

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GEF REPORT TO COP 30



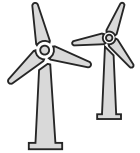
global  
environment  
facility  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

GEF Secretariat  
[secretariat@thegef.org](mailto:secretariat@thegef.org)  
October 29 2025

# GEF Report to UNFCCC COP 30

- Annual report submitted to COP as per UNFCCC COP – GEF Council MoU
- Covers reporting period July 2024-June 2025
- Third year of GEF-8 with response to guidance, updates on programming, results, partnerships

# GEF Report Highlights (1/3)



## Mitigation

- 29 projects approved
- US\$251.7M GEF financing
- US\$1.5B co-financing
- 42.4 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>e avoided



## Adaptation

- 19 LDCF/SCCF projects approved
- US\$171.2M GEF financing
- 15 LDCs targeted
- 10.1M beneficiaries (53% women)



## Transparency and Capacity-Building

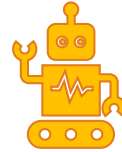
- BTRs: 115 countries supported (\$116M) + \$49M in 33 countries under review
- Supported outputs: 203 BURs, 564 NCs, 163 BTRs
- CBIT: 104 projects, 98 countries (\$188M total)

# GEF Report Highlights (2/3)



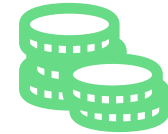
## Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation

- Catalyzes private-sector adaptation innovation
- 3rd Call for US\$20M
- 117 concepts; 13 winners announced at COP 29
- Focus on scalable, bankable adaptation models and technologies



## Technology Transfer

- Central in GEF-8 Pillar I – enabling systemic mitigation
- FY 2025: 11 CCM projects + 1 addendum; US\$94.8M GEF, US\$1.2B co-financing
- Active collaboration with TEC & CTCN



## Private Sector & Blended Finance

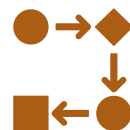
- US\$196M GEFTF allocated to blended finance solutions
- FY 2025: US\$54M GEF → US\$1.3B co-financing
- Projects: Green Mobility Africa, Central Asia Green Acceleration, Dominica Geothermal

# GEF Report Highlights (3/3)



## Climate Funds Complementarity

- Enhanced coherence with GCF, AF, CIFs, FRLD
- Country platform pilots in Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar, Seychelles
- Strengthened joint programming under 2024 Joint Action Plan



## Streamlining Access & Processes

- Reduced project cycle by 6.5 months on average
- MSP one-step ceiling raised to US\$5M
- Policy amendments discussed at 69th Council (2025) for efficiency



## Small Grants Programme

- US\$155M allocated + country allocations
- Two \$10M pilots: CSO Challenge (IUCN), Microfinance Initiative (World Bank)
- Targets youth, women, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities



# Response to COP 29 and CMA Decisions

COP 29 and CMA 6 adopted key decisions on finance, adaptation, technology transfer, and transparency

- GEF responded through policy reforms, streamlining processes, capacity building, and enhancing complementarity among funds
- Table 1 of the GEF COP report maps each decision to corresponding GEF response (pgs 5-29)

# Response to COP 29 and CMA Decisions: Highlights

## LDCF and SCCF Guidance

- **Guidance:** Support smooth transition of graduating LDCs
- Streamline access and enhance coherence with Loss and Damage Fund
- **GEF Response:** LDCF/SCCF Draft Strategy includes transition support, governance improvements, coordination with FRLD Secretariat

## Access and Partnership Reforms

- **Guidance:** Broaden implementing agencies and strengthen local capacity
- **GEF Response:** Policy revisions in Project Cycle, Fiduciary Standards, and Fee Policy; engage regional entities
- Training workshops for Operational Focal Points in Africa, LAC, and Asia-Pacific

## Transparency and Reporting

- **Guidance:** Continue support for NCs and BTRs
- **GEF Response:** Funded 560+ NCs, 200 BURs, 160 BTRs; collaboration with UNFCCC Secretariat on first BTR workshop (SB62)



# GEF-9 Replenishment and LDCF/SCCF Strategy Process

- Process initiated in late 2024, to conclude in spring 2026, UNFCCC Secretariat as an observer
  - First meeting in Paris, France (May 2025)
  - Second meeting in Kasane, Botswana (Oct 2025)
  - Third meeting to be held in Bonn, Germany (Jan 2026)
  - Fourth meeting to be held virtually (May 2026)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> GEF Assembly to be held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan (May–June 2026)
- ➔ GEF Trust Fund Replenishment documents
- ➔ GEF LDCF/SCCF Programming Strategy and Operational Improvements





# THANK YOU



global  
environment  
facility  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

GEF Secretariat  
[secretariat@thegef.org](mailto:secretariat@thegef.org)

October 29 2025