Four-Year Work Program and Budget of the GEF IEO

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Introduction

• The IEO will continue to provide feedback on the performance, results, and impacts of GEF support.

• The GEF-6 Work Program will be organized around key issues derived from the Sixth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund and relevant to the GEF 2020 Strategy, such as:
  - The extent, mechanisms, and conditions by which GEF support has identified and delivered integrated solutions and multiple benefits.
  - The extent, mechanisms, and conditions by which GEF support has addressed drivers of environmental degradation.
  - The performance of the GEF, including issues related to the GEF 2020 Strategy core operational principles.
IEO Work Program for GEF-6

Multiple Benefits and Integrated Approaches
- Evaluation of Multiple Benefits in the GEF
- Evaluation of Programmatic Approaches
- Midterm Review of Integrated Programs

Addressing Drivers of Global Environmental Change
- Joint Impact Evaluation of GEF
- Support to Protected Areas and Protected Area Systems
- Strategic Country-Level and Cluster Evaluations

Evaluating GEF Performance
- Annual Performance Report
- Evaluation of the Performance of the CSO network
- LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Reports

Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF: GEF in the Changing Environmental Finance Landscape

Mainstreaming of KM and Gender in all evaluations
IEO Work Program for GEF-6 (1)
Multiple Benefits and Integrated Approaches

• **Evaluation of Multiple Benefits in the GEF:**
  - Analysis of whether GEF programs and projects implemented under focal areas as well as multifocal area projects have generated multiple benefits across focal areas.

• **Evaluation of Programmatic Approaches:**
  - Explores issues pertaining to process effectiveness and efficiency as well as the contributions to global environmental benefits of integrated programs.

• **Midterm Review of Integrated Programs:**
  - Focuses on the start-up, uptake to target groups, implementation process, and links to the conventions of the following 3 programs:
    - Sustainable Cities Program
    - Taking Deforestation Out of the Global Commodity Supply Chains
    - Sustainability and Resilience for Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa
IEO Work Program for GEF-6 (2)
Addressing Drivers of Global Environmental Change

• **Joint Impact Evaluation of GEF Support to Protected Areas and Protected Area Systems:**
  - Assesses GEF global support to biodiversity conservation through protected areas and protected area systems.

• **Strategic Country-Level and Cluster Evaluations:**
  - Assesses the multiple benefits of GEF support and whether GEF projects and portfolios in countries have addressed and are addressing the driving forces of global environmental change.
IEO Work Program for GEF-6 (3)

Evaluating GEF Performance

- Annual Performance Report
- Evaluation of the Performance of the CSO network
- LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Reports
Evaluating GEF Performance

• **Annual Performance Report:**
  - Presents a detailed account of the performance of the GEF portfolio in terms of project results, processes that may affect project results, and M&E arrangements.

• **Evaluation of the Performance of the CSO Network:**
  - Assesses the performance and outcomes of the GEF CSO Network as requested by the GEF Council in October 2014.

• **LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Reports:**
  - Reports on updates of the 2009 Joint LDCF evaluation and the 2011 SCCF evaluation in the AER.
IEO Work Program for GEF-6 (4)
Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF: GEF in the Changing Environmental Finance Landscape

• Focuses on GEF strategies and approaches, as well as its relevance and performance and demonstrated strengths in the changing environmental finance architecture.

• Evaluative evidence will be collected from several evaluations, such as:
  - CSO Network
  - Private Sector
  - Non-grant Financing
  - STAR
  - Gender Equality Action Plan
  - Adaptation to Climate Change
Policy, Guidance, and Methodological Development

- GEF M&E Policy
- Terminal Evaluation Guidelines
- Impact Evaluation Guidelines and Handbook
- Guidance on Evaluating Gender in GEF Programming
- Participation in GEF Secretariat Working Groups
KM, Learning, and Evaluation Utilization

- Conduct a KM needs assessment to determine:
  - The level of use of IEO products
  - Collect information on the most appropriate and preferred communication formats
  - Identify priorities and topics for future learning products

- Develop a knowledge, learning, and communications strategy for GEF-6.

- Engage stakeholders at key points of an evaluation by developing a KM and communication plan.

- Review of the GEF-6 KM strategy and work plan of the GEF Secretariat.
Participation in GEF Meetings and Evaluation Networks

• Continue developing instructional and learning products to facilitate lessons learned from evaluations.

• Develop new training materials to be distributed during ECWs in coordination with the GEF Country Support Program.

Maintain an active role in networks such as:
- UN Evaluation Group
- Evaluation Cooperation Group
- Results, Measurement and Evidence Stream of the World Bank Group
- International Development Evaluation Association
- Universities
- Research institutes
Special Initiatives

- **Climate-Eval Community of Practice:**
  - An internal review is in progress to assess to what extent the original objectives have been reached, its impact in the evaluation community, and areas of improvement.

- **Evaluating Sustainable Development and NRM:**
  - Convene a workshop representing all key interests in the evaluation of sustainable development and NRM.

- **4th International Conference on National Evaluation Capacities:**
  - Lead a workshop on evaluating global environmental programs.
# IEO Budget for GEF-6

## Estimated Budgets - GEF6 (thousand $)

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Recommended Council Decisions


- The multiannual budget for the evaluation program of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office is approved for the amount of $19 million.
Thank you

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