Accessing the GEF & GEF Project Cycle

Expanded Constituency Workshop

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GEF Project Requirements

- Country-driven
- GEF Focal Area Strategies
- Identifiable global benefits
- Participation
- Consistency with global Conventions

- Scientific and technical merit
- Financially sustainable and cost-effectiveness
- Monitoring, evaluation, and lessons learned
- Endorsed by the OFP
- Catalytic and leveraging role
GEF project types by Grant Size:

- **Full-Sized Projects (FSPs):** GEF grant > $2 million
- **Medium-Sized Projects (MSPs):** GEF grant ≤ $2 million
- **Enabling Activities (EAs):** GEF grant is capped by respective focal area threshold:
  - **Biodiversity** (NBSAP up to $250K, 6th National Report to CBD up to US$30K, 3rd National Report on Cartagena Protocol up to US$20K)
  - **Climate Change** (National communications up to $500K, BUR up to US$ 352K)
  - **Land Degradation** up to $150,000
  - **Chemical and Waste** (MIA $200K; Persistent Organic Pollutants NIP $250K; and ASGM NAP=$500K)
- **Programmatic Approach (PA)**
- **Small Grants Program (max $50,000)**

MIA=Minamata Convention Initial Assessment

ASGM NAP = “Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining” National Action Plan
Council approval of Work Program

CEO endorsement of project

GEF Agency approval of project

Project implementation and continues to completion

* 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
One-step approach, preferred:

- Final MSP request and project document submit to the Secretariat for CEO approval, on a rolling basis.
- As needed, a PPG of up to $50,000 can be requested with MSP submission.

Two-step approach, only if required:

- Submission of a PIF with PPG request, if needed
- Submission of a final MSP document plus a MSP Approval Request for CEO approval
Enabling Activities follow two paths:

- Country applies directly to the Secretariat for funding

**Regular procedures** :
- Country works with a GEF Partner Agency to access funding.
The new programmatic approach: approved by Council approval in the October 2014 Council meeting.

Steps include:

- Council approval of a Program Framework Document (PFD) included in a work program;
- CEO endorsement of fully prepared child projects under the program
Features of a Program

- All child projects under the Program have to be submitted for CEO endorsement by a deadline (or Program Commitment Deadline) agreed by relevant stakeholders during the preparation of the program concept or PFD.
- Child projects can apply for project preparation funding through submission of a PPG Request.
**Acronyms**

FSP = Full-Sized Project  
MSP = Medium-Sized Project  
EA = Enabling Activities  
PA = Programmatic Approach  
MIA = Minamata Convention Initial Assessment  
ASGM NAP = “Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining” National Action Plan  
PIFs = Project Identification Form/concept of a project  
PFD = Program Framework Document  
PPG = Project Preparation Grant
Thank you for your attention!
Questions?