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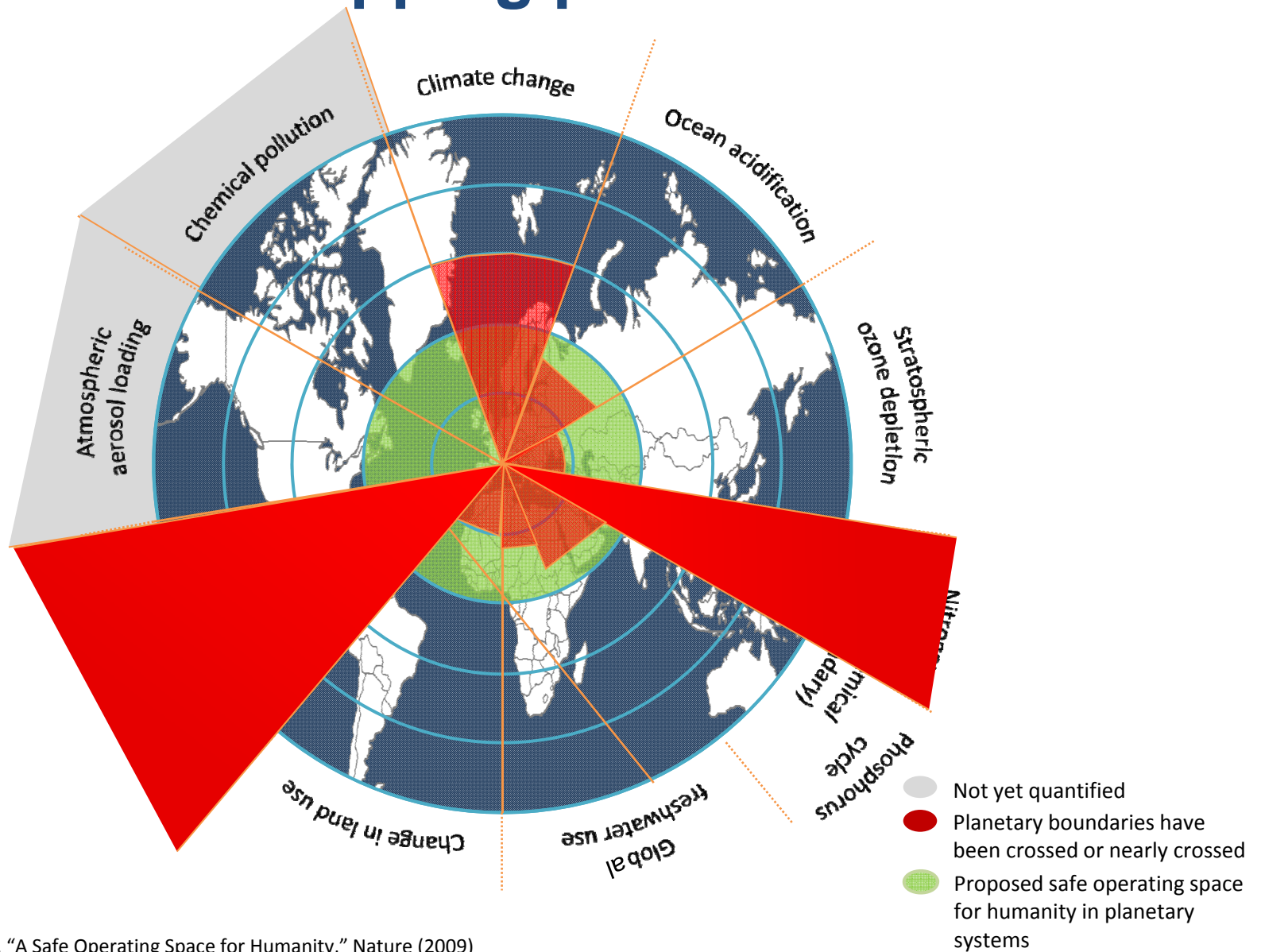
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# **GEF 2020 – Strategy and GEF 6 strategic priorities**

**GEF Expanded Constituency  
Workshop**

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

# Key Earth systems are near or beyond “tipping points”



Source: Rockstrom et al, “A Safe Operating Space for Humanity,” Nature (2009)

# GEF2020 Strategy

A new strategy aimed at making the GEF an even more centralized actor in the international environmental arena and at achieving impacts at the scale

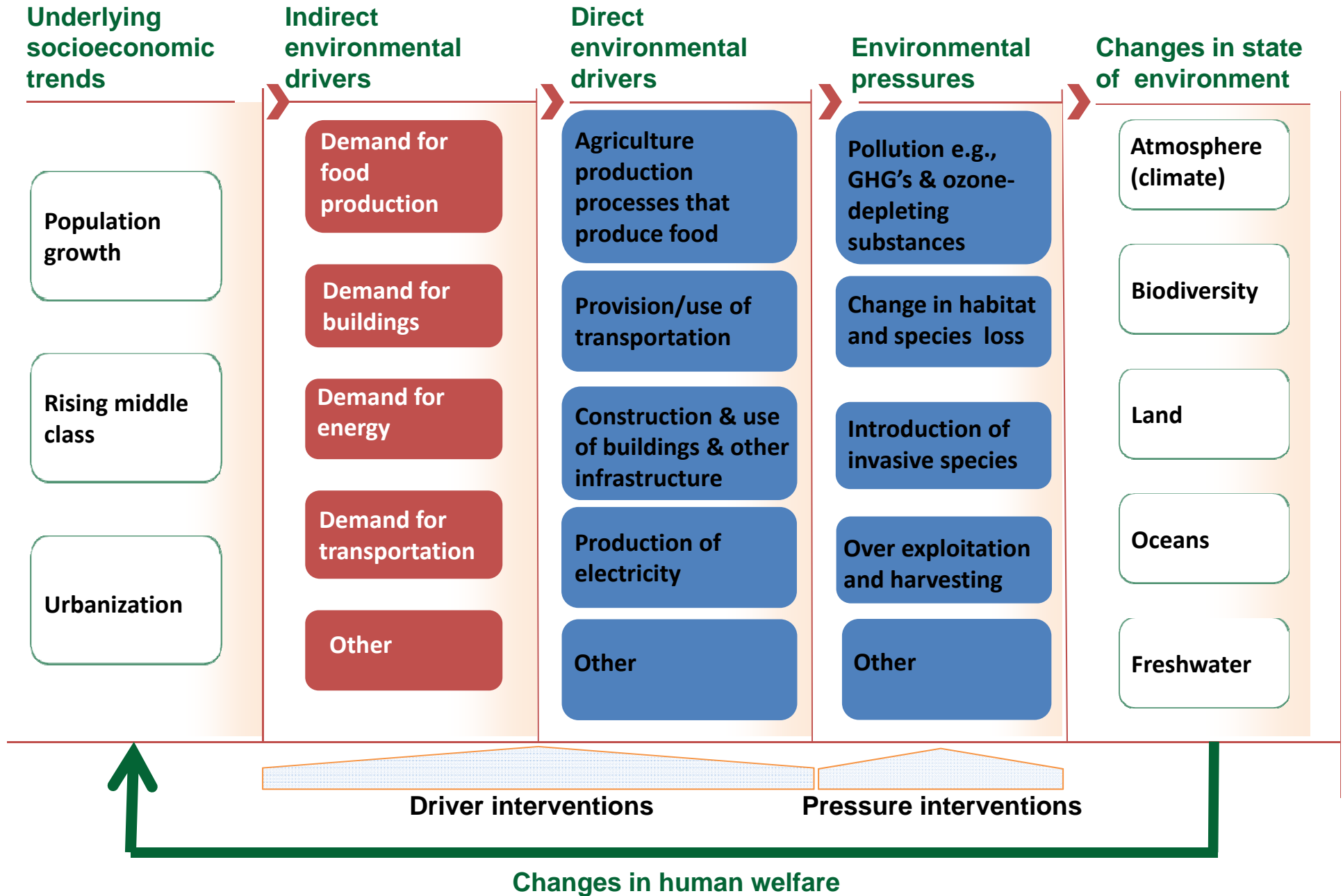
## Outline of GEF2020 Strategy

- Focus on drivers of environmental degradation
- Deliver integrated solutions, given that many global challenges are interlinked
- Enhance resilience and adaptation
- Ensure complementarity and synergies in climate finance
- Choose the right “influencing model”



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# 1. Address Drivers of Environmental Degradation



## 2. Deliver Integrated Solutions

- Ex: Integrated approach programs (IAPs) in GEF-6:
  - *Sustainable Cities*
  - *Deforestation out of Commodity Supply*
  - *Fostering Sustainability and Resilience for Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa*
- An increasing portfolio of multi-focal area projects





## 3. Enhance Resilience

GEF Adaptation Program:

- LDCAF, SCCF
- 124 countries worth US\$1.2 billion



- National adaptation plans (NAPs)
- Ecosystem based adaptation



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## 4. Ensure Complementarity in Climate Finance

- Increasingly complex climate finance architecture
- GEF “niche”:
  - *Transforming policy and regulatory environments; build institutional capacity*
  - *Demonstrate new technology and business models*
  - *De-risk partner investments*
  - *Build multi-stakeholder alliances*



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# Choosing the Right Influencing Model



Transforming policy and regulatory environments



Strengthening institutional capacity and decision-making processes



Convening multi-stakeholder alliances.



Demonstrating innovative approaches.



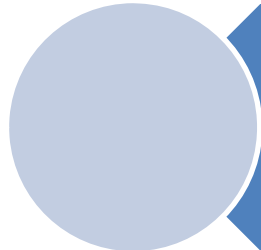
Deploying innovative financial instruments



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# Three Key Operational Priorities



Work closely with local and global stakeholders (national and local governments, private sector, civil society)



Improve GEF operational efficiencies



Strengthen Results Management



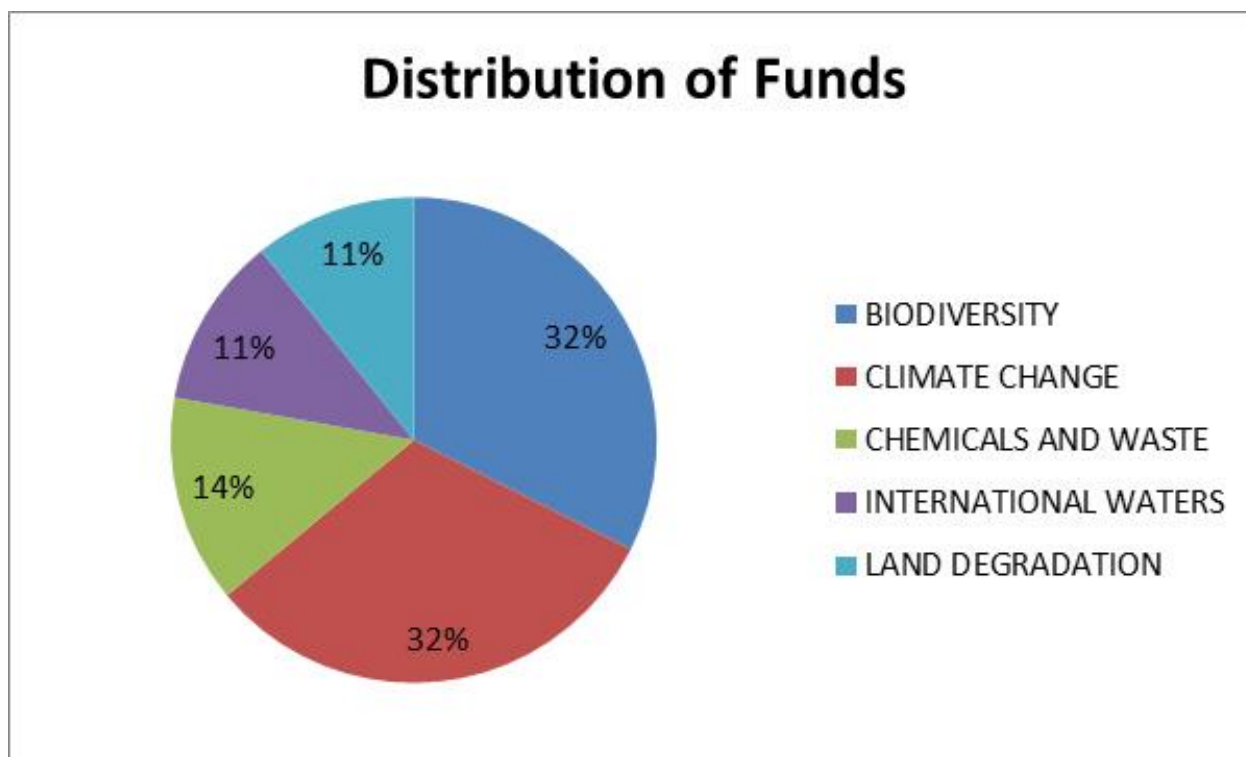
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# Implementing GEF-6

- GEF-6 operational July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018
- Donor countries pledged USD 4.43 billion, the record funding level



Main changes from GEF-5:

More for Chemical (Minamata);

Less for Climate (GCF?);

Biodiversity now largest FA

*Note: Excludes Corporate Programs and Non-Grant Instrument Pilot. Also, does not include LDCF/SCCF*



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# Implementing GEF-6

- Through ***strategic partnerships***
- Address ***global environmental issues*** where a country plays a pivotal role
- Activities that ***cut across multiple focal areas and sectors***, and promote integrated approach in achieving your national development objectives. Identify those areas in your National Plans where GEF can support policy, market or behavioral transformations.
- ***Combine GEF resources with other existing resources*** from other donors and the government, and thus leveraging the impact in advancing national environmental priorities



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# Implementing GEF-6 - Use of funds (recipient countries)

COUNTRIES		GEF6 Allocations (US\$mill)	Share
SIDS/LDCs		700	30%
"Big 5"		631	27%
Other Countries		1007	43%
... Of which	<i>LICs</i>	41	2%
	<i>LMICs</i>	412	18%
	<i>UMICs</i>	523	22%
	<i>HICs</i>	32	1%
<b>TOTAL Country Allocations</b>		<b>2338</b>	<b>100%</b>

=> Trade-off: "Impact" vs "equity"?



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