

What are CPEs?	Country portfolio evaluations (CPEs) conducted by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Independent Evaluation Office (GEF-IEO) use the country as the unit of analysis to examine the totality of GEF support across all GEF Agencies and programs. The final report for the GEF Tajikistan CPE will assess the effectiveness, results and sustainability; the relevance; and the efficiency of GEF projects at the country level—that is, how these projects perform in producing results, and how the results are linked to the national environmental and sustainable development agenda as well as to the GEF mandate of generating global environmental benefits in its focal areas.
Purpose	The GEF Tajikistan CPE will provide feedback and knowledge sharing to the GEF Council in its decision making on resource allocation and policy and strategy development, to the Government of Tajikistan on its participation in the GEF, and to the various agencies and organizations involved in the preparation and implementation of GEF-funded projects and activities.
Previous CPEs	The GEF-IEO has conducted CPEs in Costa Rica, the Philippines, Samoa, Benin, Cameroon, Madagascar, South Africa, Egypt, Syria, Moldova, Turkey, Nicaragua, Brazil, Cuba, India, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Eritrea, Vanuatu and in a cluster of Eastern Caribbean countries. The full CPE reports and summaries (Signposts) of their conclusions and recommendations can be found at www.gefeo.org . Alongside the CPE in Tajikistan, the GEF-IEO has also recently launched CPEs in Russia and Morocco.
CPE Focus	The CPE will answer questions related to the ‘ Effectiveness, results and sustainability ’, ‘ Relevance ’, and ‘ Efficiency ’ of GEF support to Tajikistan.
Effectiveness, Results and Sustainability	<i>The extent to which the GEF activity’s objectives were achieved, or are expected to be achieved, taking into account their relative importance. Results include direct project outputs, short- to medium-term outcomes, and progress toward longer term impact including global environmental benefits and other replication effects.</i> ► Is GEF support effective in producing results at the project level and are these results sustainable? ► Is GEF support effective in producing results at the aggregate level (portfolio and program) by focal area? ► Is GEF support effective in producing results at the country level? ► Is GEF support effective in producing results related to the dissemination of lessons learned? ► Has GEF support led to progress toward impact over an extended period of time after completion?
Relevance	<i>The extent to which the GEF activity is suited to local and national environmental priorities and policies and to global environmental benefits to which the GEF is dedicated.</i> ► Is GEF support relevant to the national sustainability development agenda and environmental priorities, national development needs and challenges, and national action plans in GEF focal areas? ► Is GEF support relevant to the GEF objectives for global environmental benefits regarding biodiversity, climate change, international waters, persistent organic pollutants, land degradation, and ozone depleting substances? ► Is Tajikistan supporting the GEF mandate and focal area programs and strategies with its own resources and/or support from other donors? ► Are the GEF and its Agencies supporting Tajikistan’s environmental and sustainable development prioritization and decision-making process?
Efficiency	<i>The extent to which results have been delivered with the least costly resources possible.</i> ► How much time, effort and financial resources does it take to formulate and implement projects, by type of GEF support modality? ► What are the roles, types of engagement, and coordination among different stakeholders in project implementation? ► What are the synergies in GEF project programming and implementation among GEF Agencies, national institutions, GEF projects, and other donor-supported projects and activities? ► What role does monitoring and evaluation (M&E) play in project adaptive management and overall efficiency?
Evaluation Team	The GEF Tajikistan CPE will be conducted under the overall coordination of Ms. Baljit Wadhwa, Senior Evaluation Officer for the CPE stream of work in the GEF Independent Evaluation Office.

Role of the Focal Point

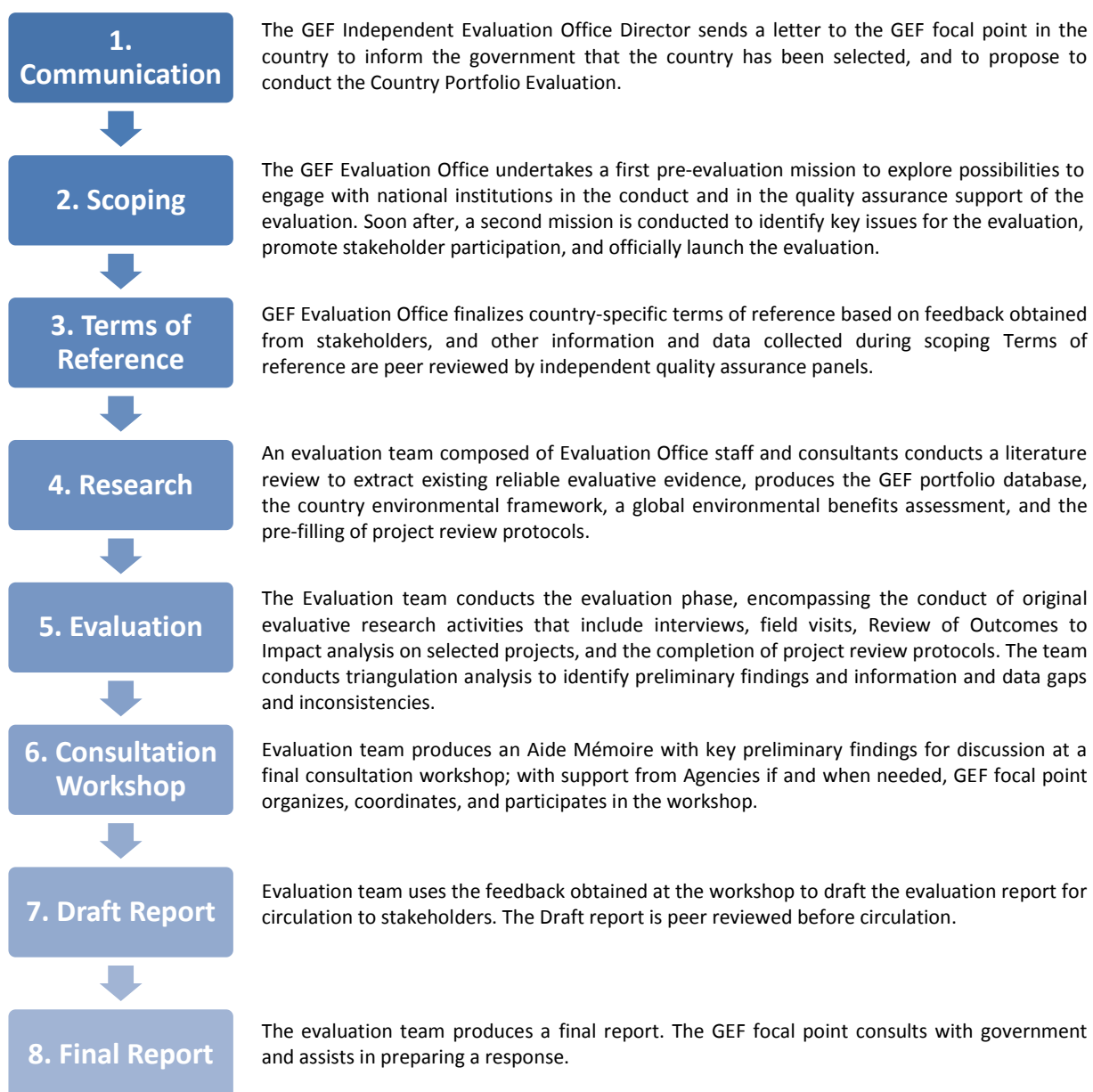
A team of consultants and institutions will be assembled to support the Independent Evaluation Office in the conduct of this evaluation.

The GEF Political/ Operational Focal Points play a critical coordination role in GEF matters at the country level besides serving as the liaison with the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agencies, and representing their constituencies on the GEF Council. The GEF Operational Focal Point is responsible for the operational aspects of GEF activities, such as endorsing project proposals to affirm that they are consistent with national plans and priorities. During the CPE, the GEF Focal Points are expected to provide the following:

► **Coordination**—facilitate the evaluation team consultations with stakeholders on GEF strategic, operational and other matters; support in identifying interviewees, source documents, organizing interviews, field visits, and meetings.

► **Information sharing**—Disseminate CPE findings and recommendations with stakeholders for follow-up action.

The CPE Process



The GEF's Tajikistan Political/Operational Focal Point, Mr. Khayrullo Ibodzoda, Chairman of the Committee of Environmental Protection at the Ministry for Nature Protection. GEF Agencies in the country, nongovernmental organizations, and other major stakeholders will participate in the evaluation.

The GEF Independent Evaluation Office is an independent entity within the GEF reporting directly to the GEF Council. The Office assesses GEF policies, strategies, principles, and procedures as well as focal area programs. The goals of evaluation in the GEF are to learn from experience, provide an objective basis for assessing the results of the GEF's work, and provide accountability in the achievement of its objectives. It also promotes knowledge sharing on results and lessons learned among the GEF and its partners.