

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

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Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

An independent group of scientists which advises the Global Environment Facility



What is STAP?

In 1994, the GEF Instrument sets up STAP –

“UNEP shall establish, in consultation with UNDP and the World Bank and on the basis of guidelines and criteria established by the Council, [the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel \(STAP\)](#) as an advisory body to the Facility.

UNEP shall provide the STAP’s Secretariat and shall operate as the liaison between the Facility and the STAP.” (Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility, 1994, 2008, and 2011)

What is STAP?

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) provides strategic and independent advice on projects, programs, and GEF policies.

STAP is administered by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).



Who is STAP?



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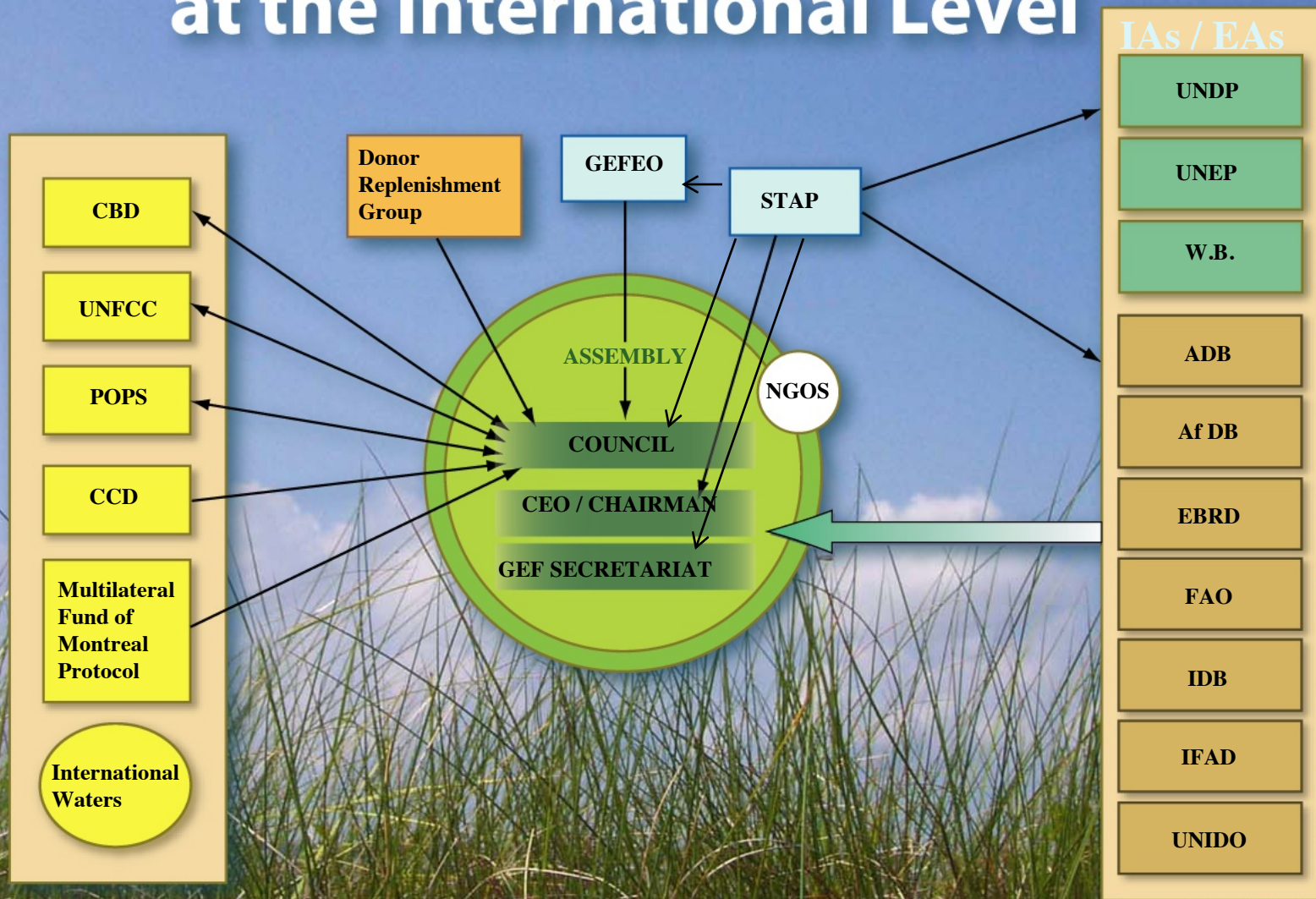
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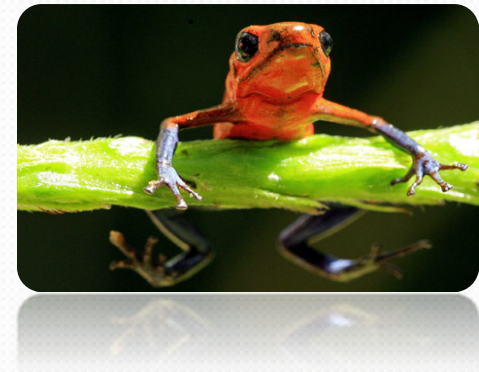
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The GEF Arrangement at the International Level



Strategic advice

- Advise on **cross-cutting thematic areas**, such as adaptation to climate change, sustainable forest management, and chemicals management
- GEF-5 focal area strategies – 2009, work on GEF-6 started in 2013
- “How to” develop/implement projects, or programs

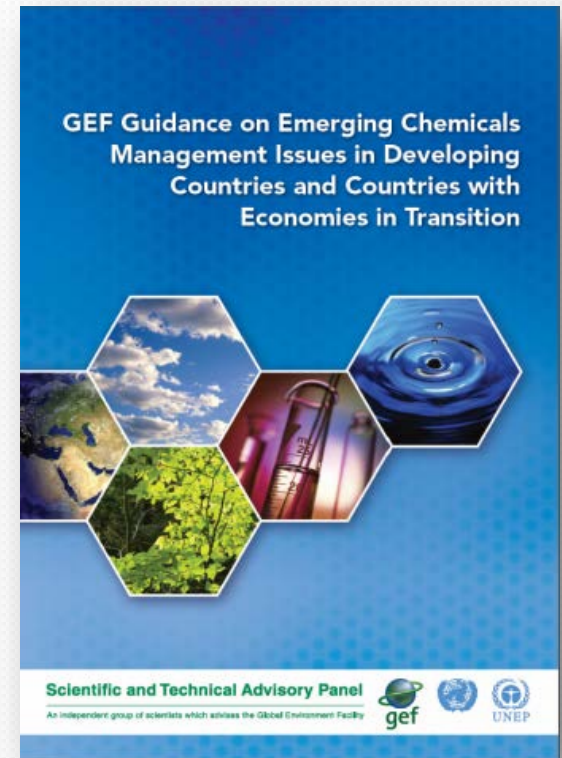
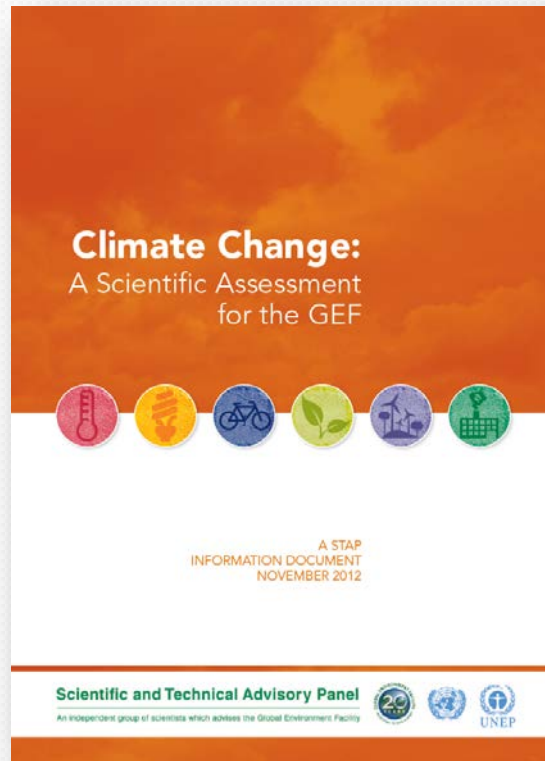
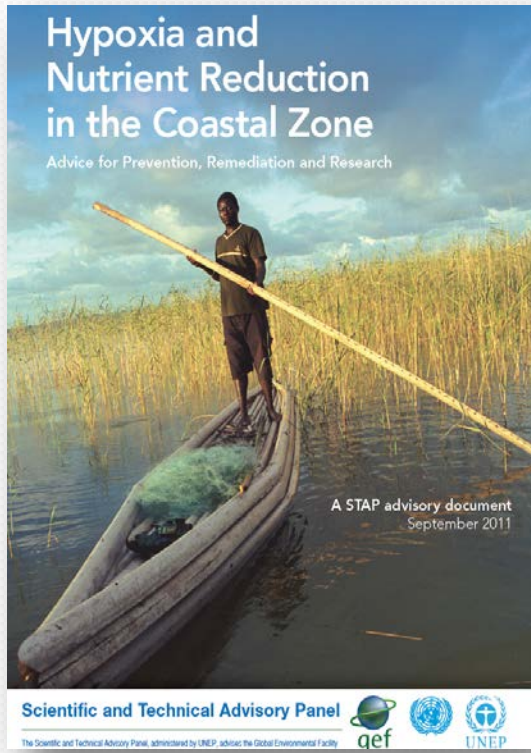


Policy advice

- Research in the GEF
- Scan emerging global environmental issues



Recent STAP advisory products



Operational advice: Projects and programs advice

- ❖ Develop **methodologies** for the use of GEF Agencies
- ❖ Ensure the **scientific and technical quality** of GEF projects and programmatic approaches
- ❖ Collaborate with the **GEF Evaluation Office** (focal area studies, assessment of quality at entry)



Overview of STAP project proposals (PIF) screening process

- **Screening** versus **reviewing**
- STAP's rating categories –
 - **Consent**
 - **Minor revision**
 - **Major revision**



Collaborating with the Conventions

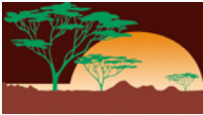
Externally, STAP interacts in a complementary manner with the scientific and technical bodies of:



- the Convention on Biological Diversity



- the Framework Convention on Climate Change



- the Convention to Combat Desertification



- the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants



- the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Thank you!

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