# **IEU LUNCH TALKS**



## The GEF in the changing environmental finance landscape

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2018 | 12.30 - 13.30 | G-TOWER, 13F MEETING ROOM 1 | Sandwiches served

Moderated by Dr. Jyotsna Puri (Jo), the Head of IEU, GCF

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### ABOUT THIS IEU LUNCHTALK

The role of the GEF in the changing environmental finance landscape was the focus of the Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF conducted by the IEO. This was presented to the GEF governing bodies at the end of 2017. The Comprehensive Evaluation covered a wide variety of topics, from GEF results and impact, to organizational effectiveness and governance. It was highly influential in shaping the programmatic directions and policy agenda for the GEF-7 replenishment in 2018. The presentation will focus on the design, process and main conclusions of the Comprehensive Evaluation, as well as discuss the role and influence of independent evaluation in large funding partnerships.

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