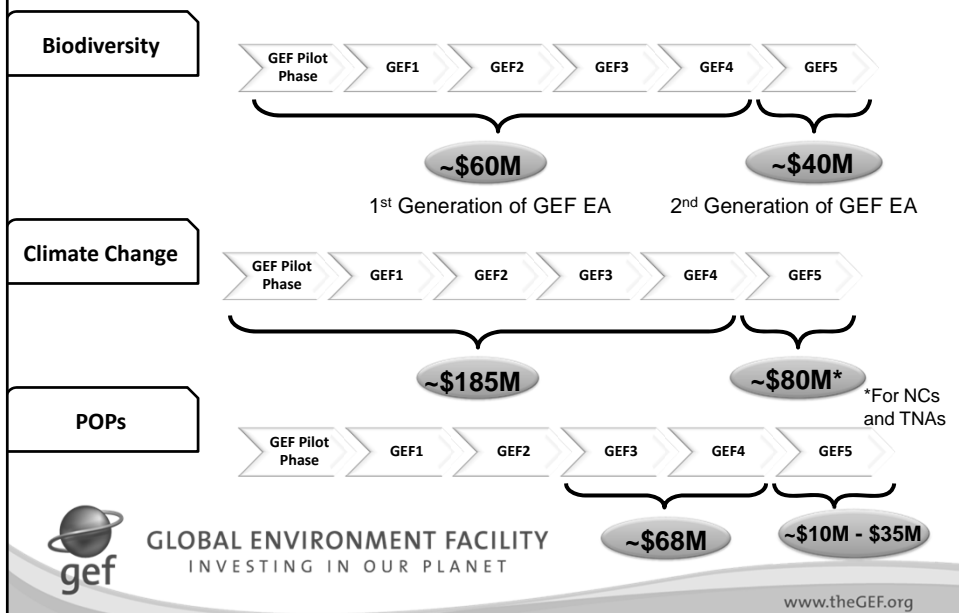


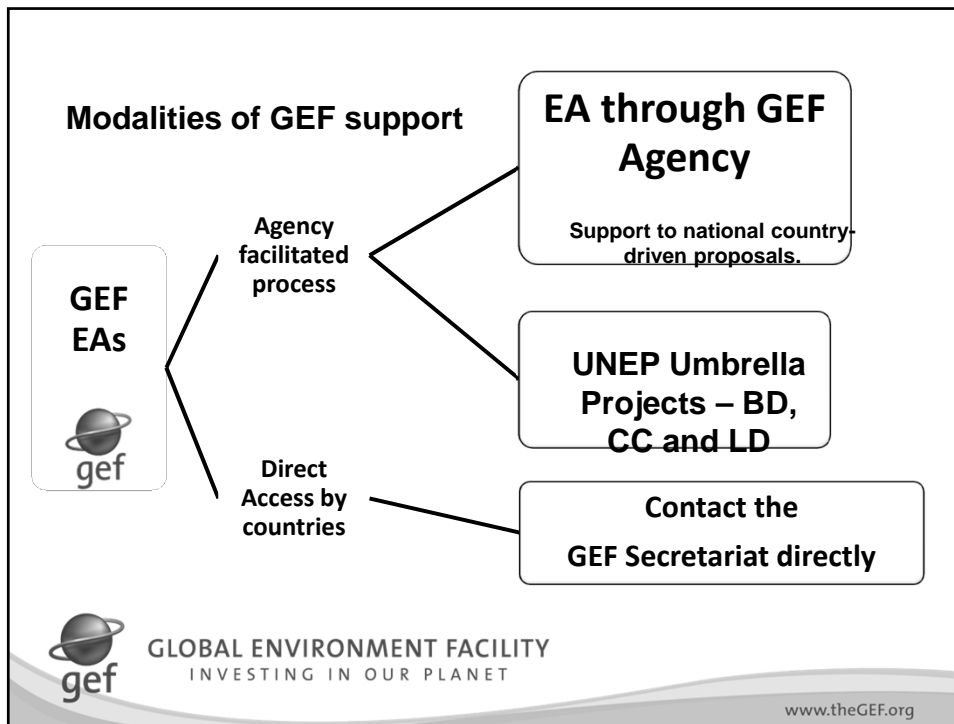


# GEF Funding For Enabling Activities

GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop  
11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012  
Antalya, Turkey

## GEF Funding for Enabling Activities





**GEF Support to Biodiversity Enabling Activities**

- Reporting requirements for the CBD may be addressed using funds under **the Focal Area Set-Aside (FAS)**, where eligible countries will be able to access **up to \$500,000** (average \$220,000) to implement all enabling activities. Countries are not required to use their STAR allocation for Enabling Activities.
- However, there is the possibility of combining the **FAS** with **STAR** funds to finance an Enabling Activities project with a larger scope (e.g, Argentina)

For more information on GEF-5 Support for NBSAPs and related activities:  
<http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/guidance-tools/finance/>

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## GEF Support to Biodiversity Enabling Activities

- Enabling Activity support could be provided for:
  - Revising National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) in line with the CBD's new strategic plan;
  - Implementation of guidance related to the Clearing House Mechanism (CHM); and
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Biodiversity National Report.
- Expedited access to Enabling Activity funds for 2nd Biosafety National Report (due in Sept 2011) has been made available through UNEP.



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## GEF-5 Status Report for BD Enabling Activities

- Early engagement with CBD to develop template for NBSAP revision process (all obligations included, i.e., SRM, TNA, etc)
- 111 of 145 countries (77%) have received support to-date (NBSAP and 5<sup>th</sup> National Reporting)
- NBSAP forum launched at COP-11 in Hyderabad ([www.nbsapforum.net](http://www.nbsapforum.net))
  - to provide technical support to countries as they develop their NBSAPs with GEF support
  - partnership of UNDP, UNEP, CBD and GEF



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## GEF Support to Climate Change Enabling Activities

- Enabling Activity support is provided for activities related to the preparation of National Communication reports to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as per their obligations under Articles 4.1 and 12.1 of the UNFCCC.
- Reporting requirements for the UNFCCC may be addressed using funds under **the Focal Area Set-Aside (FAS)**, where eligible countries will be able to access **up to \$500,000** to implement all enabling activities. Countries are not required to use their STAR allocation for Enabling Activities.
- For **Biennial Update Reports (BURs)** we have completed policy guidelines which can be found on GEF Website. Countries can access up to **\$352,000** for BURs
- However, there is the possibility of combining the **FAS** with **STAR** funds to finance an Enabling Activities project with a larger scope. This procedure is usually for the larger developing countries



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## GEF-5 Status Report for CC Enabling Activities

- Over 140 countries have received funding to national communications from the GEF. Countries are at various stages completing their national communications.
- In GEF 5, the GEF has recently approved:
  - UNEP Umbrella Project for LDCS/SIDS (22 Countries)
  - Full size project for Colombia Third National Communications
  - Full size project for India Third National Communications contains resources for Biennial Update Report



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## GEF Support to Land Degradation Enabling Activities

- First time GEF is supporting Enabling Activities under the UNCCD
- Eligible countries can access **up to \$150,000** to implement enabling activities during GEF-5. Countries are not required to use their STAR allocation for Enabling Activities.
- GEF financing contributes to two priorities: a) alignment of National Action Programs (NAPs) with the UNCCD 10-Year Strategy (i.e. NAP Alignment); and b) reporting process, as per obligations to the UNCCD.
- The Expected Outputs are completed and aligned NAPs; and completed national reports



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## GEF-5 Status Report for LD Enabling Activities

### All three modalities are being utilized:

- 11 (Eleven) countries using **Direct Access** for up to the maximum amount
- 11 (Eleven) countries have used **GEF Agencies**:  
FAO(3), UNEP (7), and UNDP (1)
- 72 countries have endorsed the expedited **umbrella project**

➤ **No request to GEF from 50 countries**



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## GEF Support to POPs Enabling Activities

- Reporting requirement for the Stockholm Convention may be addressed using funds under **the Focal Area Set-Aside (FAS)**, where eligible countries will be able to access **up to \$250,000** to review and update their National Implementation Plans (NIPs) to include the 10 new chemicals added to the Stockholm Convention at COP4 and COP5, as per their obligations under Article 7 of the Convention.
- Activities supported include:
  - Coordination mechanism
  - Preliminary inventory of new POPs and national capacity assessment
  - Priority setting
  - Development of action plans for new POPs
  - NIP endorsement and transmission to COP



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## GEF-5 Status Report for POPs Enabling Activities

- **Direct Access:**

So far 4 countries including Kenya, Uganda, Mali and Senegal have opted to use Direct Access for NIP update EAs. Kenya EA has been recently approved and 3 others are being reviewed.
- **Through Agency:**

Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Macedonia applied through UNIDO. Both projects are being reviewed.
- **Blended with FSPs:**

One newly approved FSP for Kazakhstan has included the NIP update as one of the project components.



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# Templates

**Templates for accessing these funds are available on the GEF Website:**

- Enabling Activity template proposal which is presented in collaboration with an Implementing Agency (UNDP, UNEP);  
URL: <http://www.thegef.org/gef/node/3891>
- Direct access for executing entities that pass World Bank fiduciary procedure assessment. Template for:
  - BD** - [http://www.thegef.org/gef/BD\\_direct\\_access\\_template](http://www.thegef.org/gef/BD_direct_access_template)
  - CC** - [https://www.thegef.org/gef/CC\\_direct\\_access\\_template](https://www.thegef.org/gef/CC_direct_access_template)
  - LD** - [https://www.thegef.org/gef/LD\\_direct\\_access\\_template](https://www.thegef.org/gef/LD_direct_access_template)
  - POPs** - [https://www.thegef.org/gef/POPs\\_direct\\_access\\_template](https://www.thegef.org/gef/POPs_direct_access_template)



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## Thank you for your attention

## Questions?



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