



GEF Strategic Approach to Capacity Development

In-depth discussion on delivery of capacity-building support
through institutions and initiatives under the Convention

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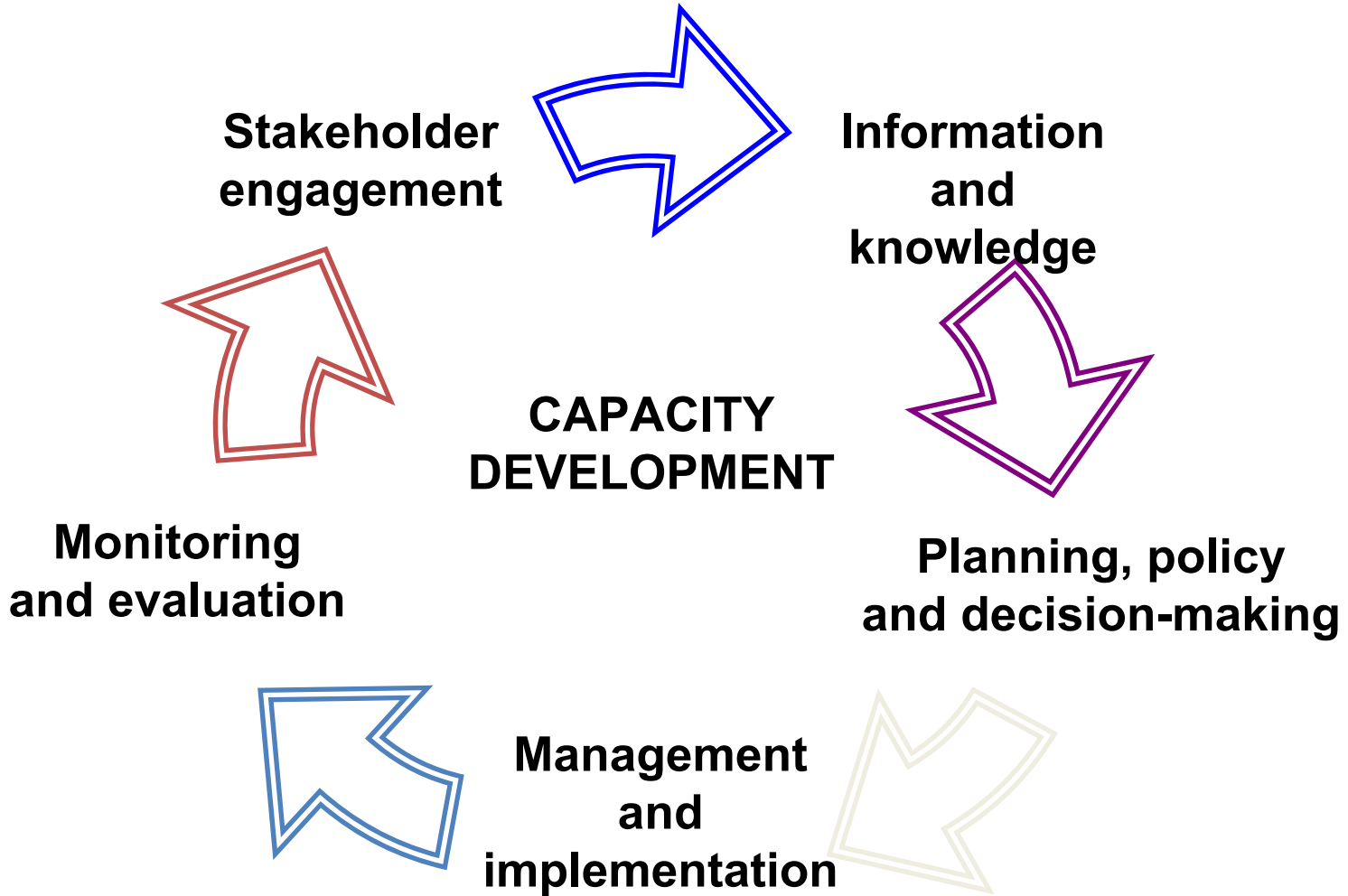


GEF and Capacity Development

- **CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT:**

the process through which individuals, organizations, and societies obtain, strengthen, and maintain the capabilities to set and achieve their own development objectives over time

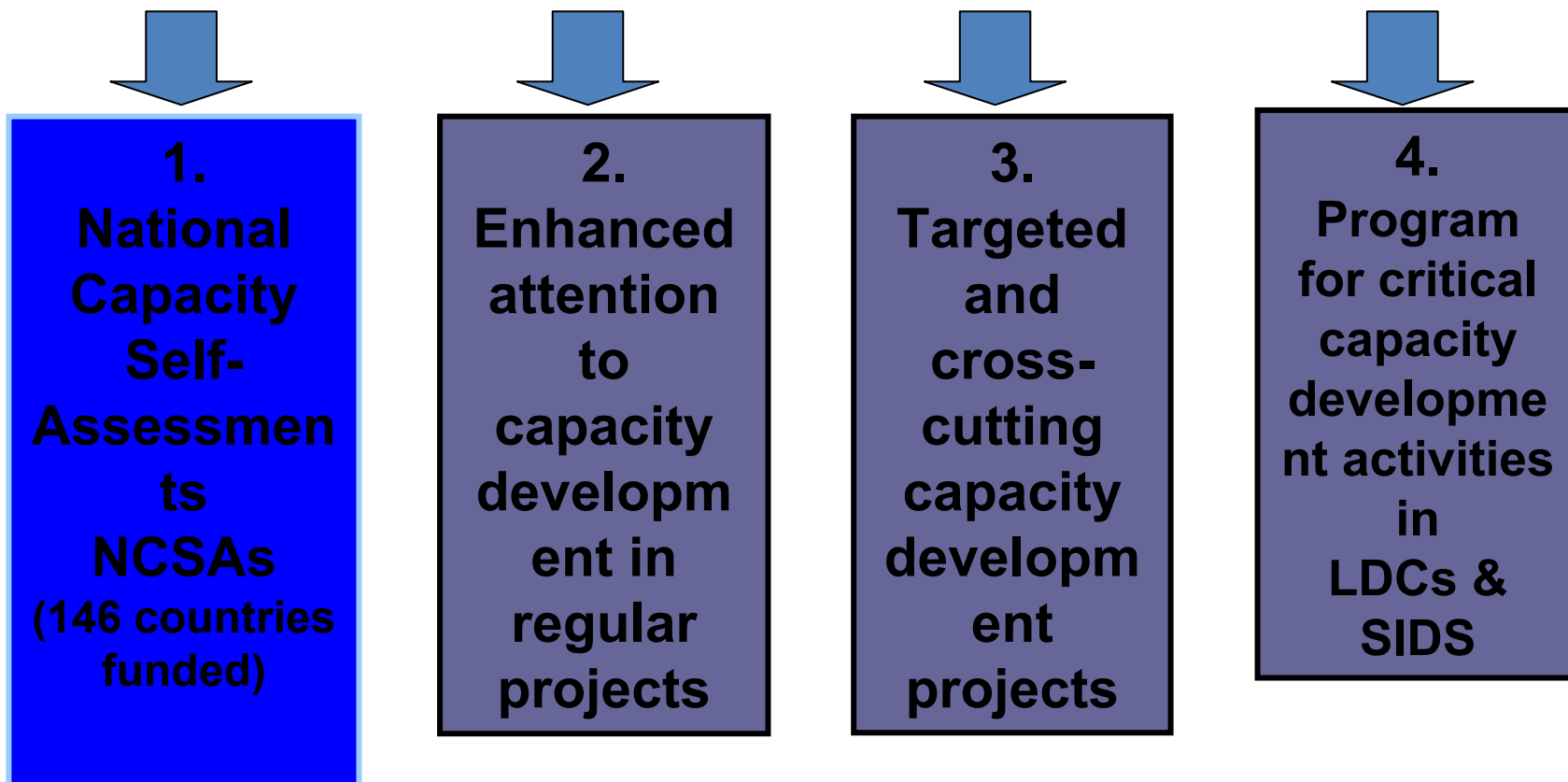
GEF has over 20 years experience in Capacity Development



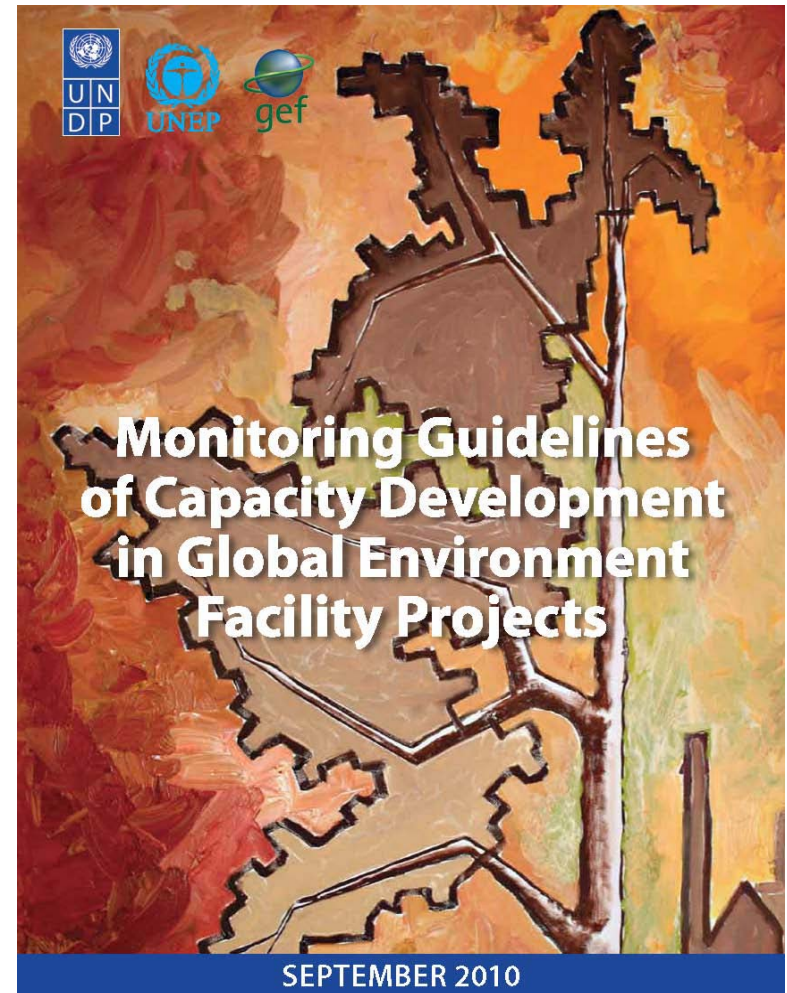
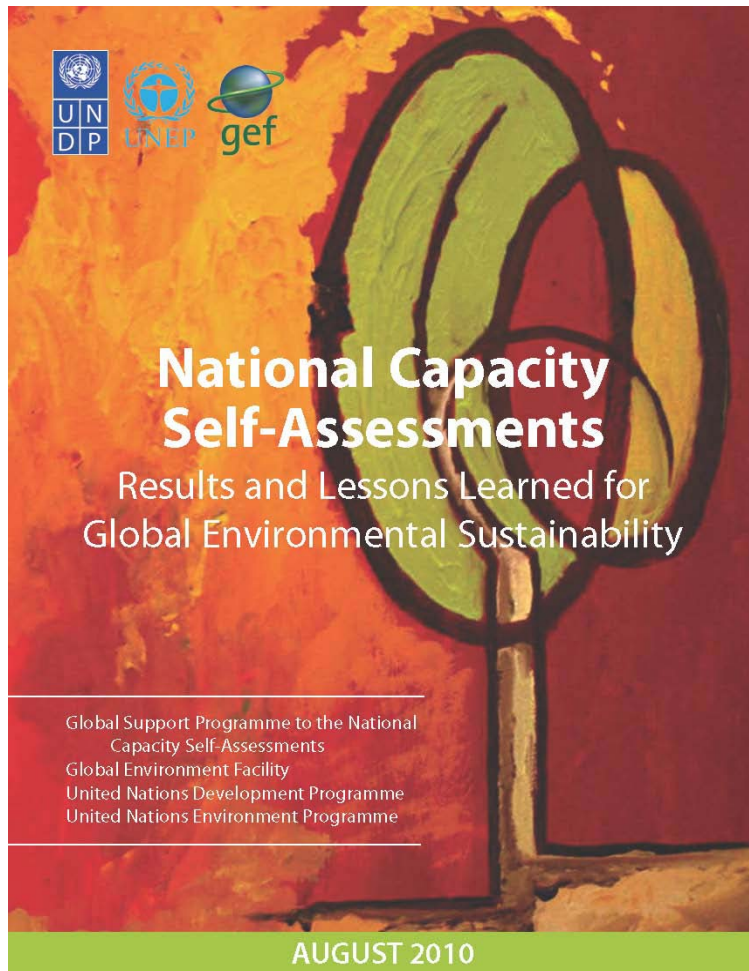
GEF STRATEGIC APPROACH TO CAPACITY BUILDING

Four Pathways defined to develop capacity of countries to implement Rio Conventions (Council in 2003 C/22.8)

Capacity Development Pathways through



NCSA results publications



Capacity development through regular GEF projects (2nd pathway)

When planning a GEF project for specific focal area eg climate change, are you concerned about not having:

- ❖ the necessary staff (properly trained),
 - ❖ the institutional (organizational), and
 - ❖ systemic capabilities (laws and regulations) to deliver the proposed project results?
- If so, then you should include certain measures in the project that you are preparing for the GEF financing
 - Majority of GEF financed climate change projects have capacity development element incorporated into the project

Targeted projects for institutional and human capacity development for cross-cutting capacity development (3rd pathway)

- Implementing GEF-5 strategic objectives focused on:
 - Institutional capacity development enabling to address capacity development needs identified in the NCSA (development of informational infrastructure, legal and policy basis, environmental management and monitoring, etc.)
 - Human capacity development enabling to address implementation issues of Rio conventions



Strategic objectives for cross-cutting capacity development in GEF-5 (available 44 million USD)

- **CD 1:** Enhance capacities of stakeholders for engagement through consultative process
- **CD 2:** Generate, access and use of information and knowledge
- **CD 3:** Strengthened capacities for policy and legislation development for achieving global benefits
- **CD 4:** Strengthened capacities for management and implementation of convention guidelines
- **CD 5:** Capacities enhanced to monitor and evaluate environmental impacts and trends



Generic requirements for projects:

- Be consistent with strategic objectives for cross-cutting capacity development
 - (http://www.thegef.org/gef/GEF5_Capacity_Development_Strategy)
- Have to be multifocal (to benefit at least three focal areas);
- Priorities to be identified through NCSA process;
- Can be MSPs or FSPs



Examples cross cutting capacity development of funded projects

- Bhutan - Enhancing Global Environmental Management in Bhutan's Local Governance
- Egypt - Mainstreaming Global Environmental in National Plans and Policies by strengthening the Monitoring and reporting system for Multilateral Agreements in Egypt
- Philippines - Strengthening Coordination for Effective Environmental Management (STREEM)
- Nicaragua - Mainstreaming the Multilateral Environmental Agreements into the Country's Environmental Legislation
- Kyrgyzstan - Capacity Building for Improved National Financing of Global Environmental Management in Kyrgyzstan
- Jordan - Developing Policy Relevant Capacity for Implementation of the Global Environmental Conventions in Jordan
- Jamaica - Piloting Natural Resources Valuation within Environmental Impact Assessments
- Kenya - Enhanced regulatory and information system for integrated implementation of MEAs
- Uzbekistan - Strengthening National Capacity in Rio Convention Implementation through targeted Institutional strengthening and professional development
- Croatia - Common Data Flow System and Indicators to enhance integrated Management of Global environmental issues
- Moldova- : Strengthening Environmental Fiscal Reform for National and Global Environment Management
- Montenegro- : Capacity building for integration of global environment commitments in investment/development decisions

Climate Change

- Capacity development at the core of climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- Climate Change Adaptation Objective 2 -Increasing Adaptive Capacity to respond to the impacts of climate change, including variability at the local, national, regional and global level.
- Climate Change Mitigation Objective 6-Supporting enabling activities and capacity building under the Convention.



Examples of climate change mitigation and adaptation projects with capacity development

- Central African Republic-Integrated Adaptation Programme to Combat the Effects of Climate Change on Agricultural Production and Food Security in Central African Republic
- Lesotho-Improvement of Early Warning System to Reduce Impacts of Climate Change and Capacity Building to Integrate Climate Change into Development Plans
- Guinea-Bissau - Strengthening adaptive capacity and resilience to Climate Change in the Agrarian and Water Resources Sectors in Guinea-Bissau
- Mali-Integrating Climate Resilience into Agricultural Production for Food Security
- Thailand-Strengthening the Capacity of Vulnerable Coastal Communities to address the Risk of Climate Change and Extreme Weather Events
- Ghana- Integrating climate change into the management of priority health risks in Ghana
- Honduras-Competitiveness and Sustainable Rural Development Project in the Northern Zone (Awaiting Council Approval)
- Mauritius-Removal of Barriers to Solar PV Power Generation in Mauritius, Rodrigues and the Outer Islands
- Peru- Energy Efficiency Standards and Labels in Peru
- Vietnam- Vietnam Clean Production and Energy Efficiency Project
- Nepal- Kathmandu Sustainable Urban Transport Project
- Liberia -Lighting One Million Lives in Liberia (Awaiting Council Approval)
- Bangladesh-Development of Sustainable Renewable Energy Power Generation (Awaiting Council Approval)
- Morocco- Market Transformation for Energy Efficient Lighting in Morocco. (Awaiting Council Approval)

Lessons Learnt

- Capacity development needs to be integrated in the project programme design/ investment
- Stand alone capacity development projects and programmes have general not been successful

Thank you!

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