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Semi-Annual Evaluation Report

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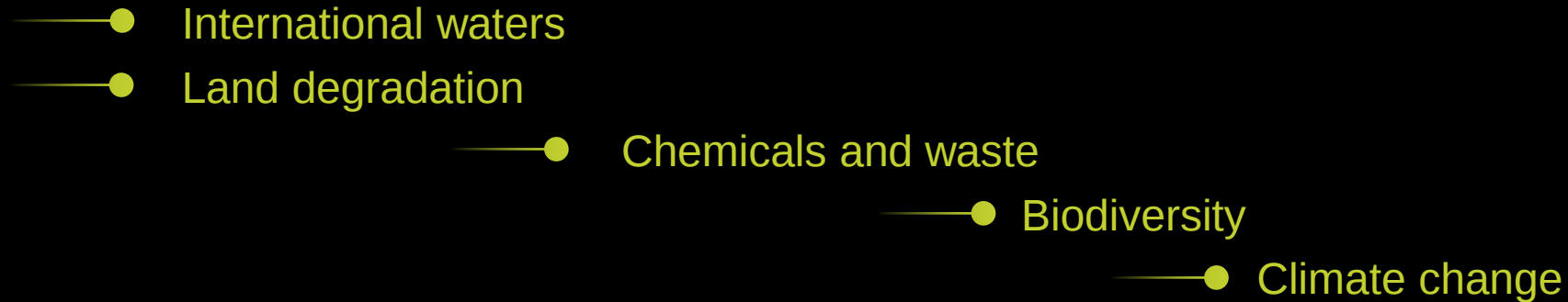
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6th Comprehensive Evaluation OPS6

October November December January February March April May June July

Focal Area Studies

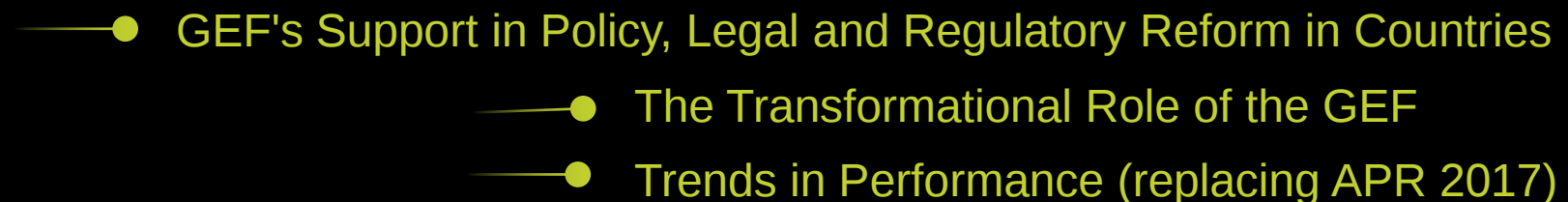


Mainstreaming / Cross cutting

< CSO Network (June)



Impacts



Institutional Issues

- Reform Process – Results Based Management
 - Reform Process – Knowledge Management
 - GEF6 Strategy, Global Relevance
 - Governance, Financing, Health of the Partnership

Thematic Evaluations

- Programmatic approaches
- Multiple Benefits of GEF support
 - Integrated approaches

OPS6

- Early findings

Full report >
(September)

Site visits to all regions





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SECTION III

Completed Evaluations

International Waters Focal Area Study

Mexico



GEF-1-3

3 operational
programs

GEF-4

4 strategic
programs

GEF-5

4 objectives

GEF-6

7 programs

Evolution of strategy



296

projects

\$1.68 billion

In grant funding

\$10.38 billion

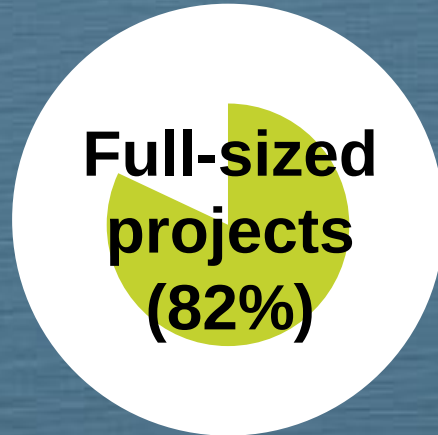
via co-financing

Portfolio



THE MOST COMMON...

Project modality



Agency



Region

**Africa
(26%)**

Findings



Goal

Stress reduction  62%

Foundational  21%

Theme

Fisheries  22%

Water body

Large marine ecosystems  46%

Findings



**High level of
contemporary
relevance**

Regional security
Transboundary waters
Responsive to evolving context

Findings





TRANSFORMING OUR
WORLD:
THE 2030 AGENDA FOR
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT

1 NO
POVERTY



2 ZERO
HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE
ACTION



14 LIFE
BELOW WATER



15 LIFE
ON LAND



16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



**Largely satisfactory
performance**



of completed projects have outcome ratings
in satisfactory range



of projects received ratings of moderately
likely or above for sustainability of outcomes

Findings



Contributions



Rehabilitation of the Black Sea
Northwest Shelf dead zone



Support the process leading to the
Stockholm and Minamata Conventions



Adoption of the Ballast Water Convention on
Alien Species, the Pacific Tuna Treaty, the
Guarani Aquifer Agreement



Establishment of the Benguela
Current Commission

Effectiveness



**A collective response
to international
water law**

**A catalyst for
integration**

Findings

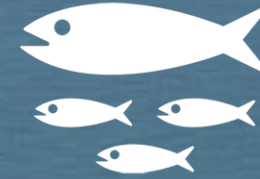


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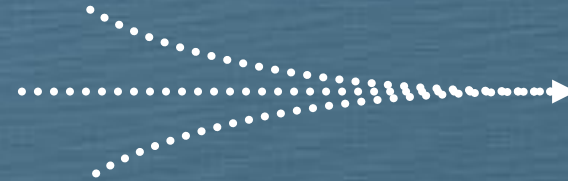
**Decline of the
funding envelope**



**No funding for project
or program preparation**



**Dominance of marine
and ocean investments**



**Lack of Agency participation
in strategy definition**

Areas of concern



STRATEGIC

Dialogue
conventions on
shared priorities

No new themes
without allocation
increase

PROJECTS

Simple and
measurable
indicators on
baseline conditions

New generation of
TDA

PROCESSES

Time and
investment to build
capacity on gap
priorities

More flexibility in
areas of political
tensions

Suggestions



Lake Victoria: Vegetation presence



2000

2003

2005

2007

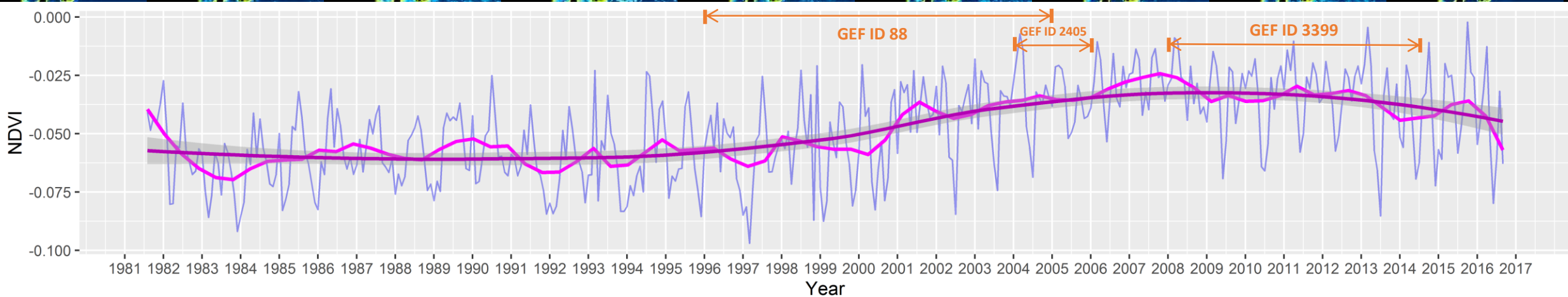
2009

2011

2013

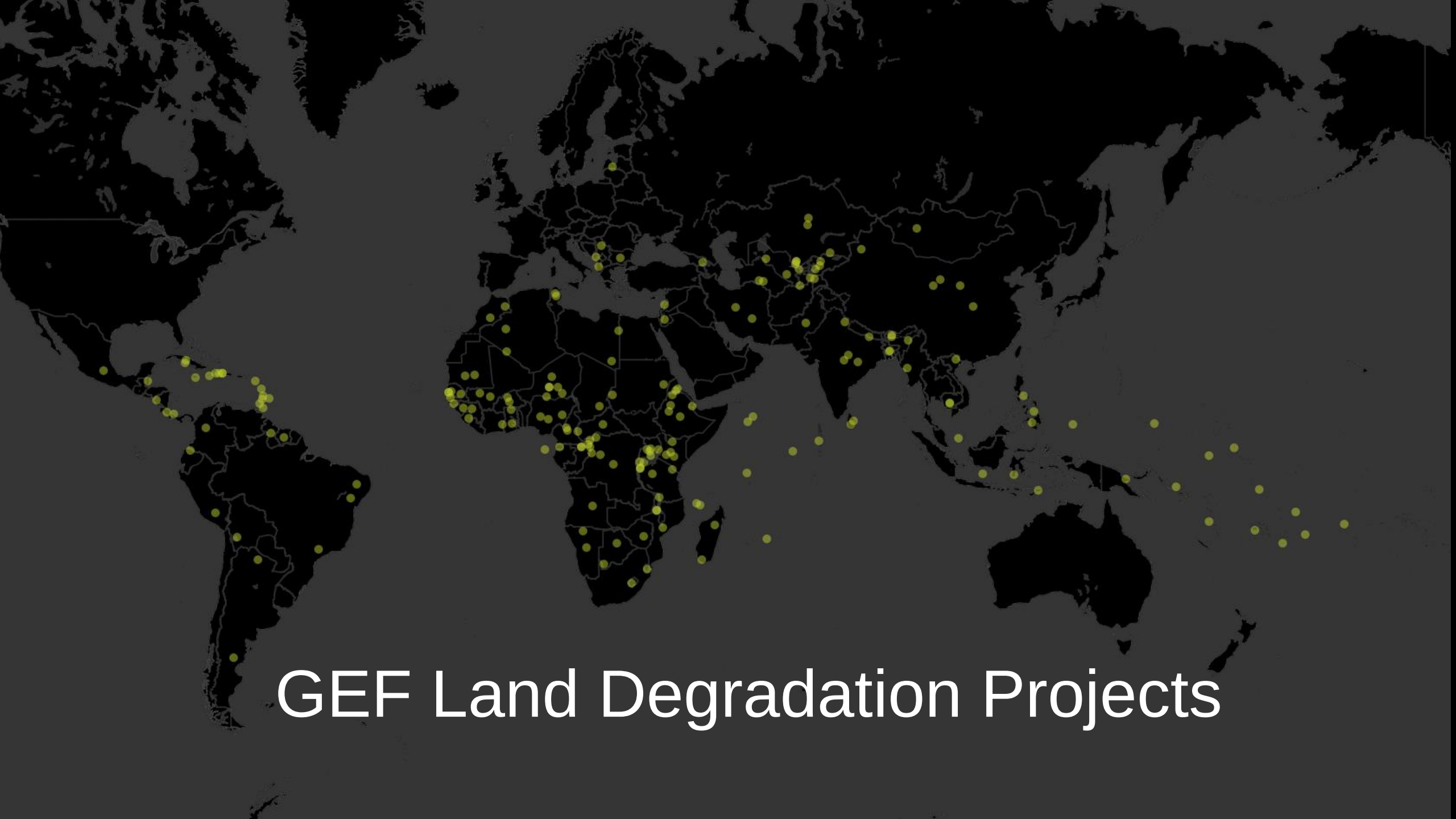
2015

2016

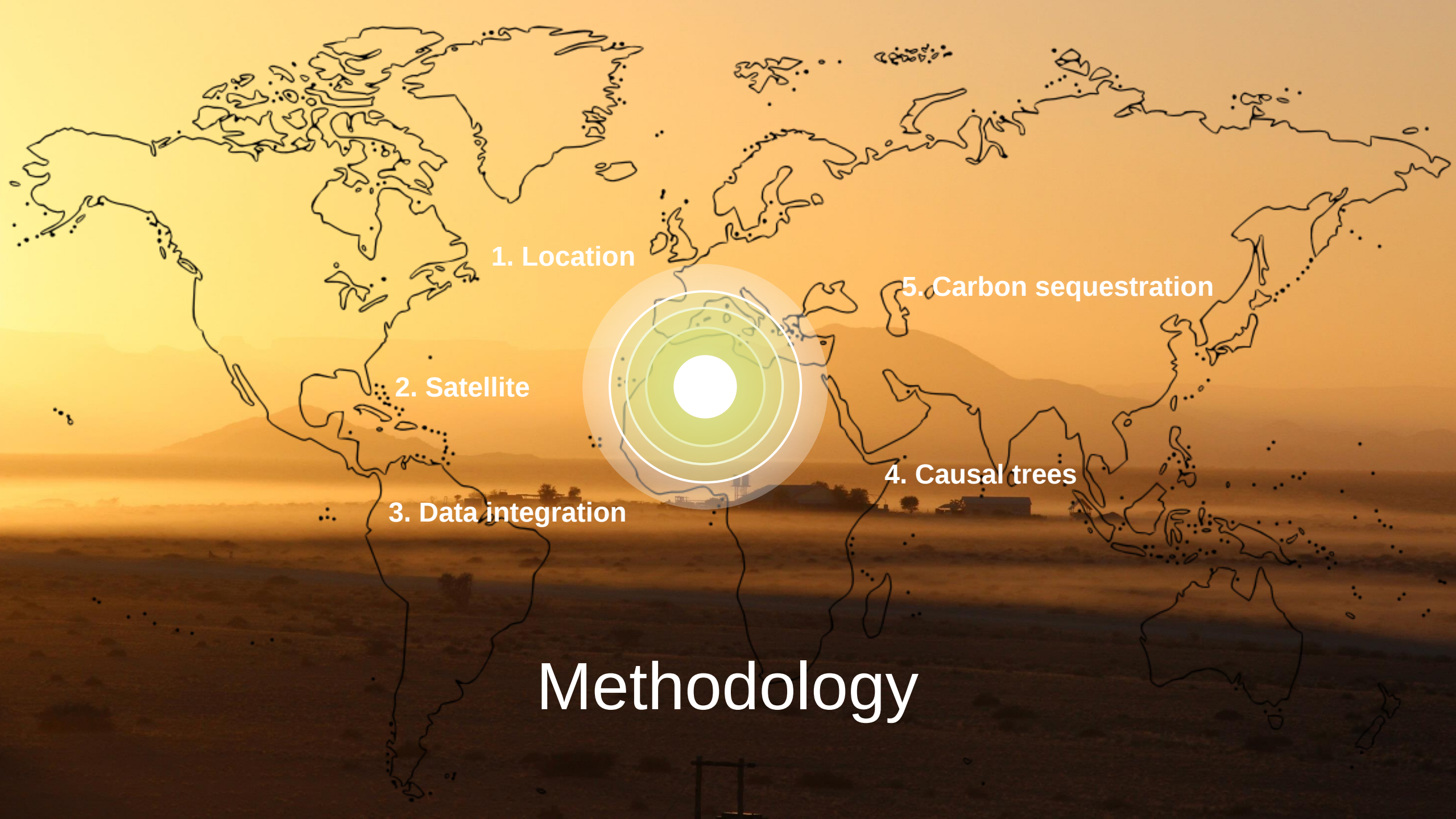


Value for money analysis of GEF Land degradation projects





GEF Land Degradation Projects



1. Location

2. Satellite

3. Data integration

5. Carbon sequestration

4. Causal trees

Methodology

Findings about location



Positive
increase in
Vegetation



25 km of
protected area



Low density



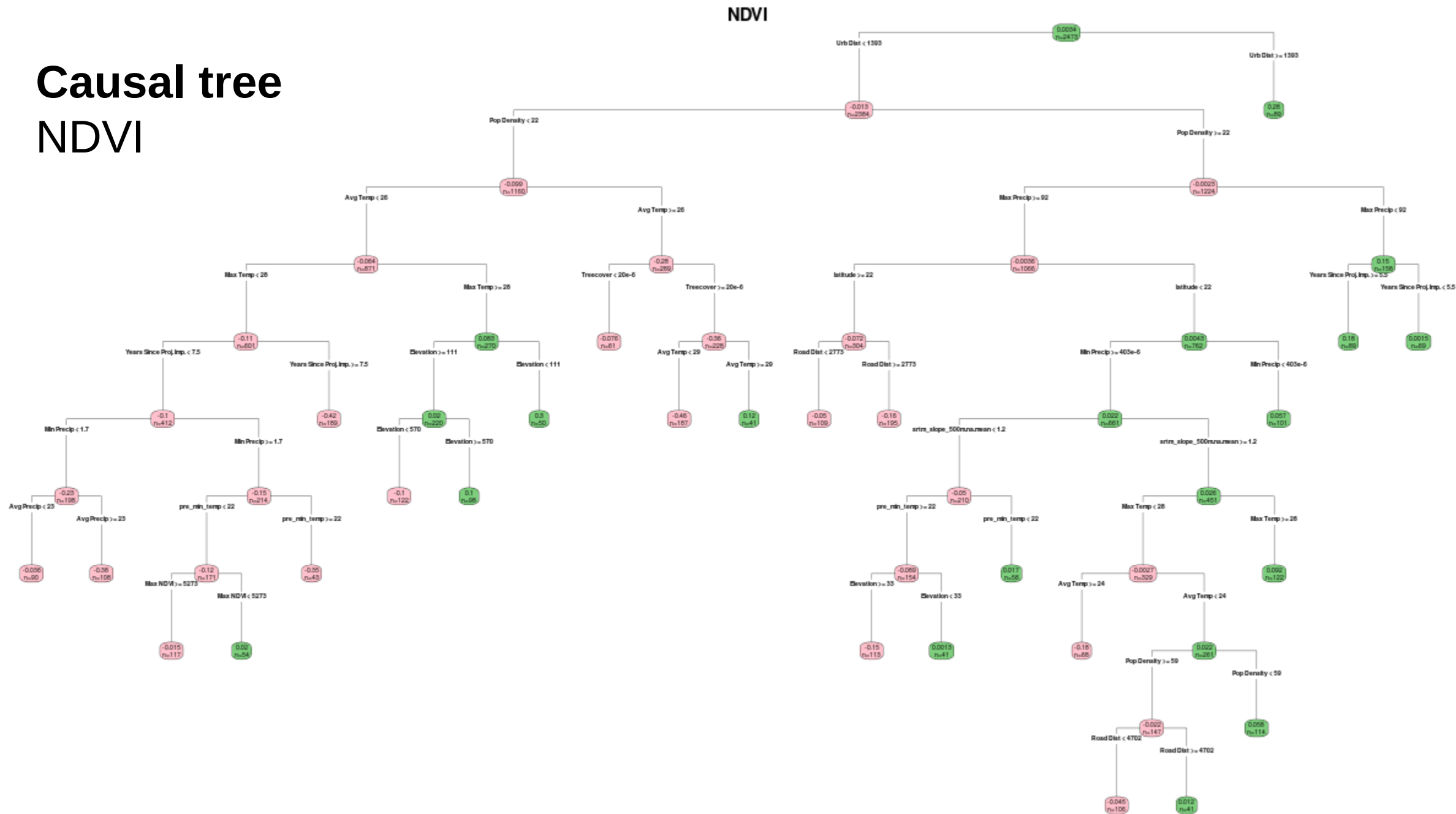
Variable
characteristics

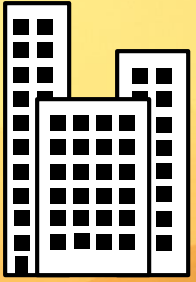


Some without
forest cover

Causal tree

NDVI





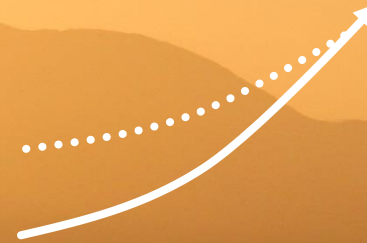
Less effective
near urban
areas



Time
required



Multifocal



Initial
conditions



Environmental
and Economic
characteristics

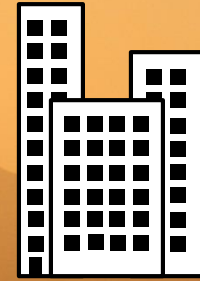
Findings: Vegetation



4.5 years after

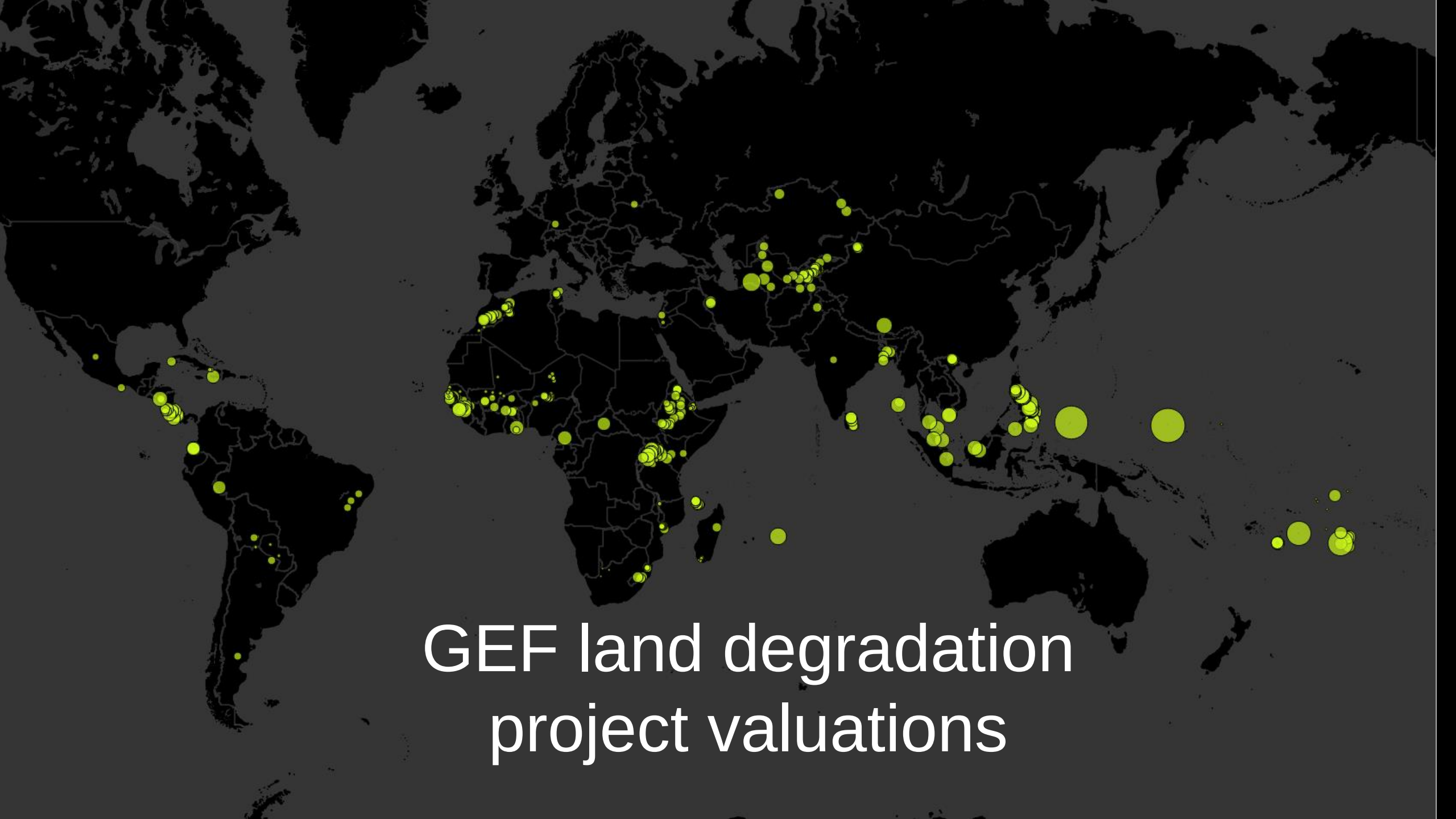


Population
density



More effective
near urban
areas

Findings: Forest cover



GEF land degradation
project valuations



43.52

tons of carbon sequestered
per hectare

108,800

tons of carbon sequestered
per project location

\$7,500,000

contributed to sequestration alone



Use a learning-based approach
as an initial screening tool for
project planning

Collect the exact geographic information
of GEF land degradation activities on an
ongoing basis

Suggestions

SECTION IV

Emerging Findings



1. GEF engagement with the private sector

Morocco, GEF ID 647

a. The environment is an important concern for the private sector



80%

cite it as an integral part
of their business strategy



90%

expect to invest more in the
development of environmental
products and services in the
coming five years

b. The GEF can add the most value in removing barriers for mainstream capital

Direct investments
or grants

Risk-sharing
mechanisms



c. The private sector is interested in collaborating with the GEF, but needs a better understanding of the offering

100% vs 50%

of respondents indicated they are interested in collaborating more with the GEF

indicated that they knew about both the GEF's engagement strategy and any private sector projects

d. The GEF should prioritize its focus areas to optimize additionality



climate change



forest management



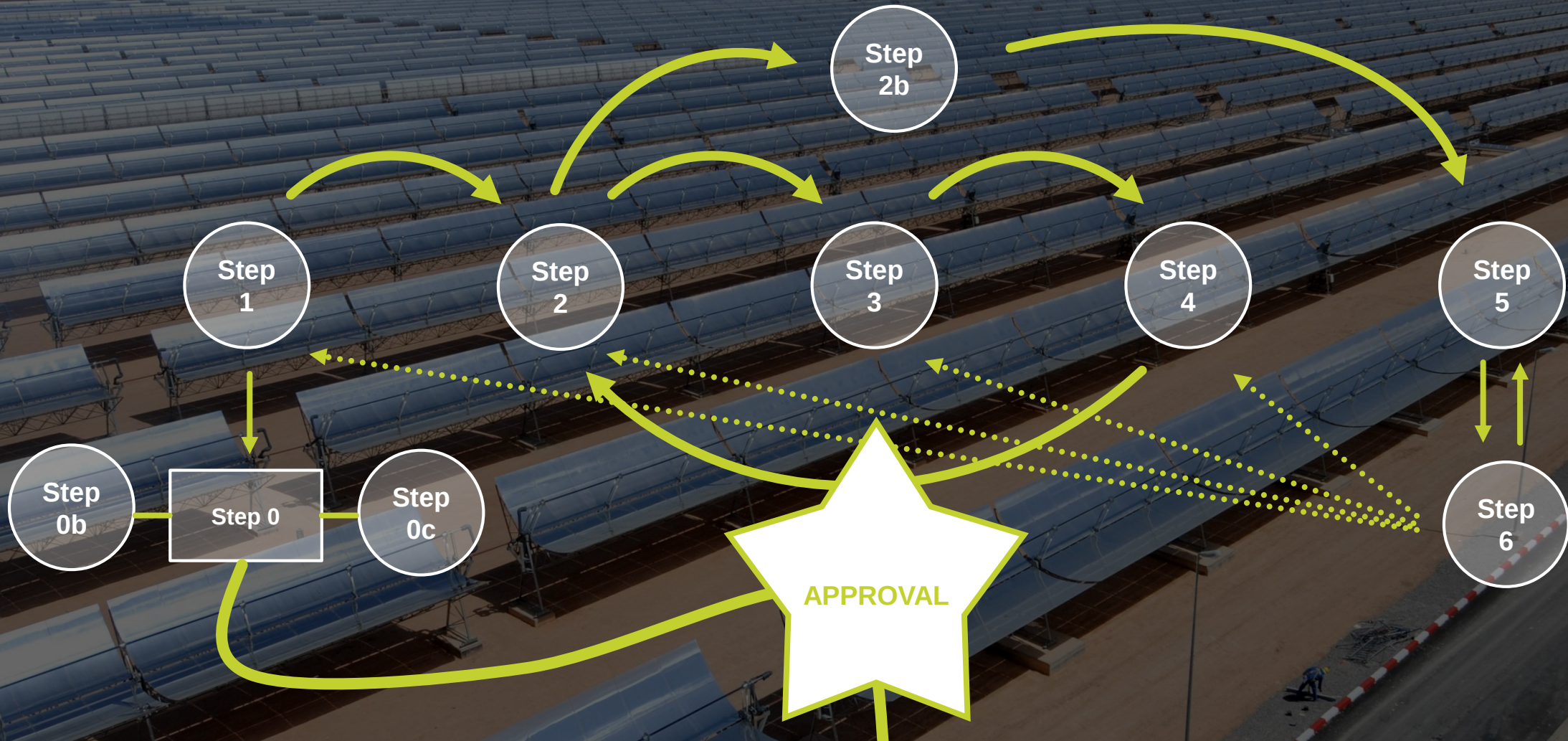
reduction of
harmful chemicals

e. The GEF should support innovative financial instruments and policy change

GEF

**Private
sector**

f. More efficient operations are needed for the GEF to be a credible private sector partner



A person wearing a green headscarf and dark clothing is standing in the middle of a vast, open-pit landfill. They are using a long-handled tool, possibly a shovel or a stick, to sort through the waste. The ground is covered in a thick layer of garbage, including plastic bags, food waste, and other debris. In the background, there are rolling hills with sparse vegetation under a hazy, overcast sky. A plume of white smoke or steam is visible rising from the waste pile on the right side of the image.

2. Chemicals and Waste Focal Area Study

Portfolio

482
projects

\$1.1 billion
In grant funding

\$3.4 billion
via co-financing

Portfolio

THE MOST COMMON...

Project modality

enabling
activities
54%

Agency



Region

Asia

Evolution of strategy

GEF-3

POPS
ODS

GEF-4

+Sound
chemicals
management

GEF-5

Chemicals
strategy
+Mercury

GEF-6

Chemicals
and Waste
Focal area



Coherence with conventions



**Stockholm Convention
regional centers**



**Priority funding
areas**



**Clearing-house
mechanism and
information exchange**



54

completed
projects

\$261

MILLION

in GEF funding

\$272

MILLION

in realized co-financing



78%

have **outcome** ratings in
the satisfactory range



62%

have received ratings of
moderately likely or above for
sustainability of outcomes



3. GEF Role in Supporting Legal and Regulatory Reform in Countries

Enabling support for reform



highly relevant to national strategies, plans, and priorities



important role in creating awareness among policy makers and the general public



Turkey
Biosafety Law (2010)



Sierra Leone
Environmental Agency Act (2008)

Project support



Turkey

Law on the protection of
nature and biological diversity



Philippines

Expansion of the protected areas
and critical habitats in the country



Morocco

Protected areas law



Tajikistan

Law on Energy Efficiency
and Energy Savings



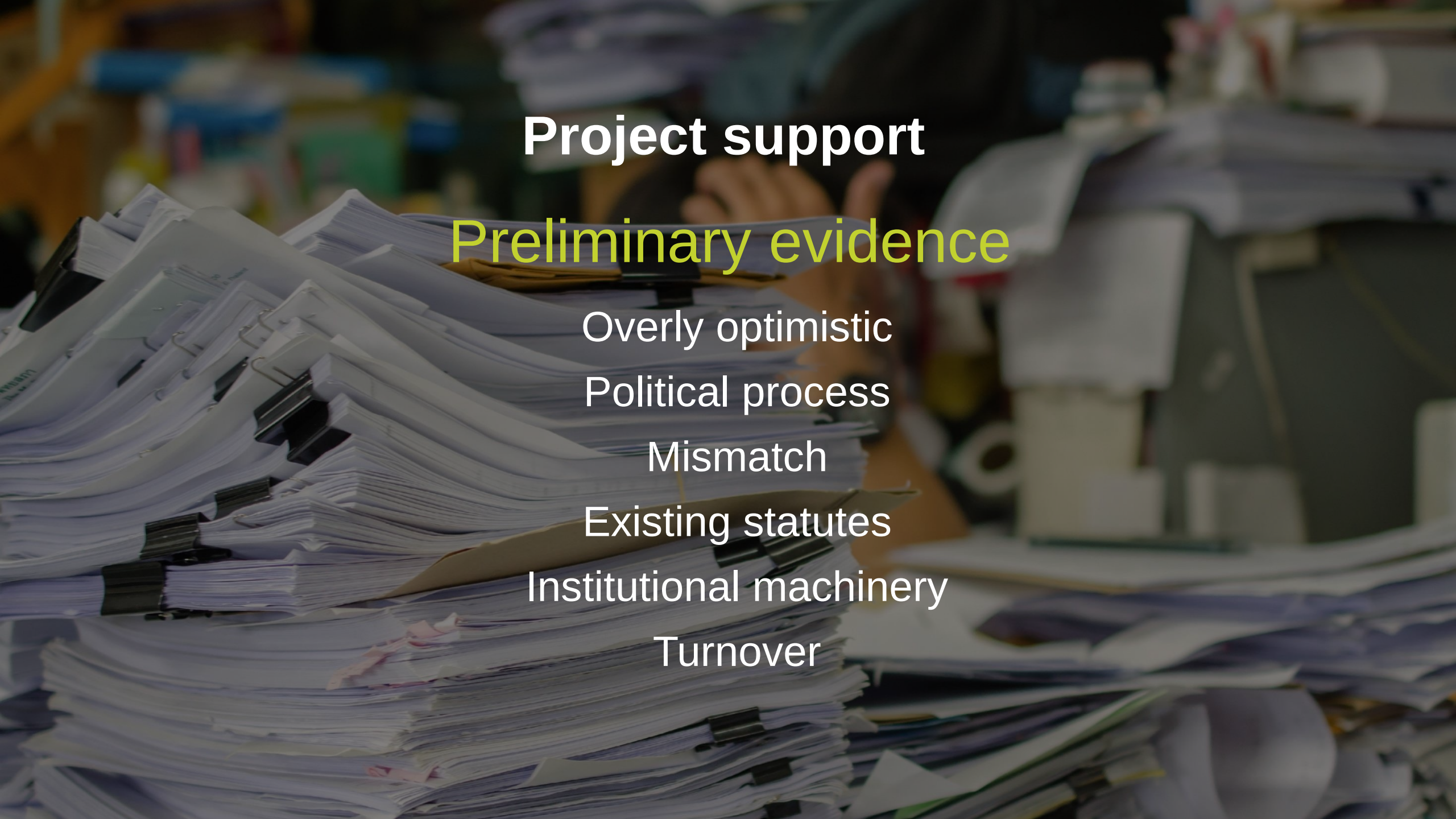
Namibia

Rules on solar water heaters, net
metering and renewable energy
feed-in



Lebanon

Lebanese Center for
Energy Conservation



Project support

Preliminary evidence

Overly optimistic

Political process

Mismatch

Existing statutes

Institutional machinery

Turnover



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SECTION V

Ongoing Evaluations



Evaluation of Programmatic Approaches in the GEF and the Integrated Approach Pilots

Multiple Benefits Evaluation



China, GEF ID 2788

A landscape photograph showing a dirt road in the foreground, a field with some debris, and rolling hills and mountains in the background under a cloudy sky. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title text.

Special Climate Change Fund Program Evaluation

A group of women are seated outdoors in a rural setting, likely in Senegal. They are wearing traditional headwraps and patterned dresses in various colors like orange, yellow, blue, and white. The women are looking towards the camera with serious expressions. In the background, there is a building with a red door and lush green vegetation.

OPS6 Cross-Cutting Substudies

Senegal

OPS6 Substudies on Performance



OPS6 Substudies on Institutional Issues

Mexico, GEF Assembly



Focal Areas Studies





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SECTION VI

Updates on Other Initiatives

Knowledge sharing and capacity development



Convention on
Biological Diversity

Expanded Constituency
Workshops



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Y CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO

Partners



Data & Maps

Take a tour of the latest GEF performance ratings in our new data visualization feature. This information came from the latest Annual Performance Report in 2015.

What's New

EVALUATION

Program
Evaluation of the
Special Climate
Change Fund...

EVALUATION

GEF Civil Society
Organization
(CSO) Network
Evaluation

EVALUATION

Evaluation of the
Programmatic
Approaches in
the GEF

EVALUATION

Evaluation of
Multiple Benefits
of GEF Support

OPS PERIOD

OPS 6

EVENT

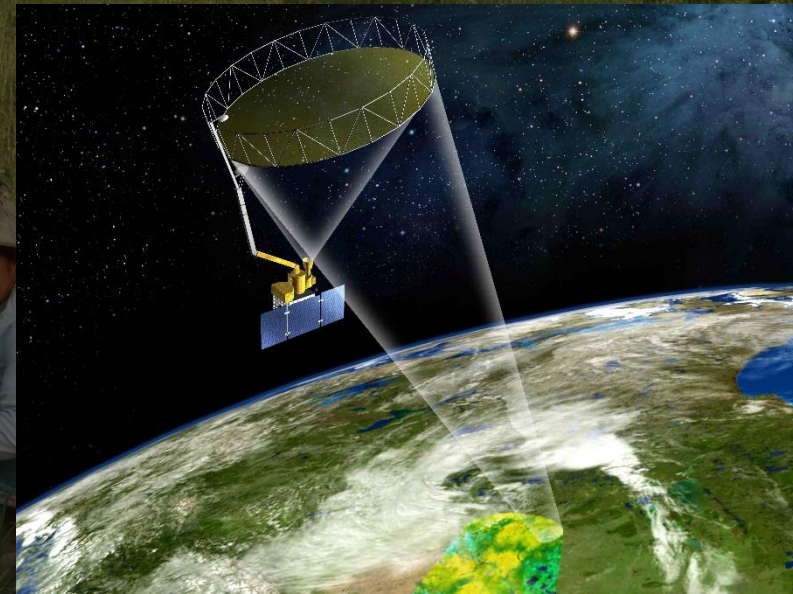
GEF Council
Meeting #51

Novel evaluation methods

Rapid Impact
Evaluation



Geospatial and
quantitative methods





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Recommended Council Decision

“The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.51/01, Semi Annual Evaluation Report of the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF, takes note of the findings and conclusions of the completed studies, and of the ongoing evaluations being carried out in preparation for the Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF.”