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UNCCD COP10 Decisions on Collaboration with the GEF

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Summary

1. Background to GEF-UNCCD Relations
2. COP10 Highlights
3. Key elements of the COP Decisions on Collaboration with the GEF



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GEF and UNCCD Relations (1)

- Decisions on the GEF Collaboration were taken at COP6 (Havana), COP7 (Nairobi), COP8 (Madrid), COP9 (Buenos Aires)
- COP6 called for a Memorandum of Understanding between the COP and the GEF Council
- MoU was formally adopted at COP7 and has since being in force



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GEF and UNCCD Relations (2)

- MoU covers the following:
 - Joint activities between the GEF and UNCCD Secretariats, and the Global Mechanism
 - GEF Reporting to the COP on activities in the Land Degradation Focal Area
 - Participation in GEF and UNCCD meetings (Council, Assembly, COPs, CRICs, and Regional)
 - Joint support to affected country Parties for implementation of the Convention



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GEF and UNCCD Relations (3)

- GEF financing through Operational Program on Sustainable Land Management (OP15) in GEF-3, and LD Focal Area in GEF-4
- GEF instrument was amended by the 3rd GEF Assembly, to include Land Degradation as a focal area, specifically desertification and deforestation
- GEF Council in 2006 agreed to recommend amendment of the GEF Instrument to include UNCCD
- Instrument amended in 2010 by the 4th GEF Assembly to say that the GEF is available to serve as a Financial Mechanism



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GEF is a Financial Mechanism of the UNCCD



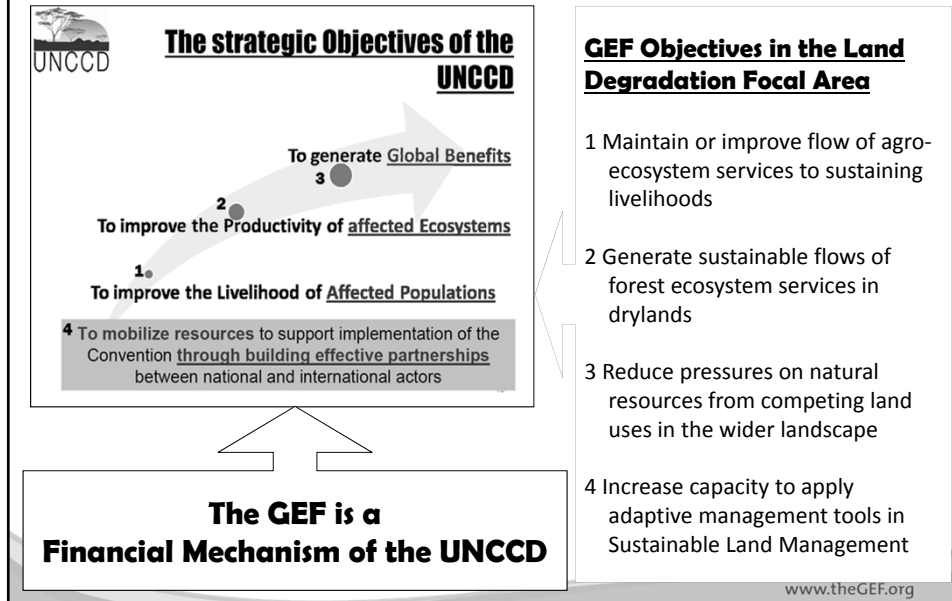
- GEF provides financing to eligible affected country Parties for activities that support implementation of the Convention
- GEF-5 Replenishment –
 - 144 eligible Countries included in the STAR for LD
 - Set-aside funds for Enabling Activities
- GEF investment focuses on **Sustainable Land Management** in production systems – agriculture, rangelands, and forest landscapes



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GEF and the UNCCD Ten-Year Strategy



COP10 Highlights

- Major focus on –
 - Advancing implementation of the 10-Year Strategy by affected country Parties
 - Alignment of NAPs with the Strategy and the 4th Reporting Process
 - Access and use of GEF resources by eligible affected country Parties
 - Monitoring and assessment of LD and SLM – *impacts and indicators*



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COP10 Decision on GEF Collaboration

- GEF support for enabling activities to enhance timely completion of NAP alignments and Reporting by affected country Parties
- Utilization of GEF resources under the STAR by eligible country Parties
- Eligible Parties to harness synergies with other GEF funding windows
- Call for increase allocation to the LD focal area by GEF donors
- Revisit the MoU for possible amendments



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