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# **Country Support Programme**

**GEF Expanded Constituency  
Workshop**

**Freeport, Bahamas  
5 - 7 May, 2015**

# Country Support Programme (CSP)

The Country Support Programme (CSP) is the main tool for carrying out Country Relations Strategy and has the following components:

- ❖ GEF National Portfolio Formulation Exercises
- ❖ GEF National Dialogues
- ❖ GEF Workshops
- ❖ GEF Constituency Meetings
- ❖ GEF Introduction Workshops
- ❖ Pre-Council Meetings for Recipient Countries



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# National Portfolio Formulation Exercises (NPFE)

- In GEF-6 the objective of this activity is to further help GEF OFPs to engage relevant national stakeholders and line ministries, in the planning process for developing national priorities for GEF support, including specific project ideas
- Voluntary and not a pre-requisite for GEF funding
- Final NPFD to be submitted to GEF – who will review and provide comments as appropriate.



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# GEF National Dialogues

- National Dialogues continue to be a strategic tool for promoting the incorporation of the global environment concepts into national thinking, accounting and regular work.
- They bring together a wide array of national and local level stakeholders to discuss and understand how protecting the global environment is key to their national interest
- National Dialogue are organized at the request of the OFP. May include a component on GEF-6 programming if before June 30<sup>th</sup> 2015



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# GEF Workshops - ECWs

- The purpose of Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECW) is to keep GEF OFPs, Convention FPs and other stakeholders, (CSOs) abreast of GEF Strategies, policies and procedures
- ECWs are organized by GEF Secretariat with up to 7 participants –GEF FPs, 4 Convention FPs and CSO representative.
- GEF may also design and organize other workshops to facilitate work on trans-boundary collaboration, regional programming and other issues based on thematic or geographic need.



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# GEF Constituency Meetings

- During GEF-6 Constituency Meetings will continue to be the main tool for the Council Members to engage their Constituency members in the preparations for decision making at the GEF Council
- Each constituency may request 2 meetings per year – before each Council Meeting → when documents are posted
- Organised at the request of the Council Member – who prepares the agenda and chairs the meeting
- GEF responsible for all logistical arrangements



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# GEF Introduction Seminars

- GEF Introduction Seminars (previously GEF familiarization seminars) are organized to provide necessary information and training to new GEF Agency staff, Convention Secretariat staff, new GEF Focal Points and selected stakeholders on the GEF-6 strategies, policies and procedures → once a year in Washington DC
- The seminars also reach out to other audiences that are critical for the GEF to succeed e.g line ministries, media, private sector where possible.
- GEF Agency staff → self-financed



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# Pre-Council Meeting for Recipient Country Constituencies

- The purpose of these meetings is to enable Council members from recipient countries to meet immediately prior to the Council Meeting to exchange views, positions and perspectives in relation to the Council documents and to receive clarification from Secretariat staff, as necessary.



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## GEF Small Grants Programme



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## Agency Stakeholders

**Global Environmental Facility (GEF)**



**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**



*Empowered lives.  
Resilient nations.*

**United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)**



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# What is SGP?



A program which:

- Believes that local solutions to global environmental problems exist.
- Supports community-based initiatives and action.
- The process of implementation leads also to poverty reduction and local empowerment.



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# Nature of SGP Grants

- Planning grants: \$2,500
- Small grants projects: up to \$50,000
- Strategic grants <sup>1</sup>: up to \$150,000
- Local CBOs, NGOs, communities, civil society organizations;
- Review and approval of proposals done at country level through the National Steering Committee

<sup>1</sup> Consolidation of efforts among several CSOs



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# National Steering Committee (NSC)

- Country driven
- Mobilize resources, link SGP to national policy and planning
- OFP and UNDP CO representatives are part of the NSC
- All volunteers of various expertise (including one expert on gender)
- Tenure 2 years → renewable



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# Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

- Expert review group
- Composed by experts from NGOs – academia – representatives of Conventions Focal Points
- Guarantee the quality of proposals.



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# SGP Country Team

## National Coordinator (NC)

- Competitively selected
- UNOPS contracted
- Implements decisions and policies of NSC
- Primary supervisor is SGP Global Manager on programmatic matters.

## Programme Assistant (PA)

- Competitively selected and UNOPS contracted
- Supports the NC and reports to the NC



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# Central Programme Management Team (CPMT)

- Provide guidance on meeting the commitments of SGP to GEF
- Maintain global coherence
- Raise global co-financing
- Global Manager and Deputy Global Manager plus focal area experts that also serve as Regional Coordinators

## SGP Steering Committee

- GEF Secretariat (Chair), UNDP-GEF unit and the GEF CSO Network
- Provides strategic guidance on the Program



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# Global Scope

SGP Participating Countries



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- 22 new countries joined during 4<sup>th</sup> Operational Phase - OP4 (2006 - 2010)
- 8 new countries started up during 5<sup>th</sup> Operational Phase (OP5) from 2010-2014 for a total of 136
- More than 19,000 projects globally

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# SGP OP6 Programming directions

For greater efficiency in the use of limited resources and to promote mainstreaming and scaling up, SGP country programmes can select from a set of four (4) multi-focal strategic initiatives:

- Community Landscape and Seascape Conservation
- Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology
- Low Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits
- Local to Global Chemical Management Coalitions



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# Partnerships

- Grantees
- National Governments
- State/Local Governments
- Regional Governments
- Bilateral aid
- Corporations
- Multilateral agencies
- Foundations
- NGOs



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# **GEF-6 Strategy for Cross-Cutting Capacity Development**

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# Capacity Development

GEF definition (C.22/08): “The process by which individuals, organizations and societies strengthen their ability to address environmental issues, manage natural resource issues, and mainstream environmental sustainability into development policies, plans and decisions.”



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# 4 Pathways to CD

Capacity Development (CD) through:



**1.**  
**Conducting  
NCSAs**



**2.**  
**Paying  
greater  
attention to  
regular CD  
in individual  
projects**



**3.**  
**Promoting  
CCCD  
projects**



**4.**  
**Paying critical  
attention to  
CD in LDCs &  
SIDS**

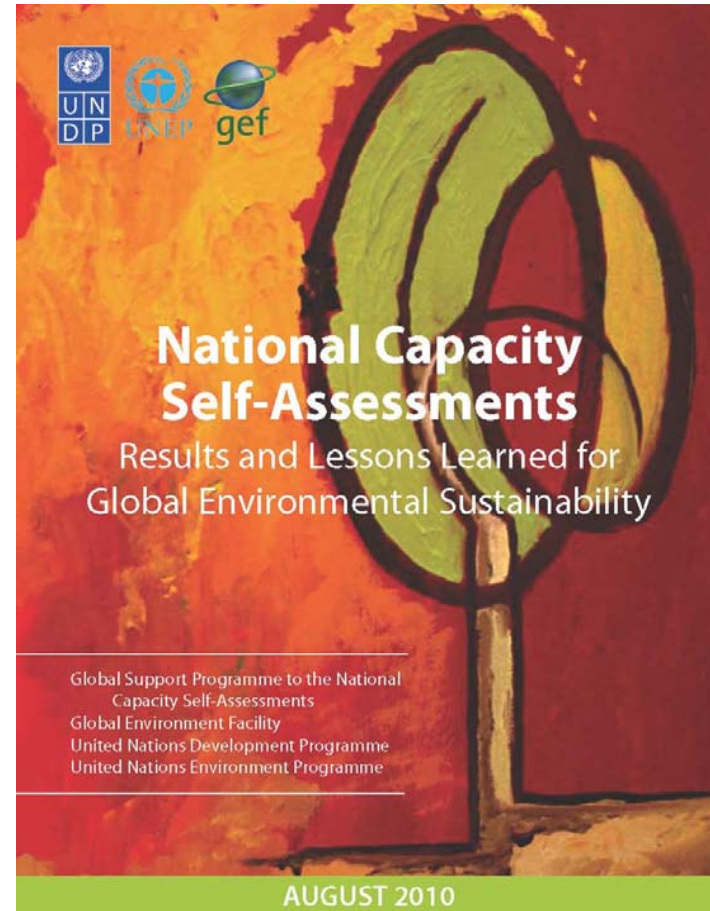


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# GEF-4 - CB2 Projects

- Aimed to address capacity gaps identified in NCSAs.
- In the CB2 portfolio (23 CB2 projects in GEF-4), projects have :
  - Strengthened multi-sectoral processes
  - Promoted policy and legislation harmonization
  - Mainstreamed global environmental issues
- CBS projects were based on a holistic /cross-cutting approach to develop required capacities.



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# GEF-6 – CCD Strategy

**Overall Goal:** To help countries meet and sustain global environmental outcomes by strengthening key capacities that address challenges and remove barriers common to the MEAs that the GEF serves and to mainstream the global environment into decision making.

**Available:** USD 34 M



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# GEF-6 – CCD Strategic Objectives

- CCD-1: To integrate global environmental needs into management information systems and monitoring.
- CCD-2: To strengthen consultative and management structures and mechanisms.
- CCD-3: To integrate MEAs' provisions within national policy, legislative, and regulatory frameworks.
- CCD-4: To pilot innovative economic and financial tools for Convention implementation.
- CCD-5: Updating of NCSAs.



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# GEF-6 CCCD – Priorities

## What we want to see in GEF-6 CCCD Projects:

- Strengthen the capacities of LDCs and SIDS
- Be identified in GEF-funded NCSAs
- Introduce innovative approaches
- Be *results-based*, leading to measurable, sustainable capacity outcomes, and include a set of monitoring indicators
- Create synergies when implementing the 3 Rio Conventions and other MEAs
- Be complementary to ongoing or planned GEF initiatives



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**Thank you for your attention**

**Any questions?**



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