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LS1 Preventing Forest Loss, Promoting Restoration and Integrating Sustainability into Ethiopia's Coffee Supply Chains and Food Systems (UNDP)

LS2 Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration Impact Program (FOLUR) – Uganda (UNEP +WB)

LS3 LDCF - Building adaptation and resilience to climate change in the essential oil sector in Madagascar (ARCHE) (UNIDO)

LS4 Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in GEF-Funded Projects (IFAD+FAO)

GEF Bilaterals & Learning Stations

Time	Bilateral	LS1	LS2	LS3	LS4
08:30 - 9:30h	Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar	Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles	Ethiopia, Uganda , Tanzania	Somalia, Sudan, S.Sudan	FREE
09:30-10:30h	Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles	FREE	Somalia, Sudan, S.Sudan	Ethiopia, Uganda , Tanzania	Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar
10:30h-11:30h	Ethiopia, Uganda , Tanzania	Somalia, Sudan, S.Sudan	FREE	Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar	Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles
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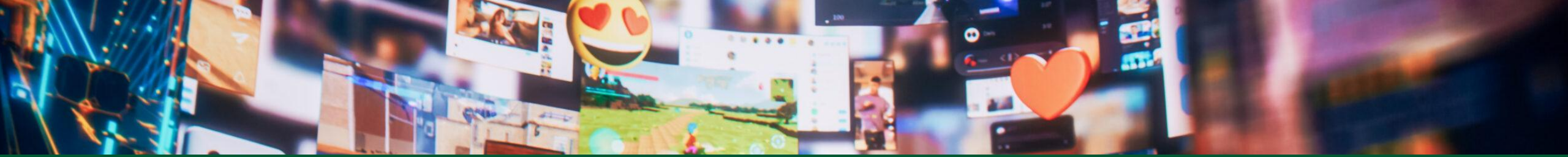
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GEF AND COMMUNICATIONS



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“Good communication cuts through the clutter, by getting the right message, in the right medium, delivered by the right messengers, to the right audience.”

Now Hear This,
Fenton Communications



Whose job is it?

- ✓ Communication is a shared responsibility
- ✓ Communication is a part of everyone's daily work
- ✓ Every (inter)action has a communicative function
- ✓ Staff are frontline project brand ambassadors
- ✓ Every (inter)action has an effect on people's perception of a project and their willingness to collaborate/support it

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Policy on
Communication
& Visibility

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Communicators
Network

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POLICY ON COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

Policy on Communication and Visibility

What it is and who it applies to

Requirements for recipients of GEF funding on **how and when to describe the GEF's role and contribution** to projects and programs

GEF Agencies and all other entities receiving GEF financing are responsible for **publicizing their work and to include references to support received from the GEF**

Policy on Communication and Visibility

Why?

Strong communications strategies are key to ensure that donors, recipient countries, and other stakeholders see the **value of GEF-funded activities and initiatives**

A coordinated and well funded approach at the global, agency, program, and project level helps **communicate GEF's impacts and results** better

Policy on Communication and Visibility

What it says

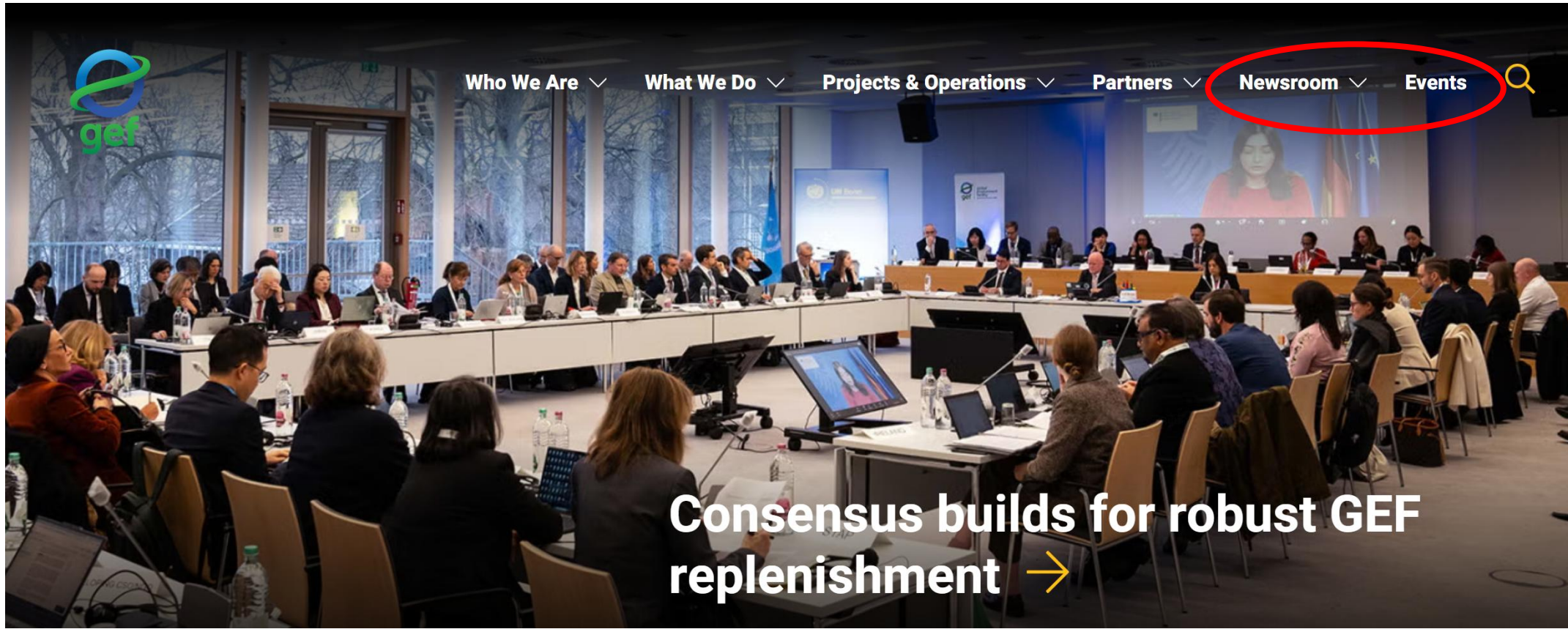
- Communications must include **reference to “GEF-funded”** or “supported by the Global Environment Facility”
- **Communications must be planned and budgeted** for since the design phase and prioritized throughout the life cycle of projects and programs
- **Communications activities and products must be coordinated** with the GEF Secretariat Communications team

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GEF COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS


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Website



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Editorial content

RESULTS IN MOTION 

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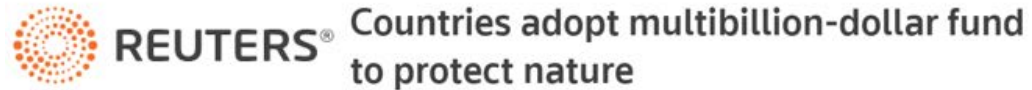


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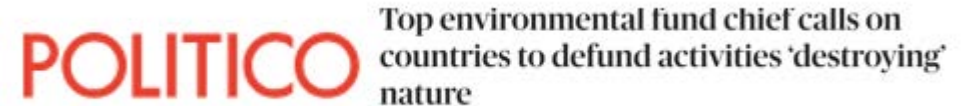
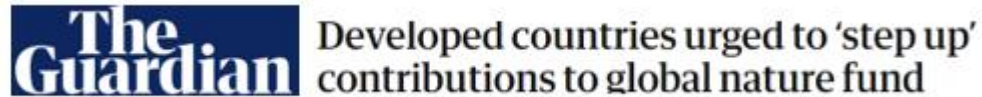
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Events & pavilions



GEF Partnership Pavilion at UN Biodiversity Conference COP16

Cali, Colombia
October 21 – November 1, 2024



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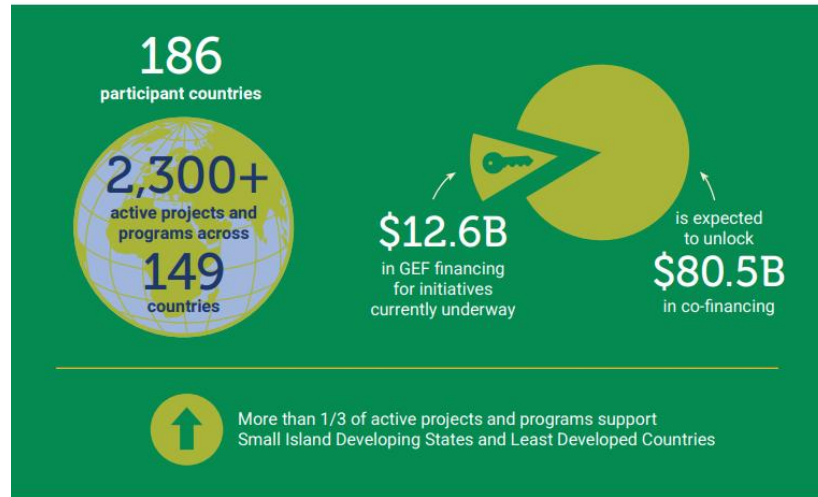
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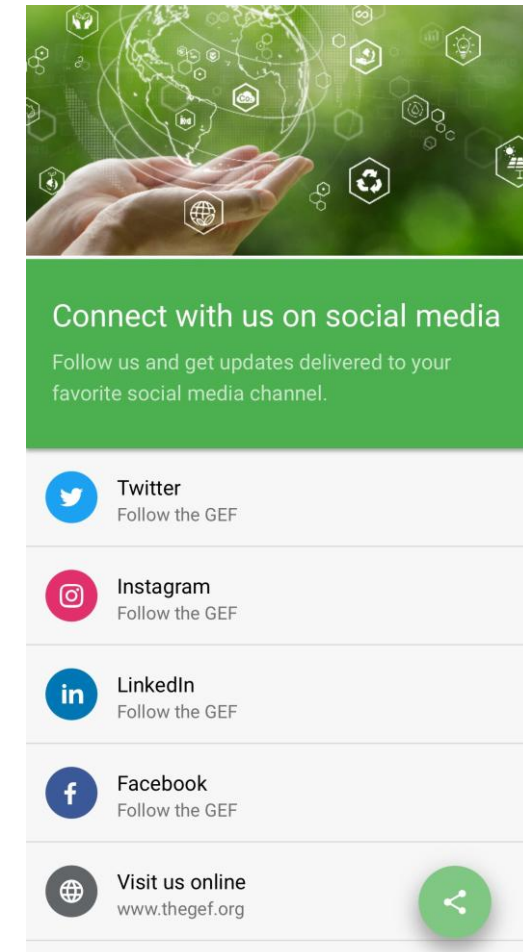
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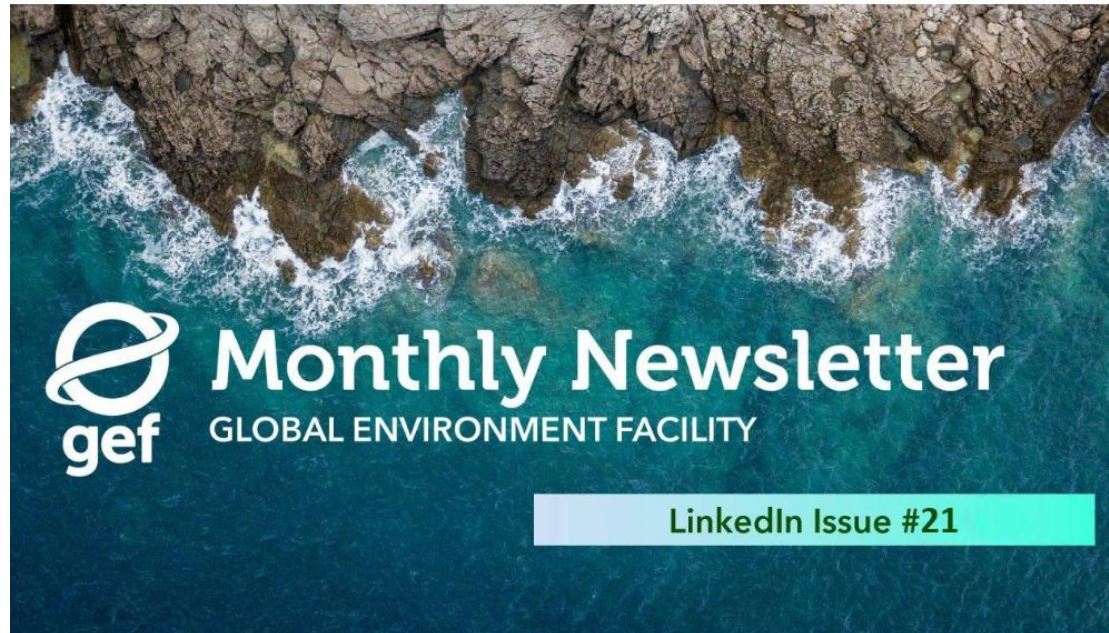
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PROJECT COMMUNICATORS NETWORK



What is the Project Communicators Network?

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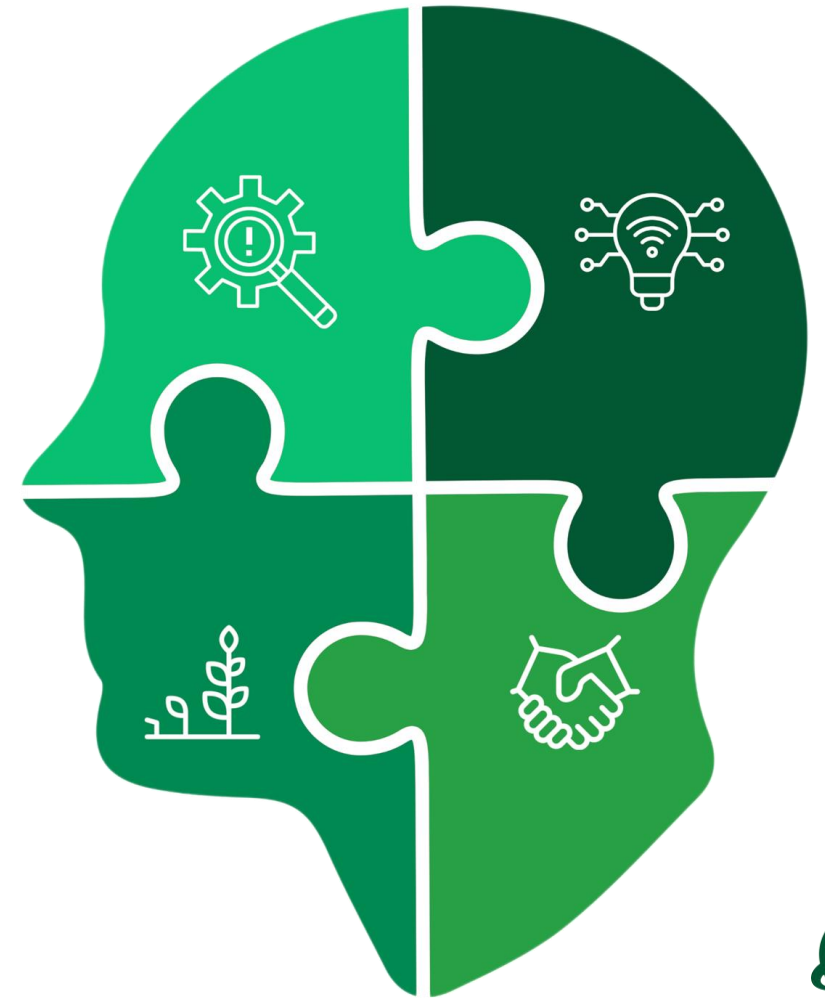
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The Goal

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How does it work?

DIGITAL HUB



Tools, templates,
resources, content
sharing and networking -
all in one place

TRAINING



Capacity-building
led by experts

EVENTS



In-person training
and content
visibility



What's in it for me?



Training

"GEF certified" skill
development
opportunities



Digital Hub

Access to templates,
tools, resources,
and a global peer
network



Mentoring

Direct professional
feedback from the
GEF Secretariat



Visibility

Opportunities to
feature local stories
on GEF channels

Invite a peer to connect

Nominate: Identify your project's/program's communicators

Empower: Encourage your team to utilize the digital hub for access to valuable resources, learning and networking opportunities

Help us link local success to global impact!



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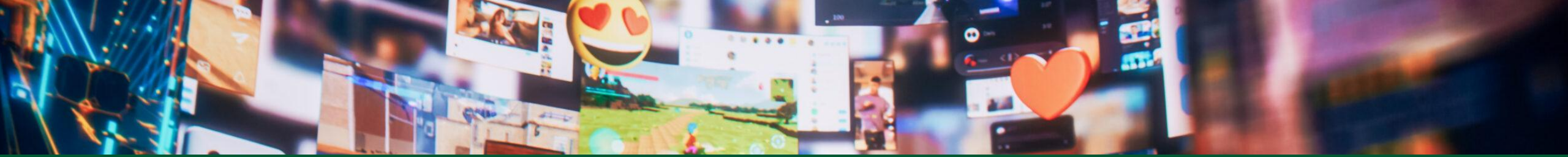
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- ✓ La communication est la responsabilité de tous
- ✓ La communication est une partie intégrante du travail quotidien de chacun
- ✓ Chaque (inter)action a une fonction de communication
- ✓ Les membres du personnel sont les premiers ambassadeurs du projet
- ✓ Chaque (inter)action influence l'idée que les individus se font d'un projet et leur volonté d'y collaborer/de le soutenir

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Politique de communication et de visibilité

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Communications au GEF

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Réseau des communicateurs de projets

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POLITIQUE DE COMMUNICATION ET DE VISIBILITÉ

Politique de communication et de visibilité

Quelle est-elle et à qui s'applique-t-elle ?

Exigences imposées aux bénéficiaires d'un financement du GEF concernant **la manière et le moment de décrire le rôle et la contribution du GEF** aux projets et programmes

Les entités d'exécution du GEF et toutes les autres entités bénéficiant d'un financement du GEF sont tenues de **faire connaître leurs travaux et d'inclure des références au soutien reçu du GEF**

Politique de communication et de visibilité

Pourquoi ?

Des stratégies de communication robustes sont essentielles pour garantir que les bailleurs de fonds, les pays bénéficiaires et les autres parties prenantes perçoivent **la valeur des activités et initiatives financées par le GEF.**

Une approche coordonnée et bien financée au niveau mondial ainsi qu'à l'échelle des agences, des programmes et des projets permet de mieux **communiquer les impacts et les résultats du GEF.**

Politique de communication et de visibilité

Conditions d'application

- Les communications doivent **mentionner « financé par le GEF »** ou « soutenu par le Fonds pour l'environnement mondial »
- **Les communications doivent être planifiées et budgétisées** dès la phase de conception, et priorisées tout au long du cycle de vie des projets et des programmes
- **Les activités et les produits de communication doivent être coordonnés** avec l'équipe du Secrétariat du GEF chargée des communications

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CANAUX DE COMMUNICATION AU GEF


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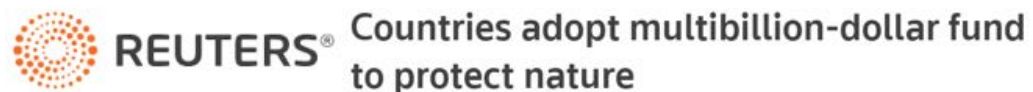


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Relations avec les médias



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Developed countries urged to 'step up' contributions to global nature fund



Top environmental fund chief calls on countries to defund activities 'destroying' nature

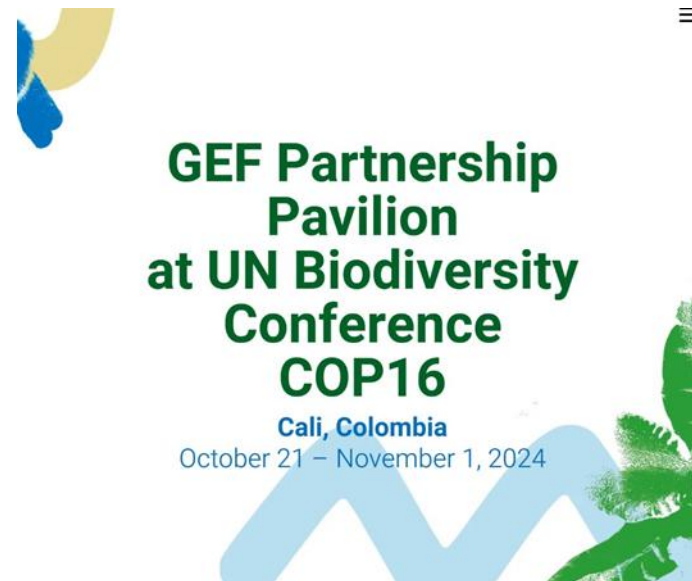


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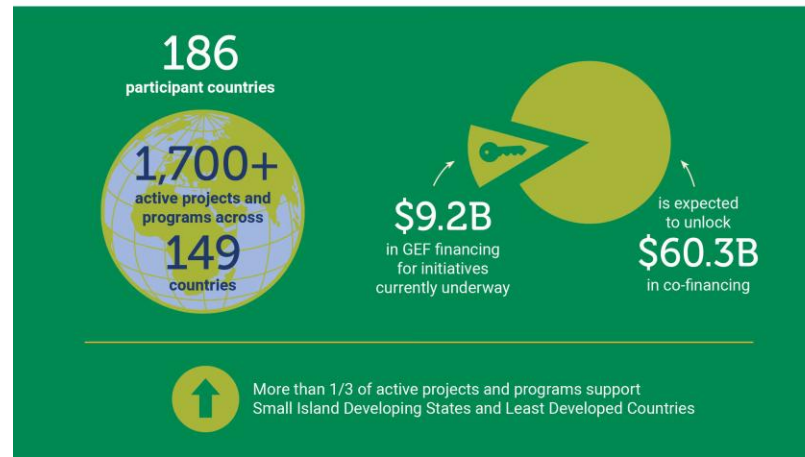
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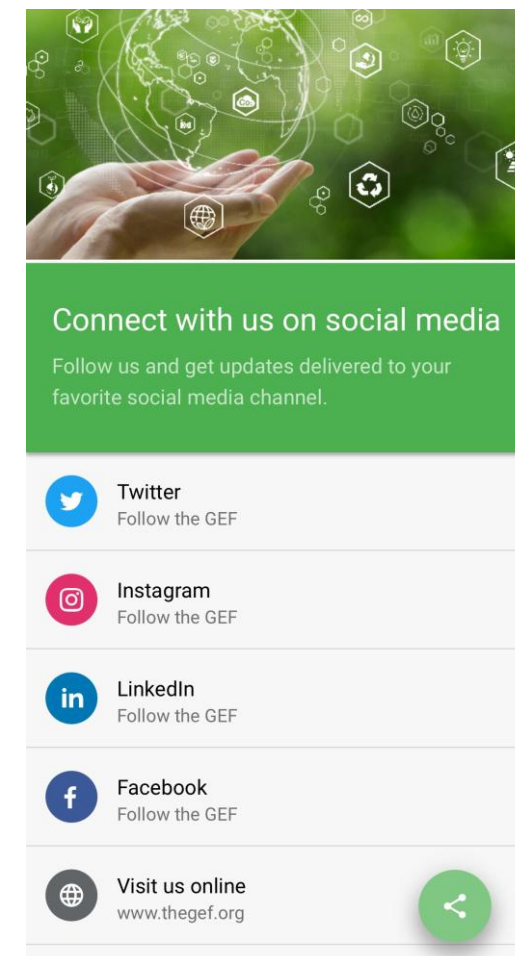
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Médias sociaux

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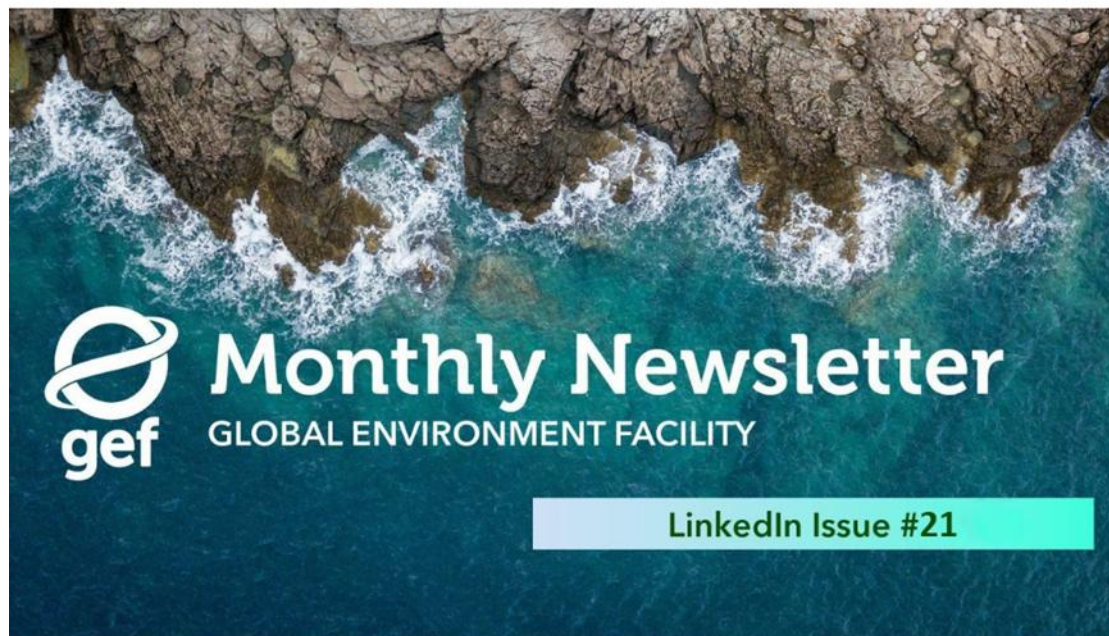
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RÉSEAU DES COMMUNICATEURS DE PROJETS

Qu'est-ce que le réseau des communicateurs au niveau des projets ?

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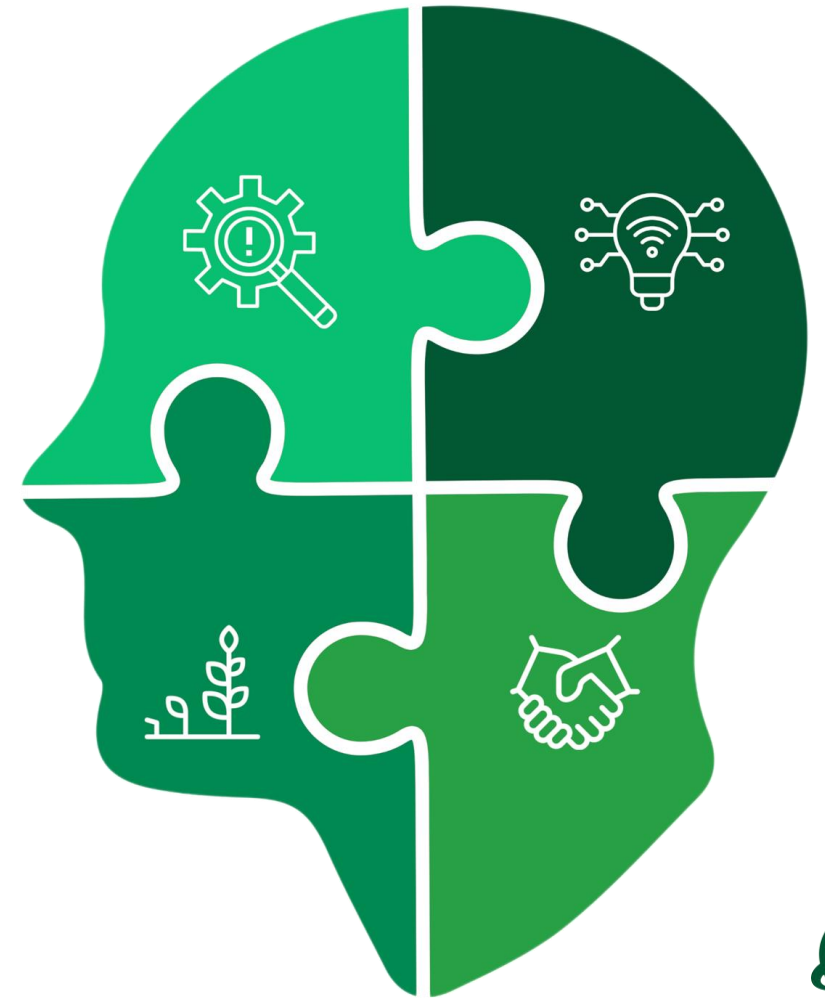
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Comment fonctionne-t-il ?

PLATEFORME NUMÉRIQUE



Outils, modèles,
ressources, partage de
contenus et réseautage -
le tout en un seul endroit

FORMATION



Renforcement
des capacités
mené par des
experts

ÉVÉNEMENTS



Formation en
présentiel et
visibilité des
contenus



Qu'est-ce que j'y gagne ?



Formation

Possibilités de perfectionnement des compétences
«certifiées par le GEF»



Plateforme numérique

Accès à des modèles, des outils, des ressources et à un réseau mondial de pairs



Mentorat

Avis professionnels directs du Secrétariat du GEF



Visibilité

Occasions de publier des récits locaux sur les canaux du GEF

Inviter un pair à se connecter

Désigner: Nommez les communicateurs de votre projet/programme

Habiliter: Encouragez votre équipe à utiliser la plateforme numérique pour accéder à des ressources précieuses ainsi qu'à des opportunités d'apprentissage et de réseautage

Relions succès local et impact mondial!



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Whole-of- Society Approach



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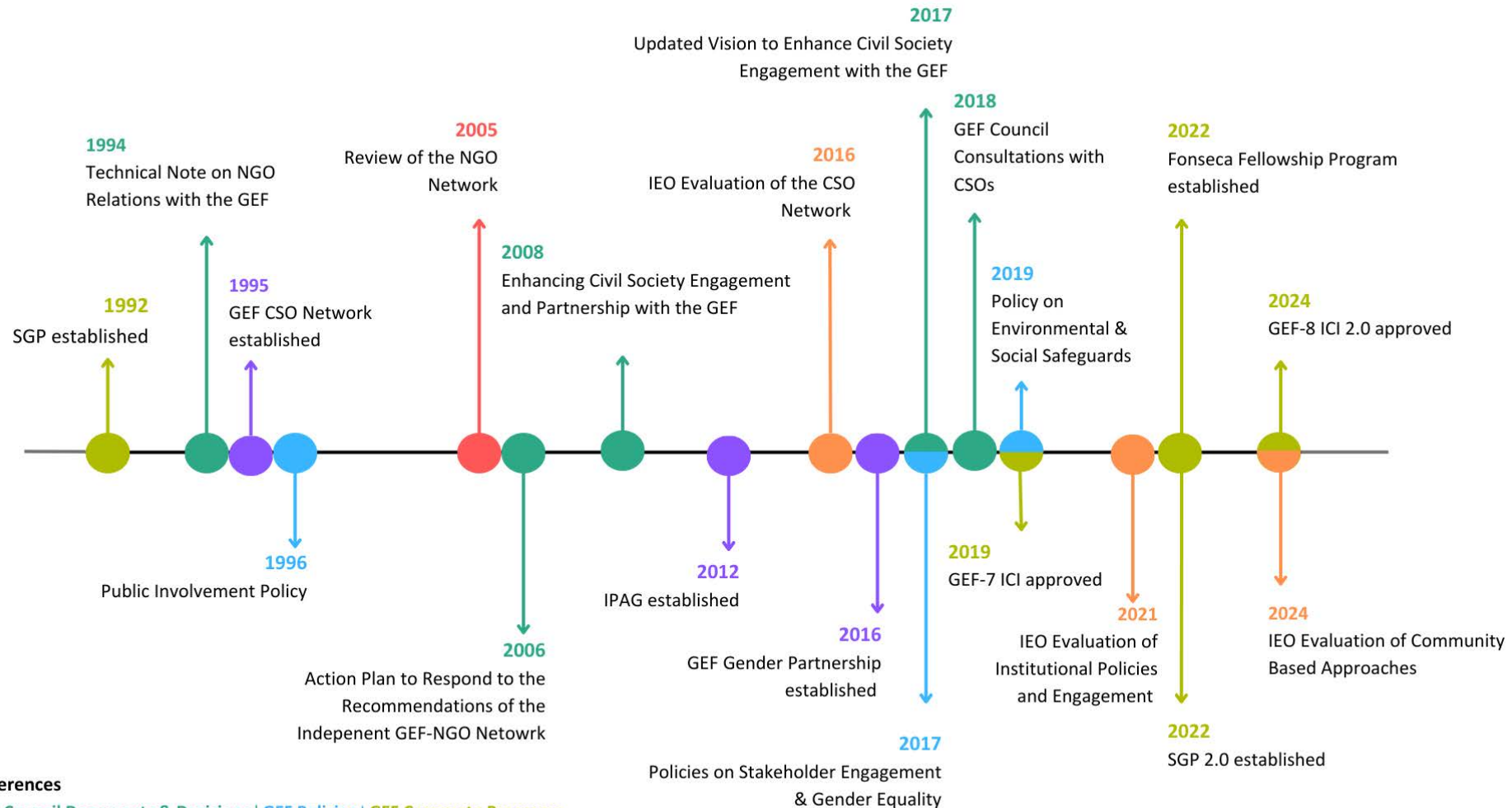
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WHOLE OF SOCIETY

Inclusion and engagement with CSOs, women, youth,
Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

GEF's Evolving Engagement with CSOs



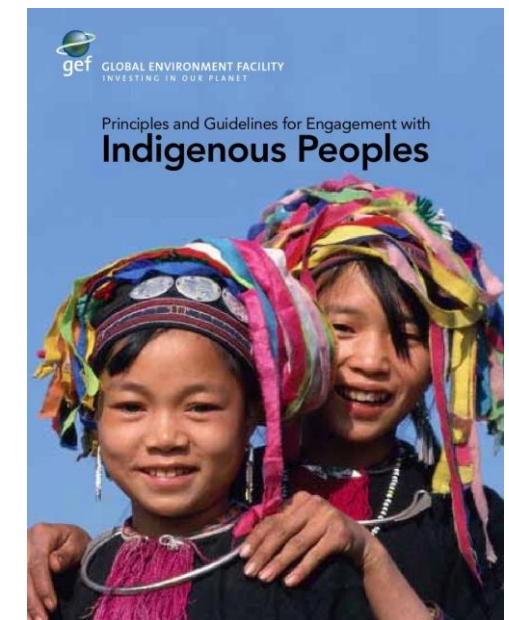
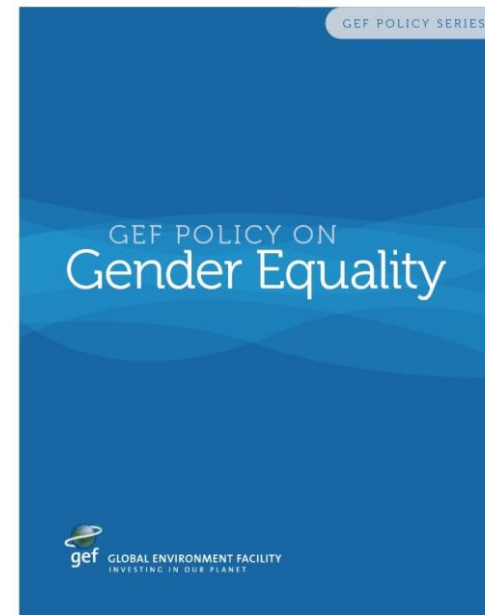
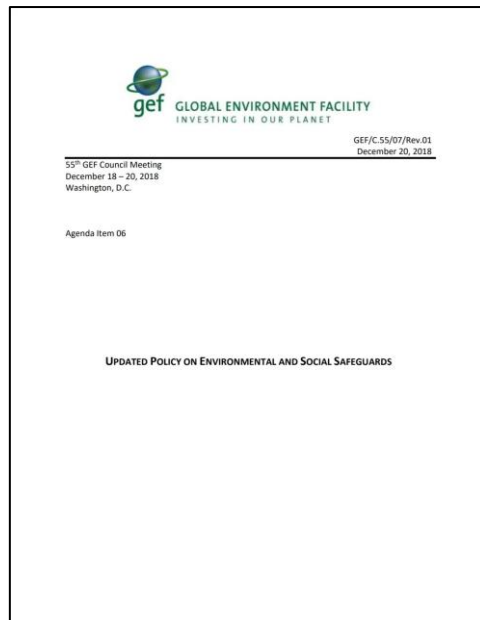
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Policies that make inclusion real

The foundations of the GEF policies enable, and will support, the full implementation of the Whole-of-Society approach



These policies create the enabling environment to strengthen national capacities, ensuring quality, inclusion and equity

GEF Advisory Groups

We don't work alone...

GEF CSO Network



Network of civil society organizations that aims to enhance the participation and engagement of CSOs in the GEF's activities.

GEF IPAG



The Advisory Group provides guidance and advice to the GEF on all matters relevant to Indigenous Peoples and the activities of GEF.

GEF Gender Partnerships



The Partnerships has been key in solidifying the foundations for advancing gender equality through and across the projects and programs GEF funds.

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INCREASING THE SCALE AND SCOPE OF GEF'S ENGAGEMENT AND FINANCING FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

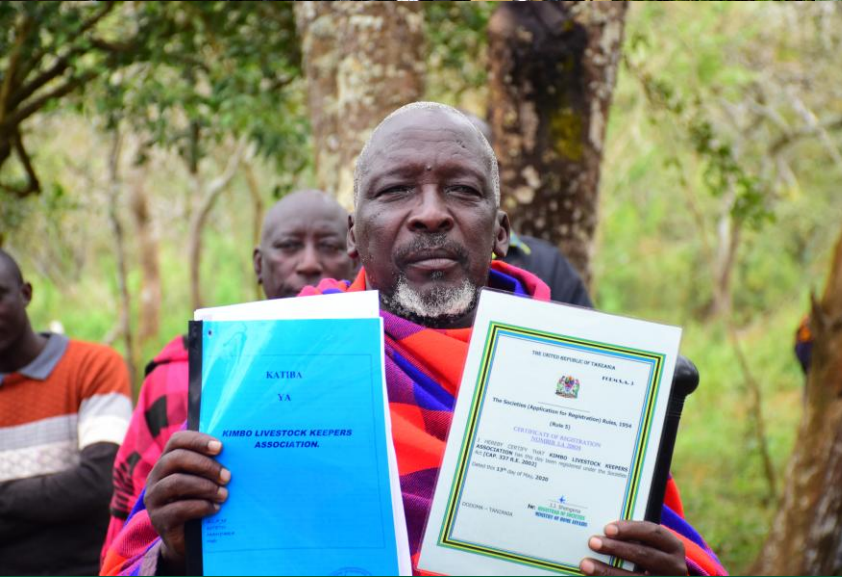
Summary of entry points for CSO engagement

Project and Program design and implementation	Regional Knowledge Exchange and Dialogues	Global Level governance Making	Other Consultations and knowledge sharing
Dedicated Programs and Initiatives GEF Small Grants Program, ICI, FLP etc.	Expanded Constituency Workshops	Council meetings	Input on GEF Policy and Strategy Formulation
Roles and beneficiaries in project implementation	National Dialogues	GEF Council Consultations with CSOs	Participation in GEF working groups
Consultation/Engagement in project design and preparation		GEF Assembly	Access to Grievance Mechanism
Participation in National Dialogues		COP participation	

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CURRENT INITIATIVES TARGETING CIVIL SOCIETY

The GEF Small Grants Program



The GEF Small Grants Program

SGP background

Serving as GEF Corporate Program
since 1992

Providing local solutions to global
environmental problems

Supporting innovative community-
based initiatives and actions

SGP in numbers

- > **29,000** grants since 1992
- **US\$1.5 billion** of GEF funds to local communities and CSOs across **136** countries
- **US\$956m** co-financing

GEF SGP 2.0 in GEF 8

Renewed ambition, size, governance and delivery model of SGP

Diversified SGP Implementing Roles



- Increased country choice with 2 new Agencies for SGP Core (FAO, CI)

Piloted New Models – Innovation & Inclusion



- CSO Challenge Program (IUCN)
- Microfinance Initiative (WB)

Expanded Scale and Scope



- Increased Core financing from 128M in GEF-7 to 135M
- Expanded country coverage from 124 countries in GEF-7 to 135
- Secured 25% more STAR resources since GEF-7

Instituted New Guidance/Protocols



- Increased grant ratio from 62% in GEF-7 to 72%
- Developed new Operational Guidelines and results framework capturing socio-economic benefits

GEF SGP in GEF 8

Financing...

Agency	SGP 2.0 (USD 135 M)
UNDP	123 Countries
FAO	13 Countries
CI	5 Countries

- **\$ 965,000 per country**
- **\$ 112 M STAR allocation - an increase of 25% since GEF-7**

GEF SGP in GEF 8

SGP 2.0 CSO Initiatives

- **Pilot new GEF models** to engage and support civil society actors to catalyze environmental actions and solutions
- **Support innovation** of youth, women, Indigenous Peoples and local communities in LDCs and SIDS
- **Capitalize on expertise** of the GEF expanded Agency network and specialized organizations

MICROFINANCE INITIATIVE

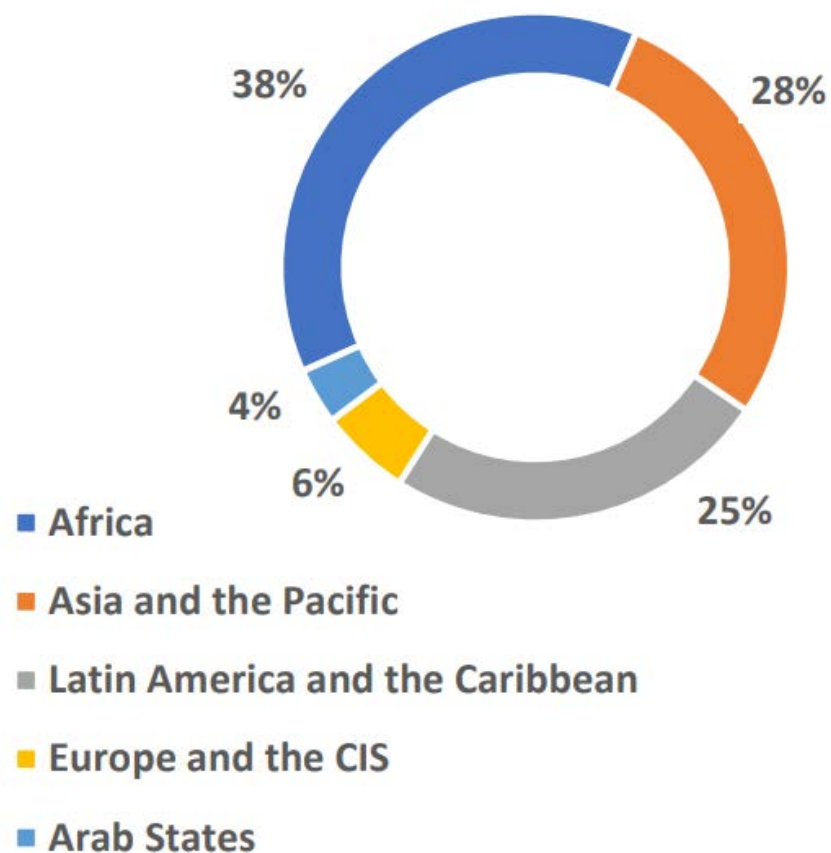
Support Microfinancing Institutions to facilitate microenterprises' access to finance for climate and environmental solutions

CSO CHALLENGE PROGRAM

Support competitive opportunities for local civil society organizations to access financial and technical resources to scale up innovative environmental solutions

The GEF SGP in Eastern Africa

SGP Regional Distribution (June 30th, 2024)



Coverage: 13 active country programs in eastern Africa constituency (of 40 in sub-Saharan Africa).

2,363 projects since 1993

\$74 M GEF funding for Grants since 1994;

\$72 M in cofinancing

\$23 M in GEF funding programmed for **GEF- 8**



The GEF SGP in eastern Africa

SGP Regional Distribution (January 2026)

**SGP
east
Africa
Portfolio
Status**

	Country	Year started	Number of projects	Amount GEF Funding \$	Total co-financing \$	GEF7 Funding allocated	GEF8 Funding at CEO/PIF (Core+STAR)	GEF8 Implementing Agency	Status GEF8 (No. projects allocated/in process)
1	Comoros	2007	108	3 531 356	2 790 116	900 000	1 772 876	UNDP	11
2	Djibouti	2014	78	2 175 357	2 653 876	750 000	1 165 092	UNDP	-
3	Eritrea	2009	81	3 752 195	5 978 719	1 159 200	1 465 092	UNDP	-
4	Ethiopia	2006	256	7 192 042	6 718 051	1 590 000	1 665 092	UNDP	20
5	Kenya	1993	428	14 461 219	12 408 930	2 655 726	964 857	FAO	-
6	Madagascar	2008	418	8 447 595	6 282 422	1 700 000	3 942 869	UNDP	-
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8	Rwanda	2006	90	3 583 393	3 606 528	250 000	1 065 092	UNDP	-
9	Seychelles	2010	80	3 368 732	3 565 683	899 360	1 965 093	UNDP	-
10	Somalia	2024	0	-	-	-	1 041 913	UNDP	-
11	South Sudan	2024	0	-	-	-	1 805 772	FAO	-
12	Tanzania	1997	368	11 701 575	6 349 183	2 250 000	2 965 093	UNDP	-
13	Uganda	1998	267	8 865 935	7 544 148	1 240 771	2 118 856	UNDP/FAO	-
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GEF SGP in GEF 9

Expand the Scale and Scope

- Expanding criteria for SGP grantees
- *Diversify GEF SGP implementing agencies and strengthen the role of executing partners*
- *Facilitate more equitable distribution of core resources among SGP core implementing agencies*
- *Consolidate and enhance two SGP CSO Strategic Initiatives*
- *Continue priority on Indigenous Peoples, Youth and Gender Equality*
- *Enhance SGP Community of Practices and Learning Platforms*
- *Strengthen monitoring, reporting and efficiency measures*

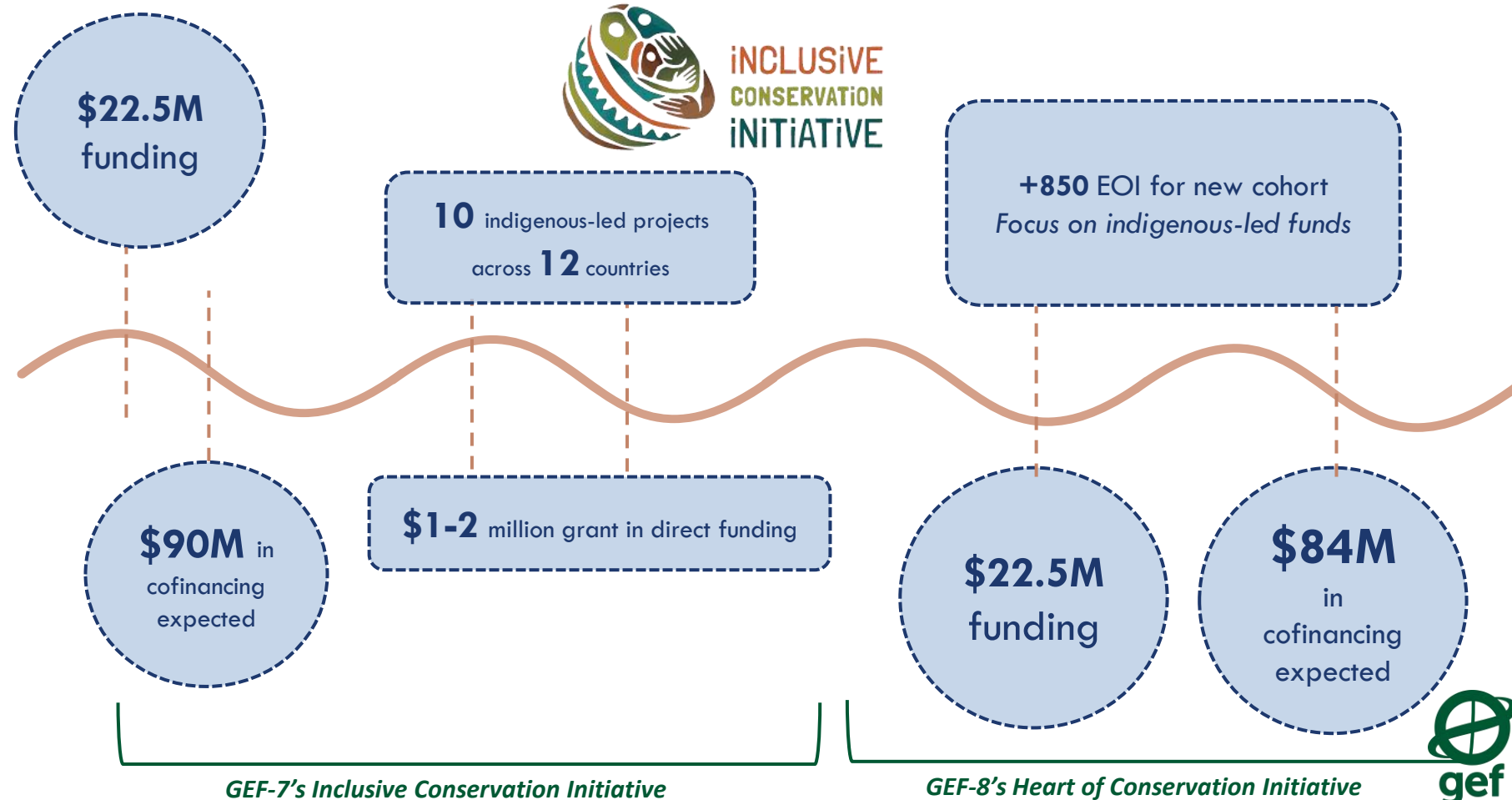
Direct funding to Indigenous Peoples and local communities: ICI-GEF-7 and HCI-GEF-8

Recognizing the critical roles and rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in biodiversity conservation and climate goods, including their traditional knowledge to steward their territories lands, waters and resources.

Objectives

Direct funding to Indigenous Peoples organization to conserve biodiversity and bring GEBs

Promote knowledge exchange, training, and international engagement, all actions self-determined and governed by Indigenous Peoples



GEF-7's Inclusive Conservation Initiative

GEF-8's Heart of Conservation Initiative



The GEF-7 Inclusive Conservation Initiative

- The GEF Inclusive Conservation Initiative (ICI) in GEF-7 was developed to provide direct funding to IPLCs organizations as part of an overall initiative designed and led by Indigenous leaders.
- The ICI has funded 10 Indigenous-led initiatives in 12 countries. These agreements, ranging from \$1 to \$2 million per project, illustrate the powerful impact of direct financing models.



The GEF-8 Heart of Conservation Initiative

- GEF launched ICI 2.0 (“Heart of Conservation Initiative”) in 2024 under GEF-8 with a \$22.5M budget, building on the success of ICI 1.0.
- HCI is guided by a Global Steering Committee of Indigenous leaders and the GEF's Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group members, ensuring Indigenous-led decision-making.
- HCI centers Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and leadership as essential to global conservation outcomes.
- A call for proposals for HCI was launched in 2025 for component 1 and now EOI are under review and OFP for countries with chosen projects, will be contacted.



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Fonseca Leadership Program (FLP)

The Fonseca Leadership Program strengthens the next generation of conservation leaders by supporting fellows in their research, and professional development.

In just 2 years...

Results from FLP:

- 10M in funding for research and leadership
- Partnerships with 11 international institutions
- 250+ conservation fellows supported
- Fellow representing 54 countries
- 42% of women
- Youth participation in 2 major international congresses



Vania Tejeda, Jancarla Ribera and Maria Fernanda Barahona, Rising Wildlife Leaders Amazonia



For GEF-9, we are aiming to expand this program to other Focal Areas, expanding our partnerships with new international institutions



Supporting CSOs in environmental governance

From 2022 to 2025, the GEF has supported CSOs through Extended Constituency Workshops, COPs of the MEAs we serve, international congresses, and other engagement activities.

CSO voices bring diverse perspectives, local knowledge, and innovative solutions.

Inclusive decision-making leads to more effective, equitable, and sustainable outcomes

The GEF supports and creates spaces for CSO engagement at national and international levels.

The GEF supports meaningful participation through capacity building, consultations, and partnership opportunities



Youth Negotiators Academy fellows at UNFCCC COP30



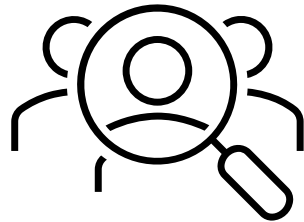
Record Indigenous participation in Minamata COP, resulting in the first Indigenous Peoples Forum on Mercury.



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INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

Objectives



- 1) **Showcasing** CSOs, IPLCs, women and youth groups' rights and roles supporting national MEA commitments, GEF's mission and projects.
- 2) **Highlighting** CSO, IPLC, women and youth groups' experiences in the GEF partnership.
- 3) **Discussing** obstacles to engage, influence and collaborate in GEF projects as well as opportunities on what can be done better to make the engagement/support of CSOs, IPLCs, women and youth groups roles in GEF projects and activities.

GEF CIVIL SOCIETY SESSION

Thank
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East Africa ECW

March 2026

GEF Family of Funds

Fund that serves CBD, UNCCD, UNFCCC, Minamata, Stockholm, BBNJ

GEF Trust Fund



GEF-8 (July 2023 to June 2026): **\$5.33 billion**

Funds dedicated to the CBD



Global biodiversity Framework Fund
Established in 2023
\$386 million raised as of Sept. 2025



NPIF Fund

NPIF: **\$15.1 million** for 13 projects
Topic mainstreamed into GEF Trust Fund

Funds dedicated to the UNFCCC

LDCF

SCCF

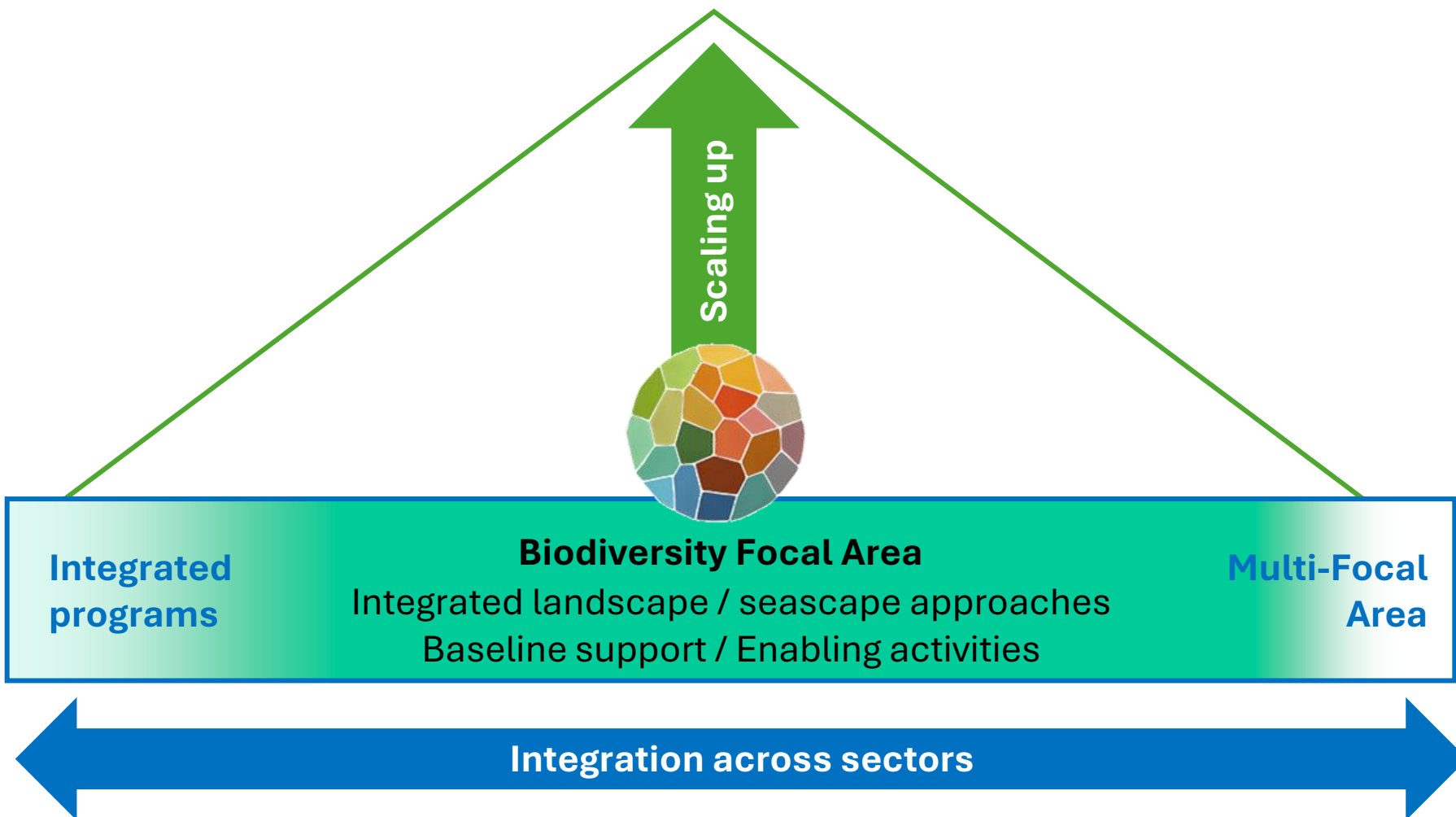
GEF-8: **\$1.2 billion - \$1.7 billion**



CBIT Trust Fund

\$58.3 million for 44 projects
Topic mainstreamed into GEF Trust Fund

Financing Biodiversity at the GEF



GBFF

Competitive allocation to boost biodiversity-focused outcomes

GEF Trust Fund

Predictable, baseline support and integration

Global Biodiversity Framework Fund



History & Governance

- Established by the Convention on Biological Diversity at COP15 (2022)
- Expanded governance:
 - Council
 - Expanded observers
 - Auxiliary body
 - Advisory group of non-sovereign participants
- **18 implementing agencies** (same as GEF Trust Fund)



Resource mobilization

- From all sources
- Contributions on rolling basis
- Approx. \$386 million to date



Allocation of resources

- Co-finance encouraged, not required
- Streamlined & faster project cycle with single project modality
- **Competitive allocation model**
 - Selection rounds / calls for proposals
 - Agreed selection criteria and targets

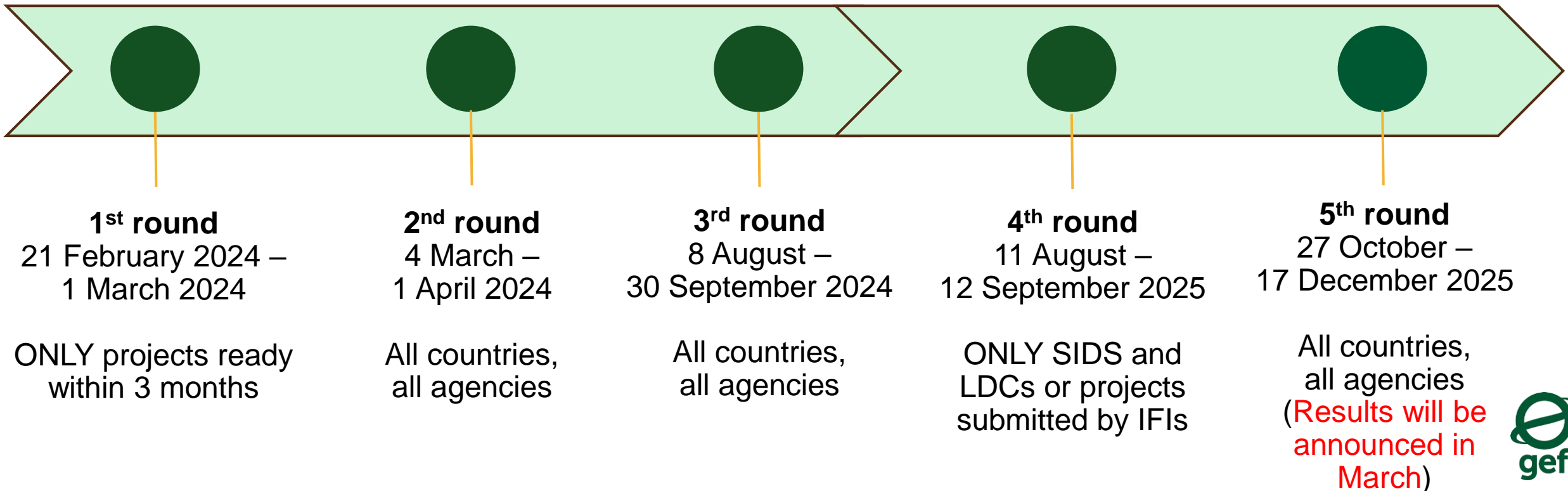
GBFF Tranches

Tranche 1

9 March 2024 – 8 August 2025

Tranche 2

Started 11 August 2025



Portfolio to date

170 PPG requests submitted

79 submitted by LDCs/SIDS

62 PPG requests approved

37 approved for LDCs/SIDS

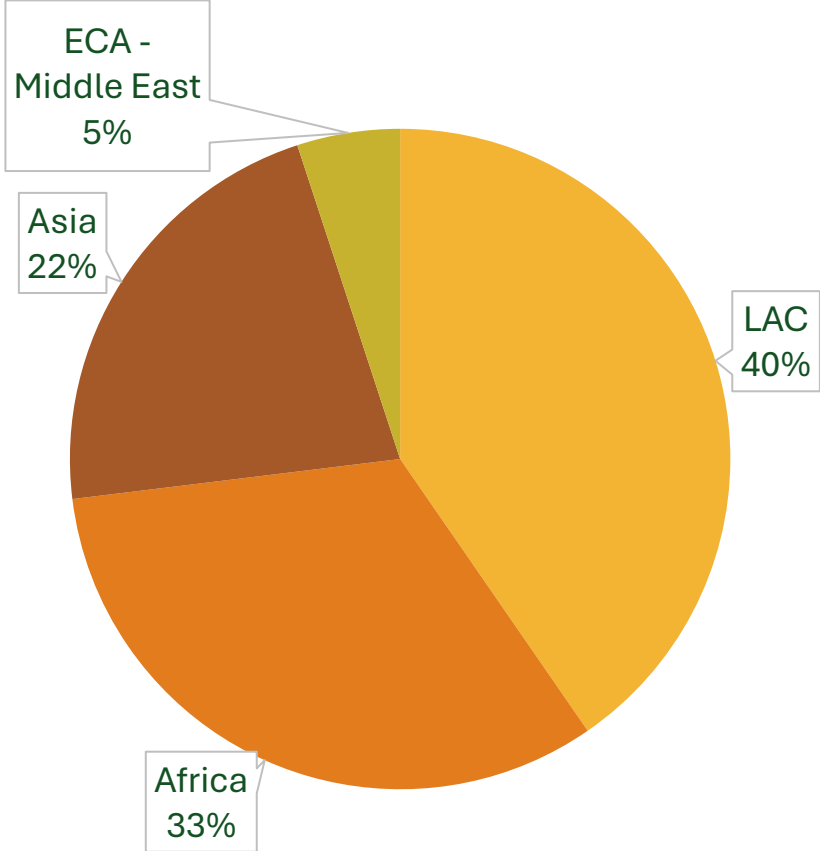
71 Countries

43 LDCs/SIDS

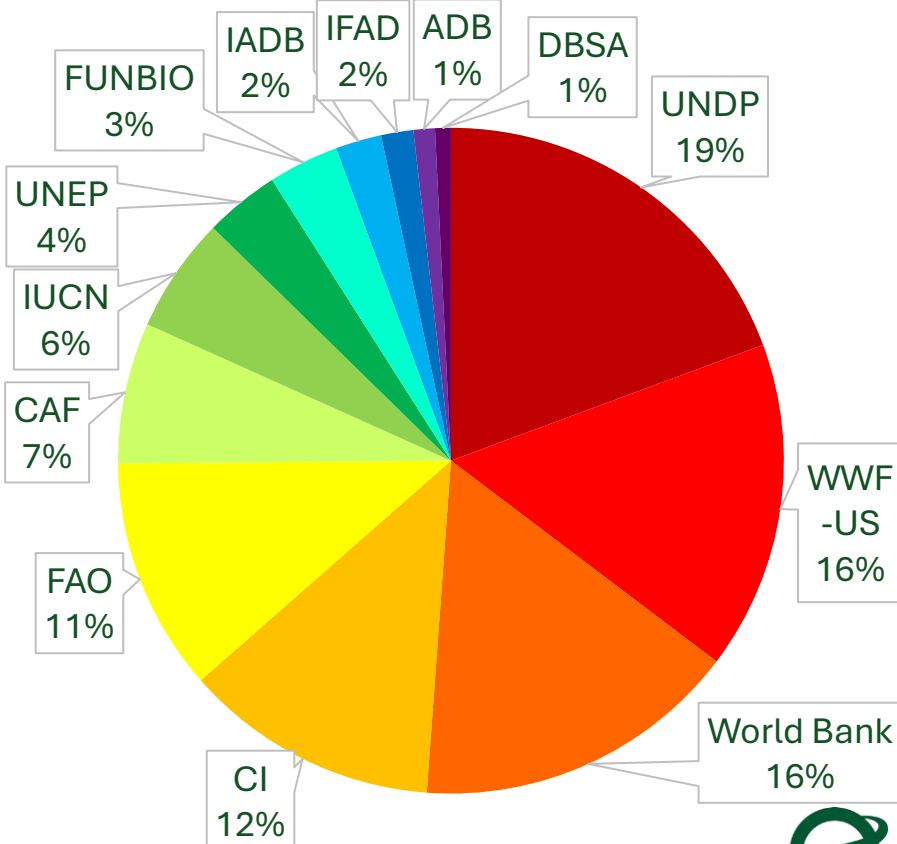
\$288 million in GBFF Financing

\$124 million for LDCs/SIDS

By region



By agency



Portfolio to date

Portfolio-level targets

TARGETS RESULTS

To SIDS/
LDCs

36+3% **43%**

Through
International
Financial
Institutions

25% **28%**

To support
actions by
IPLCs

20% **29%**



Project development cycle

PPG REQUEST – SELECTION ROUNDS

- 1
 - Secretariat opens a call for proposals
 - Secretariat reviews **according to agreed selection criteria**
 - Based on the review, **resource availability** and the 3 **portfolio-level targets**, the **CEO approves all or a subset** of the PPG requests

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. *Potential to generate Global Environmental Benefits*
2. *Alignment with the GBFF Programming directions and advancing the GBF implementation*
3. *Alignment with the NBSAP and BFP or similar instruments to identify national and/or regional priorities*
4. *Level of policy coherence and coordination across multiple ministries, agencies, the private sector and civil society*
5. *Mobilization of private sector and philanthropic resources*
6. *Engagement with and support to IPLCs*
7. *Balance amongst regions*

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Max 9 months from PPG approval to full project submission

2 **COUNCIL APPROVAL** (or delegated to CEO for <\$5m) of fully developed projects

Max 12 months from endorsement to first disbursement

3 **IMPLEMENTATION**

GBFF Programming Directions

GBFF ACTION AREA		KMGBF TARGETS
1	Biodiversity conservation, restoration, land/sea-use and spatial planning	1, 2, 3
2	Support to IPLC stewardship and governance of lands, territories, and waters	1, 2, 3, 22
3	Policy alignment and development	14, 15, 18
4	Resource mobilization	18, 19
5	Sustainable use of biodiversity	5, 9
6	Biodiversity mainstreaming in production sectors	7, 10
7	Invasive alien species	6
8	Capacity building and implementation support for the Cartagena and Nagoya protocols	13, 17

Country maximums

- Expressed as a % of total pledged to the GBFF
- Carries over tranches but funding programmed is deducted from max

Country	Country Ceiling	Total maximum dollar value of funding request(s) across programming tranches (USD)	Total used in the first tranche (USD)	Total maximum dollar value of funding request(s) in the second tranche (USD)
Cuba	1.67%	6,051,780	3,510,000	2,541,780
Democratic Republic of the Congo	3.1%	11,306,191	6,560,000	4,746,191
Djibouti	0.55%	2,001,025	0	2,001,025
Dominica	0.55%	2,001,025	0	2,001,025



GBFF in East Africa

- **9 East African Countries** have approved PPGs, with a total of **10** projects
- To date, **\$43.0 million** approved or set aside for countries in the East Africa constituencies, representing about **15%** of total GBFF resources approved/set aside to date (\$288.7m)
- Results of the second selection round of the 2nd tranche is expected to be published by early March.



Approved in East Africa Constituencies

Country	Project	Agency	Total Funding Request	Selection Round	Status
Comoros	Protection and Sustainable Management of Terrestrial and Marine Ecosystems for Enhanced Community Resilience in the Union of Comoros	UNDP	\$2,039,965	4 th Round	PPG Approved
Djibouti	Establishing new terrestrial protected areas in Djibouti	UNEP	\$2,001,025	4 th Round	PPG Approved
Ethiopia	Enhancing Participatory Conservation and Restoration of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Ethiopia	UNDP	\$4,319,999	3 rd Round	CER Cleared
Kenya	Sustainable Management and Restoration of Threatened Ecological Corridors in Kenya	World Bank	\$3,896,750	2 nd Round	CER under revision



Approved in East Africa Constituencies

Country	Project	Agency	Total Funding Request	Selection Round	Status
Madagascar	Transforming the Global Biodiversity Framework into Tangible Action in Madagascar - BioTAct	IUCN	\$8,782,000	3 rd Round	CER under Revision
Madagascar	Sustainable Financing and Inclusive Management to Perpetuate Madagascar's Locally Managed Areas	WWF-US	\$5,934,747	3 rd Round	CER under Revision
Mauritius	BIOFISH-SMART: Biodiversity and Ocean Fisheries for Integrated Stewardship and Habitat Sustainability	FAO	\$2,894,412	4 th Round	PPG Approved
Seychelles	Advancing Biodiversity Conservation in Terrestrial and Marine Areas through Strengthened Governance and Sustainable Financing	IUCN	\$3,411,578	4 th Round	PPG Approved



Approved in East Africa Constituencies

Country	Project	Agency	Total Funding Request	Selection Round	Status
Tanzania	Sustainable Restoration and Conservation of Malagarasi-Moyowosi Wetland Ecosystem through an Integrated Approach	UNDP	\$6,950,000	3 rd Round	CER under Revision
Uganda	Accelerating Inclusive Climate-Biodiversity Finance through Policy Coherence, Institutional Strengthening and IPLC-Led Conservation	CI	\$2,809,017	4 th Round	PPG Approved



GBFF Key Resources

ONE STOP SHOP

<https://www.thegef.org/what-we-do/topics/global-biodiversity-framework-fund>

Key documents – webinars – templates

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Key Documents

- [Establishment of a New Trust Fund: The Global Biodiversity Framework Fund](#) - the agreed arrangements for the GBFF, including scope, structure, financial resources, policies, and governance
- [Programming Directions](#) - describes the activities eligible for funding
- [Project Cycle Policy](#) - sets the rules governing the cycles for GBFF-financed projects
- [Resource Allocation Policy](#) - explains how GBFF financial resources are allocated in a country-driven manner
- [Table of Country Maximum Dollar Value of Funding Request\(s\) for the Second Programming Tranche](#)

Templates to submit funding requests

For entering a selection round:

- [Letter of Endorsement](#)
- [Project Preparation Grant \(PPG\) Request](#)

Once selected/PPG approved:

- [CEO Endorsement Request](#)





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