Capacity Development

GEF definition: “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.”
UNDP, UNEP And WB jointly assessed projects and found at least one component of Capacity Development (CD). Subsequently Council Approved - Capacity Development Initiative (CDI)

2003- GEF council approved NCSAs as well as a Global Support Program managed by UNEP and UNDP

23 Projects in GEF 4 (CB2), 37 projects in GEF 5 and 12 projects approved in GEF 6
Follow up Projects

- 73 Projects implemented in 64 countries, and 2 Regional projects and 1 global project

- 24 projects (33%) are now closed, 32 projects under implementation (44%) and 17 projects either just started, being developed or at signature stage.
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Follow up Projects - Focus

- Improving environmental information, monitoring and reporting – in Croatia – reporting system for MEAs, in Albania – EMIS,

- Improving Policy and Legislation – integrating MEA obligation in national policy in Bosnia& Hertzegovina, integrating MEA obligations on policies and programmes at national and municipal levels in Serbia
Follow up Projects

- Mainstreaming implementation of MEAs in National Development e.g. **mainstreaming MEAs** in **formulation of regional and local development plans** in **Bulgaria**.

- Strengthening Coordination, consultation and management approaches to implementation of MEA obligations e.g. **strengthening capacity to integrate MEA obligations in national, regional, and local levels** in **Romania**.
Follow up Projects

- Pilot innovative Economic and Financial tools e.g. strengthening environmental fiscal reform in Moldova, piloting natural resources valuation within environment impact assessments in Jamaica
Reviewing CCCD

- 193 countries received funding for National Capacity Self Assessments (NCSAs)
- 146 completed and prepared Action Plans
- All countries in this constituency carried out NCSAs
- Most countries prepared follow up projects.
Did your country carry out an NCSA?
Did you have a follow up project?
If Yes – have the objectives been met?
If No – Why did you not have a project
What other areas do you think your countries need to focus on in regards to MEAs, SDGs? Synergies?
Thank you for your attention

Any questions?