GEF’s Support for Transformational Change
Transformational change is deep, systemic, sustainable change with large-scale impact in an area of global environmental concern.

Definition and Criteria*

4 criteria:
- Relevance
- Depth of Change
- Scale of Change
- Sustainability

*Adopted from IEG. 2016. Supporting Transformational Change for Poverty Reduction and Shared Prosperity.
**Internal Factors**
- Quality of implementation
- Quality of execution
- Pre-intervention analytical and advisory activities
- Partnerships with donors

**Transformational Mechanism**
*A mechanism to expand and sustain the impact of the intervention (through mainstreaming, demonstration, replication, or catalytic effects)*

**Contextual Conditions**
- Government ownership and support
- Implementation capacity
- Policy environment
- NGO & community participation
- Private sector participation
- Economic and market conditions

**Relevance**
- Climate Change
- Biodiversity
- Land Degradation
- Chemicals and Waste
- International Waters
- Sustainable Forest Management

**Outcome**
- Depth of change
- Scale of change

**Ambition Level and Focus**
(of intervention objectives)
- Depth of change (market and system focus)
- Scale of change

**Sustainability**
- Financial
- Economic
- Environmental
- Social
- Political

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EXEMPLARY END

Transformational Change

**Uruguay**
Wind power
- 2008: 0%
- 2016: 33%

**Africa**
- 1.3 mln – quality solar lanterns;
- Private market transformed

**Amazon**
- 13.2 mln ha – strict protection
- 10.8 mln ha – sustainable use

**China**
- Wind power
  - 2005: 1.3 GW
  - 2015: 129.3 GW

**Namibia**
- 98% PAs improved;
- Doubled number of wild dogs, leopards, cheetahs, lions (2004–12)
SUCCESS FACTORS FOR

Transformational change

✔ Clear ambition in design
✔ Addressing market and system reforms through policies
✔ Mechanisms for financial sustainability
✔ Quality of implementation and execution
✔ May be achieved by projects of different size