



GEF Approaches



**Stakeholder
Engagement**



**Gender Equality &
Women's Empowerment**



**Environmental &
Social Safeguards**

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Stakeholder Engagement



GEF 's Approach to Stakeholder Engagement

GEF's operational policies *“shall provide for full disclosure of all non-confidential information, and consultation with, and participation as appropriate of, major groups and local communities, throughout the project cycle.”*

(Paragraph 5 of GEF Instrument)



Process for an Updated Policy on Stakeholder Engagement

1994

GEF Instrument
(Full disclosure,
consultation and
participation)

1996

Policy on Public
Involvement
(Public Involvement is
crucial to success of
GEF Projects)

2014

CSO Network
review of policy
GEF Guidelines

2015 - 2017

Working Group on
Public Involvement
Review draft policy
and Consultations

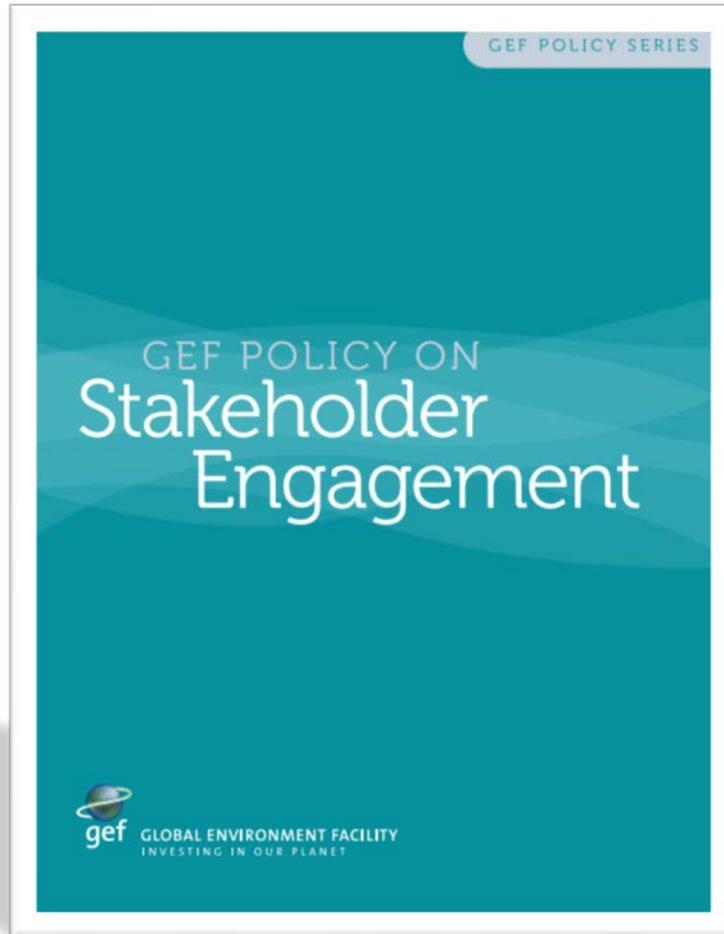
2017

Internal and
External
Consultations –
Website (public)

Nov 2017

**Policy
on
Stakeholder
Engagement**

Updated Policy on Stakeholder Engagement



Objective

Promote the **inclusive and meaningful participation** of Stakeholders in GEF's governance and operations in support of the GEF's mandate to protect the global environment.



GEF's Policy on Stakeholder Engagement

Core Principles

- Constructive, responsive, accountable and transparent**
- Fair, balanced, and inclusive** participation
- It applies to **all GEF-financed activities**
- Sustained commitment and action**, including allocation of resources
- Supported by appropriate documentation and **easy and timely access to information**

Meaningful Consultation means a two-way process, that:

- (a) Begins early in project or program planning process to gather initial views on the project or program proposal and inform design
- (b) Encourages Stakeholder feedback, particularly as a way of informing project or program design and Stakeholder Engagement in identification and mitigation of Env'tl and Social Risks and Impacts;
- (c) Is carried out on a continuous basis, as Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts arise;

Meaningful Consultation (cont'd)

(d) Is based on the prior disclosure and dissemination of relevant, transparent, objective, meaningful and easily accessible information in a timeframe that enables consultations with Stakeholders in a culturally appropriate format, in relevant local language(s), and is understandable to Stakeholders;

(e) Considers and responds to feedback;

(f) Supports active and inclusive engagement with project-affected parties;

(g) Is free of external manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination, and intimidation; and (h) Is documented and disclosed by the executing agency

Overview of Policy Requirements

Project and Program Cycle Requirements



- ✓ Description of any consultations conducted during project development*

- ✓ Information on how Stakeholders will be engaged and means of engagement throughout the project cycle

* (preparation of the PIF)

- ✓ Provide Stakeholder Engagement Plans * or equivalent documentation

*** Stakeholder Engagement Plan**

- Stakeholders who have been and will be engaged
- means of engagement
- dissemination of information
- roles and responsibilities
- resource requirements
- timing of engagement

- ✓ Include information in PIRs, MTRs, TEs on progress, challenges and outcomes of the implementation of stakeholder engagement



Overview of GEF Secretariat's Responsibilities

Secretariat-led Activities

- Engage with stakeholders in a **transparent and inclusive manner** aimed at **fair representation**
- Provide for appropriate stakeholder engagement in the **development of GEF policies, guidelines and strategy**



Guidelines for the Implementation of the Policy

Guidelines provide guidance and information on how to implement the Policy, including best practices and useful tools that can be used to conduct meaningful stakeholder engagement throughout the GEF program and project cycles.

https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/EN_GEF.C.55_Inf.08_Guidelines_Stakeholder_Engagement.pdf



Stakeholder Engagement

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**Gender Equality and
Women's Empowerment**

Gender and the Environment

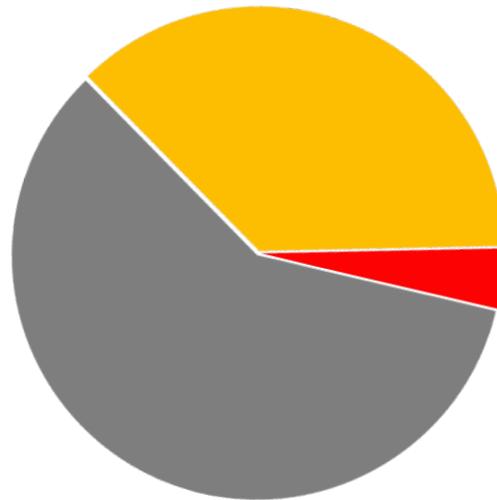
Compared to men, women

- are more absent in decision making
- have less access to and control over land and natural resources
- have less access to markets, financing and credit

43%

Globally, 43% of agricultural laborers are women, but only 20% of land has female ownership

Unequal access to land



37%

EQUAL LAND RIGHTS:

The law guarantees the same rights to own, use and control land to both women and men.

4%

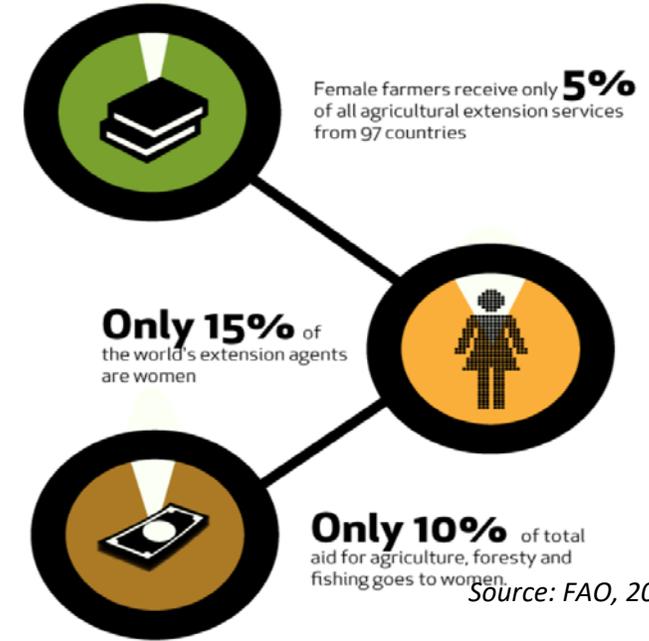
UNEQUAL LAND RIGHTS:

The law does not guarantee the same rights to own, use and control land to women and men, or women have no legal rights to own, use and control land.

59%

LEGAL LAND RIGHTS ARE NOT FOLLOWED IN PRACTICE:

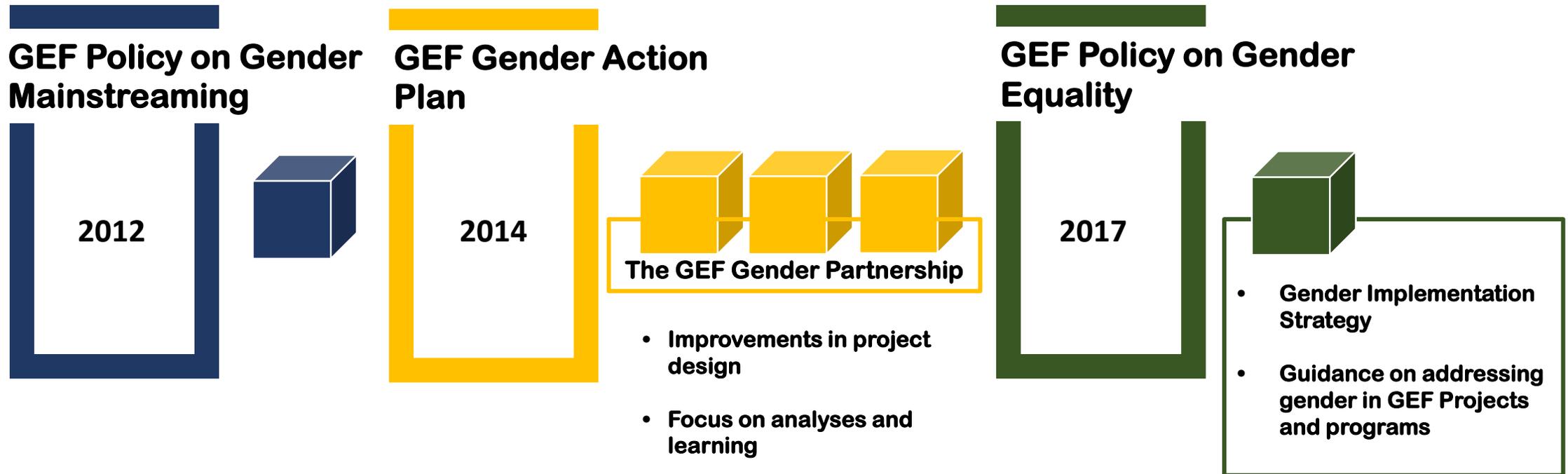
The law guarantees the same rights to own, use and control land to women and men, but there are some customary, traditional or religious practices that discriminate against women.



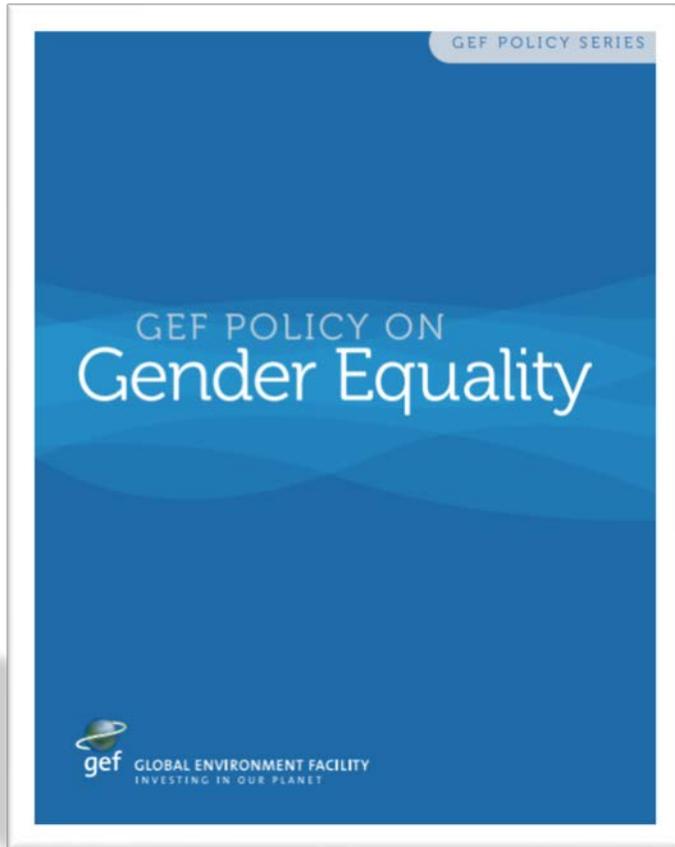
GEF's Evolving Approach on Gender



Moving from a “do no harm” to a “do good” gender responsive approach



GEF's Policy on Gender Equality



Responds to the increased attention to gender equality and women's empowerment by the multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) that the GEF serves

Recognizes that efforts to combat environmental degradation and those to address gender inequality can be mutually supportive

Aims to catalyze projects that have the potential to materialize greater environmental impact through gender-responsive approaches and results

Seeks to ensure equal opportunities for women and men to participate in, contribute to and benefit from GEF-Financed Activities

Outlines clear GEF project and program cycle requirements



GEF's Strategy on Gender Equality

Address gender gaps...

Access to and control of natural resources

Environmental decision-making and leadership

Access to socioeconomic benefits and services

through strategic entry points...

- Support women's improved access, use, and control of natural resources
- Enhance women's participation and role in natural resources decision-making processes, with women as agents of change
- Target women as specific beneficiaries, and invest in women's skills and capacity

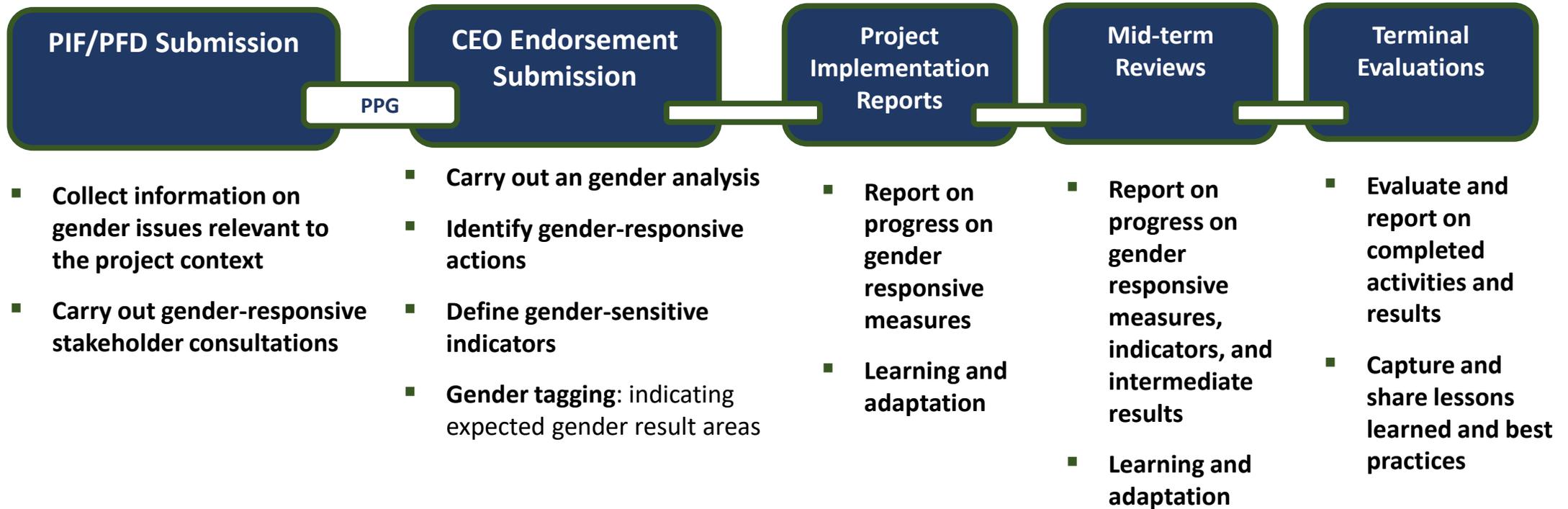
to generate greater

Global Environment Benefits

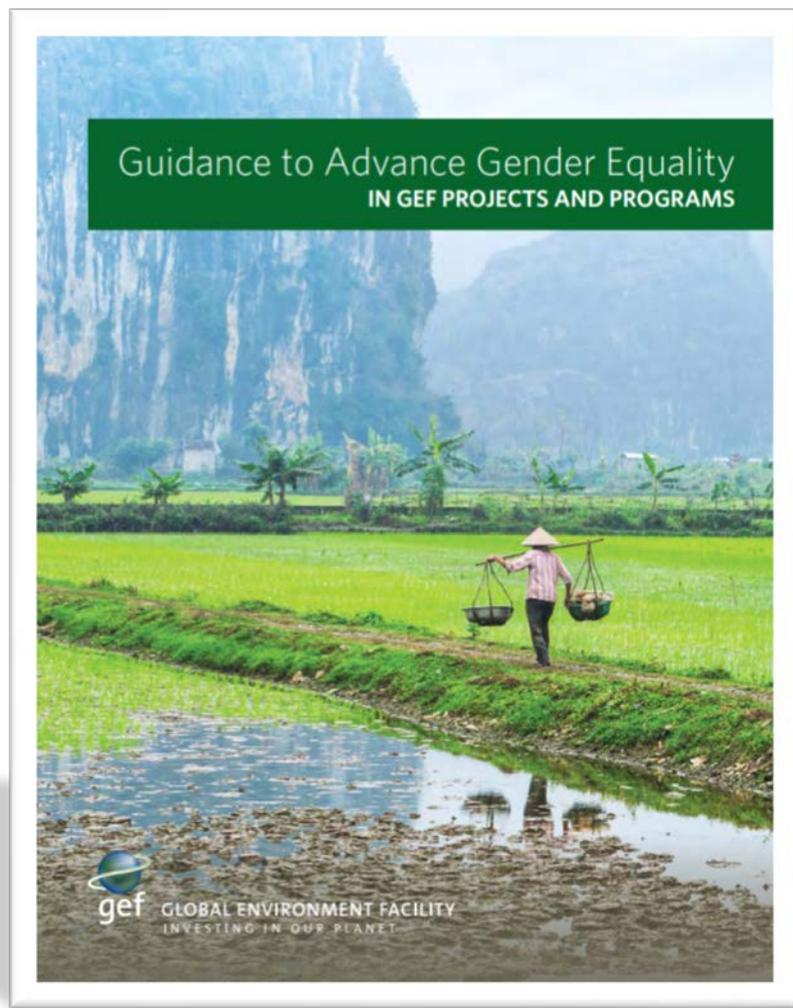
Gender-responsive project identification and development

Project Identification and Development

Project Implementation and Monitoring



Additional Resources



<https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF%20Guidance%20on%20Gender.pdf>



SGP The GEF Small Grants Programme



Open online Course on Gender and Environment



Do you want to find out why promoting gender equality and women's empowerment can help deliver better environmental outcome, and to figure out how you can do it?

The course will give you facts and figures and the knowledge and tools to mainstream gender, and to be an effective change-maker for sustainable development.

It is a "one-stop-shop" for information on gender dimensions linked to biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, international waters, and chemicals and waste.



<https://www.uncclearn.org/course-gender-and-environment>



Gender Equality

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Environmental and Social Safeguards



The GEF was established to support

“the protection of the global environment and promote thereby environmentally sound and sustainable economic development” [providing for] “consultation with, and participation [of] major groups and local communities”

(Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility)

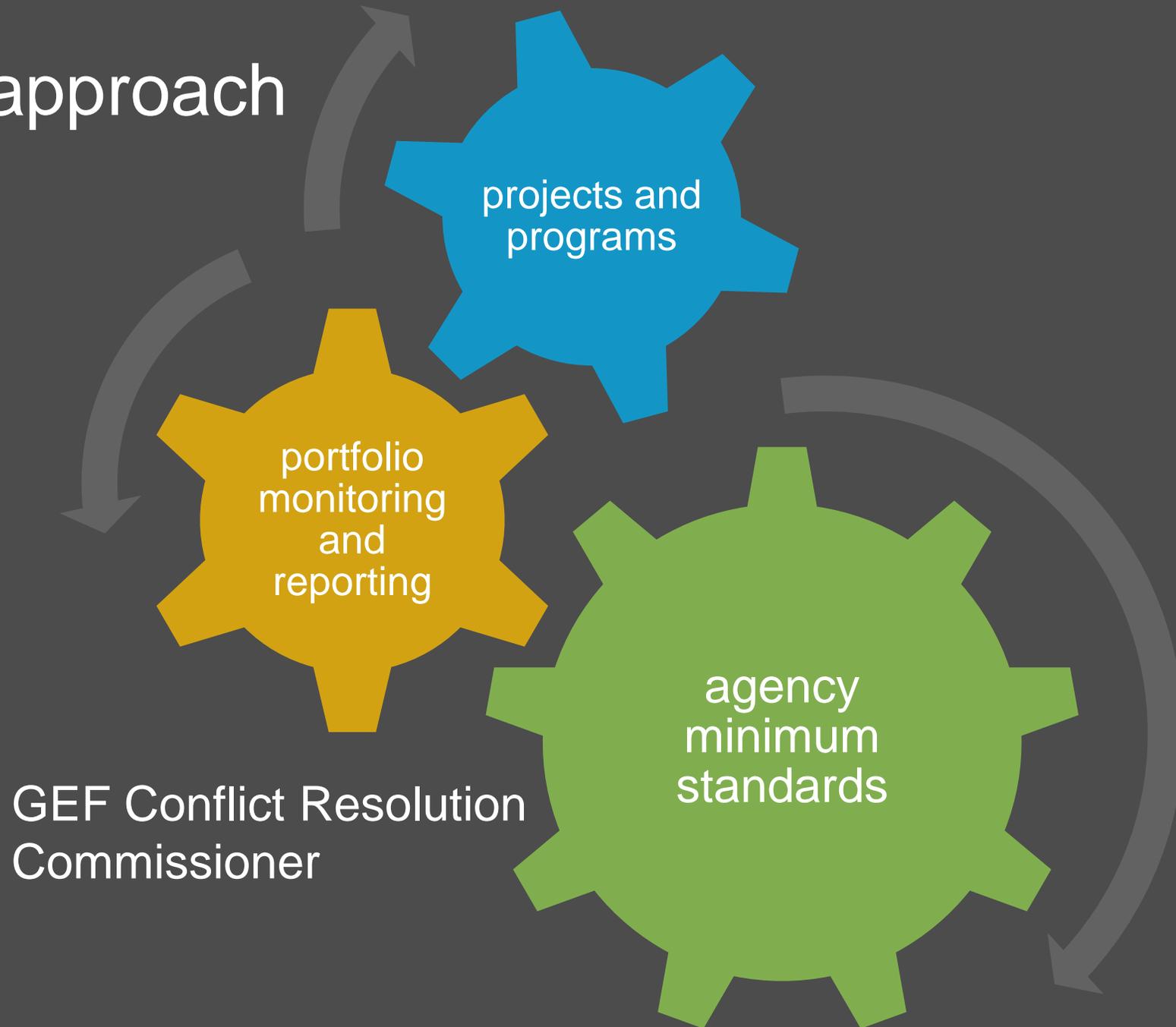
In line with the Instrument, the Policy on Environmental and Social Safeguards aims to:

ensure that GEF projects and programs systematically identify and address any environmental and social risks and potential impacts



evolution of the policy

the GEF's approach at a glance



minimum standards for GEF Agencies



Minimum Standards

- 1: Environmental and Social Assessment, Management and Monitoring**
- 2: Accountability, Grievance and Conflict Resolution**
- 3: Biodiversity Conservation and the Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources**
- 4: Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement**
- 5: Indigenous Peoples**
- 6: Cultural Heritage**
- 7: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention**
- 8: Labor and Working Conditions**
- 9: Community Health, Safety and Security**

E&S safeguards in the project cycle



next steps



guidelines for
documentation,
monitoring and
reporting;
compliance
assessment

capture of data
and information
through GEF
Portal

assessment of
Agency
compliance

sharing
knowledge



Environmental and Social Safeguards

Policy on Environmental and Social Safeguards

http://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/EN_GEF.C.55.07.Rev_.01_ES_Safeguards.pdf

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