Joint Evaluation in a Partnership: GEF Experiences

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What we’ve done in joint evaluation?

- Five country-level evaluations (with UNDP)
- Four thematic evaluations with single Agency partner (UNDP, UNIDO)
- One thematic evaluation with donor (DANIDA)
- Two thematic evaluations with multiple partner Agencies (ADB, AfDB, EBRD, FAO, IADB, IFAD, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, WB)
The GEF partnership

- Secretariat and 18 Agencies
- GEF Independent Evaluation Office
- Evaluation function in Agencies varies considerably
Positives

- Potential for broader scope and multi-dimensionality in analysis
- Leveraging institutional knowledge
- Complementary tools and methods
- Learning opportunity
- Lesser burden to country counterparts
- Support during field visits
- Single set of coherent messages/recommendations to partners
Challenges

- Differing institutional mandates
- Differing timelines, e.g. Board schedules
- Differing institutional cultures, mindsets and language
- Cumbersome institutional arrangements
- Coordination at practical level
- Management of consultants
Lessons and conclusions

- Need to ensure common goal and scope
- Matching timelines
- Keep management arrangements clear and as simple as possible
- Benefits may outweigh costs
Let’s explore opportunities for joint evaluation!

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