Global Environment Facility
Introduction Seminar

GEF Operations & Business Strategy
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How to Access GEF Trust Fund
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The objective of GEF financing is to provide resources to recipient countries to meet the agreed incremental cost of activities that generate global environmental benefits (GEBs) in line with the mandate of the GEF.

The GEF funds a broad array of project types that vary depending on the scale of GEF resources, the project needs and the issue addressed. In order to be approved, each project follows a specific project cycle.

The GEF manages GEF Trust Fund, Least Development Countries Fund (LDCF), Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) & Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF).
**GEF Replenishments**

**Investment income earned (Note: GEF-5&6 - Projected amount)**

**Carry over from earlier replenishment period**

**New Contributions**

- **April 1991-June 1994**
  - Pilot Phase

- **July 1994-June 1998**
  - GEF-1

- **July 1998-June 2002**
  - GEF-2

- **July 2002-June 2006**
  - GEF-3

- **July 2006-June 2010**
  - GEF-4

- **July 2010-June 2014**
  - GEF-5

- **July 2014-June 2018**
  - GEF-6

**US Dollars in Billion**

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Who can apply?

• Each GEF country member has designated an officer responsible for GEF activities, known as **GEF Operational Focal Point (OFP)**, who plays a key role in assuring that GEF projects are aligned to meet the needs and priorities of the respective country.

• A GEF country member government, any eligible individual or group may propose a project through the OFP.
Eligibility of Project Proposal

In order to be considered for GEF financing, a project proposal has to fulfill the following criteria:

• It is undertaken in an **eligible country** and is consistent with **country’s national priorities and programs**.
• It addresses one or more of the **GEF Focal Areas**, improving the global environment or advance the prospect of reducing risks to it.
• It is consistent with the **GEF operational strategy**.
• It seeks GEF financing only for the **agreed incremental costs** on measures to achieve **global environmental benefits**.
• It is **endorsed** by the government(s) of the country/ies in which it will be implemented.
Accessing the GEF Trust Fund

• **TRADITIONAL MODE**
  Project concepts may be developed by governments, non-governmental organizations, communities, private sector, or other civil society entities, and must respond to both national priorities and GEF focal area/LDCF/SCCF strategies and objectives, and must satisfy eligibility requirements under the Conventions. Project proponents work closely with national GEF Operational Focal Points (who formally endorse project concepts) and the **GEF Agency**, to develop concepts and move through the project cycle and are approved either by the GEF Council or the GEF CEO, depending on the type of project.

• **DIRECT ACCESS MODE**
  Project proponents work directly with the **GEF Secretariat** without going through a GEF Agency; projects follow the same project eligibility criteria and focal area strategic objectives.
GEF Direct Access

• New initiative approved by the GEF Council in its June 2010 meeting.
• The idea behind this initiative was in response to country request to improve country ownership, country drivenness and capacity building.
• Countries can access GEF resources directly from the GEF Secretariat without going through a GEF Agency.

• Two types of activities are eligible for direct access:
  a) Preparation of a National Portfolio Formulation Document
  b) Preparation of Reports to Conventions where the country has as an obligation to the various environmental conventions.

• Reports to Conventions include the following focal areas:
  a) Biodiversity: National Reports/update of NBSAP
  b) Climate Change: National Communications
  c) POPs: National Implementation Plan
  d) Land Degradation: LD Enabling Activities
What does GEFSEC do?

**GEF Assembly & Council**

- Implement the **decisions** of Assembly & Council
- Implement the **operational policies** adopted by Council through preparing guidelines and procedures for GEF stakeholders such as GEF Agencies
- Prepare **policy & strategy papers** for Council consideration and approval
- Coordinate formulation & implementation of **work programs** for Council approval
- Undertake organization of Council and Assembly meetings
- Coordinate (the replenishment process for the GEF Trust Fund

**Partner Agencies**

- Convene **Interagency Group Meetings** to ensure effective execution of Council decisions and collaboration among Implementing Agencies

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GEF Project Cycle

- Prepare guidelines related to project identification, development, consultation w/stakeholders & monitoring of project implementation
- Conduct technical reviews of project proposals
- Maintain a database of GEF financed projects
- Coordinate the Annual Monitoring Review and other RBM activities
- Coordinate with GEF EO on program issues, knowledge management and administrative matters

Coordination & Outreach

- Coordinate with the Secretariats of other relevant bodies (i.e., UNFCCC)
- Follow and report to Conventions of which the GEF is the financial mechanism
- Provide information/support to GEF Focal Points in recipient countries
- Manage communication w/donors, recipients & other GEF stakeholders (i.e., CSOs)
- Collaborate with Trustee to ensure transfer of GEF funds to projects
- Maintain GEF website and prepare GEF publications