Enhancing synergies towards climate action and sustainable development on the ground

GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop
Lviv, Ukraine, 6-9 March 2017
1. **Highlight key aspects of the “transformation agenda”:**
   Interlinkages and synergies between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

2. **Present entry-points and opportunities for enhancing synergies at the country level among MEAs and through GEF programming**

3. **Provide some practical examples for strengthening interaction and engagement in 2017 and beyond**

4. **Questions and joint discussion**
The “transformation agenda”

The 2015 outcomes define one universal agenda for the well-being of all societies ➔ the transformation agenda

The Paris Agreement
The 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Unprecedented universal action involving all actors at all levels in all regions of the world is crucial.
The deep synergy between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda is manifested through the nationally determined contributions (NDCs)

- **Direct inter-linkages** for SDGs that affect global GHG emission trends such as: SDG 7 (Affordable and clean energy), 11 (sustainable cities and communities), 12 (responsible consumption & production), 13 (climate action)

- **Indirect inter-linkages**: adverse impacts of climate change on the achievement of SDGs such as: SDG 1 (no poverty), 2 (zero hunger), 3 (good health and wellbeing), 12, 14 (life below water) as well as 15 (life on land).

- **Resilience building** closely linked to the pursuit of SDG 1, 2, 5 (gender equality), 8 (decent work and economic growth), and 10 (reduced inequalities)
Key aspects of the “transformation agenda”

- **Urgency of action**
  - Unprecedented rates of de-carbonization are required ➔ Need to shift investments into climate-friendly infrastructure

- **Cooperative action in support to national contributions**
  - Key to transformation is integration of climate action and SDG implementation across governments and sectors
  - Governments to act in full understanding of their unique national circumstances and to ensure that all relevant sectoral ministries work hand in hand

- **Important role of Non-state actors**
  - Important to build on the momentum generated on the lead to Paris and SD Conference ➔ support gathered from progressive cities, regions, states, businesses and investors

- **Regular stocktaking on progress**
  - Transparency mechanisms and global assessments of progress based on aggregation of reporting and on best science available
Entry-points and opportunities for enhancing synergies at the country level among MEAs and through GEF programming

UNFCCC guidance on GEF Programming

**Overall framework: GEF – Convention**

- Operating entity of the Financial Mechanism; shall serve the Paris Agreement
- Functions under the guidance of and is accountable to the COP
- COP provides regular guidance to the GEF on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for funding
- GEF reports annually to the COP

**Guidance on GEF-7 replenishment (11/CP.22)**

- Consider lessons learnt from past replenishment periods
- Take into account the entry into force of the Paris Agreement in its deliberations on the strategy for the 7th replenishment
- Alignment of GEF support with priorities identified in NDCs
- Support for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)
- Assist developing countries in accessing resources in an efficient manner
- Streamlining of GEF approval process
- GEF to take into account climate risks in its activities
Entry-points and opportunities for enhancing synergies at the country level among MEAs and through GEF programming

- Implementation of NDCs
- Capacity-building of relevant actors at the country level
- Multi-focal area projects providing sustainable development co-benefits and leveraging additional (private) funding
- Facilitating access to funds
- Transparency framework under the UNFCCC
Practical examples for strengthening interaction and engagement in 2017 and beyond

Providing country experiences and actively engaging in UNFCCC policy discussions, e.g.:

- **In-session workshop on long-term finance** (Bonn, May 2017):
  - Articulating and translating needs identified in country-driven processes into projects and programmes;
  - Roles of policies and enabling environments for mitigation and adaptation finance;
  - Facilitating enhanced access to climate finance

- **Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance** (theme, topic, tbd)

- **Launch of the work of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building** (Bonn, May 2017):
  - “Capacity-building activities for the implementation of NDCs”
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Actively engage with the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre

- Five regional centers in partnership with UNFCCC and regional institutions
- Mission: to catalyze climate action on the ground
- Key benefits
  - Direct support, partnerships and outreach
  - Technical expertise and experience in the regional, national and sub-national context
  - Active network of non-party stakeholder partners
  - Close partnerships with financial institutions to match actions with sources of funding
For more information…

Please visit the following webpages:

- The Paris Agreement:  
  [http://unfccc.int/9485](http://unfccc.int/9485)

- The Standing Committee on Finance:  
  [http://unfccc.int/6877.php](http://unfccc.int/6877.php)

- Long-term climate finance:  

- Capacity-building:  
  [http://unfccc.int/1033.php](http://unfccc.int/1033.php)
Thank you!
The GEF and the Climate Change Convention

- Longest operating climate fund
- Operating entity of the Financial Mechanism (GEF serves the Paris Agreement)
- Manages climate funds under the Convention
  - Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)
  - Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)
- Funding for mitigation, adaptation as well as enabling activities (National Communications and BURs)
- Operates the Capacity Building Initiative on Transparency
- Relation with the COP through guidance and reporting provides guidance to the GEF at each session
- GEF reports on its activities to the COP on an annual basis
Overview of the climate finance architecture post-Paris

**Standing Committee on Finance**
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**Global Stocktake**

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**Overview of the climate finance architecture post-Paris**

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   - Long-term finance:
     Scaling up to **USD 100 billion per year by 2020** from a wide variety of sources.
   - Continuation of existing collective mobilization goal through 2025
   - New collective quantified goal from floor of USD 100 billion per year prior to 2025
   - LTF in-session workshops & high-level ministerial dialogue 2014-2020

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