

- Cities offer effective entry points for major investments in global environmental benefits (GEBs).

- They offer natural integrated systems, power of innovation and wide stakeholder base to achieve large scale GEBs.
- **Adopt an integrated approach** for sustainable urban development across sectors and governance levels.

- **Dual support provided by GEF**
  - Specific grant support to selected cities for integrated urban development
  - Global support on decision tools, knowledge, policy, finance, etc.
## Expectations from SC IP projects

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GEF-7 Categories of Investments and GEBs

- **Evidence-based Spatial Planning**—Cities and surrounding landscapes
- **Infrastructure Integration** at National, Regional, and Local Scales
- **Building Deep Resilience** with smart systems and slum solutions
- **Financing Solutions** for Urban Sustainability.
Impact Programs

Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration
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Sustainable Forest Management: Overview

Focus on *globally important forests*

- Amazon Forest
- Congo Basin Forest
- Dryland Forests

Require regional, ecosystem-scale approach to maintain integrity of the entire Biome
Sustainable Forest Management: Overview

• Creating a better enabling environment for forest governance;
• Supporting rational land use planning across mixed-use landscapes;
• Strengthening of protected areas;
• Clarifying land tenure and other relevant policies;
• Supporting the management of commercial and subsistence agriculture lands to reduce pressure on adjoining forests; and
• Utilizing financial mechanisms and incentives for sustainable forest utilization such as markets, REDD+ and other PES.
GEF-7 rollout model

Key Issues for Impact Programs
Role of Countries in Impact Programs

• Starting point: countries decide how to deploy their STAR allocation in Focal Area Investments or Impact Programs (one or more)

• If country decides to participate in IP(s), country selects agency of their choice to design and implement their child projects

• If selected, participating countries will receive 2:1 matching resources
Resource Allocation to Impact Programs

**Country A STAR Resources**
- BD, CC, LD
- USD 4M utilized

**Country B STAR Resources**
- BD, CC, LD
- USD 8M utilized

**IP Incentive**
- e.g. Food Systems, Land Use & Restoration
- USD 2M incentive

**Impact Program**
- USD 6M GEF grant
  - Country A ‘Child’ Project
    - seeking to advance holistic and system integration of Food Systems and Land Use

**Global Support and Coordination ‘Child’ Project**
- Framework to foster transformational shift in Food Systems and Land Use
  (Implemented by Lead GEF Agency)

**Country B ‘Child’ Project**
- seeking to advance holistic and system integration of Food Systems and Land Use

**Impact Program**
- USD 12M GEF grant
Role of Agencies in Impact Programs

- Lead Agency leads the development of a program framework document (PFD) and coordinate with agencies responsible for Child Projects.

- Lead Agency develops global or regional coordination and knowledge exchange component designed to provide technical assistance, quality assurance and consistency across Child Projects.

- Lead agency and GEF Secretariat facilitate and guide participating agencies to ensure coherence in the proposals coming from countries.
Role of GEFSEC: *Ensure a Level Playing Field for Impact Programs*

- GEFSEC will ensure that all countries have an opportunity to consider and apply for the Impact Programs

- GEFSEC will prepare and issue announcements or requests for proposals containing program objectives, selection criteria, consistent with GEF-7 programming directions

- GEFSEC will work closely with agencies on program and project design guidelines and frequently asked questions to better guide countries

- In case country demand exceeds available matching resources, GEFSEC