

KEY UPDATE FROM THE GEF CLIMATE FUNDS PROGRAMMING

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Capacity building for accessing finance (Needs based
Climate Finance)-Addis, Virtual

The GEF and it's Unique Role



Convention on
Biological Diversity



MINAMATA
CONVENTION
ON MERCURY



United Nations
Convention to Combat
Desertification



Stockholm Convention
on persistent organic
pollutants (POPs)



United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change



As **financial mechanism**, GEF supports implementation of Conventions:

- ✓ National plan and strategy development
- ✓ Investing in national priorities towards Convention goals
- ✓ Convention reports and obligations
- ✓ Transparency enhancement
- ✓ Capacity building and technical assistance

GEF functions under **guidance/decisions** from Conferences of Parties (COPs) and is **accountable**:

- ✓ Participation in negotiations and mandated events
- ✓ GEF report highlighting response
- ✓ Response to Party inquiries



GEF: A Global Partnership

Largest environmental multi-donor trust fund in the world

18 IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES



GEF TRUSTEE



186 MEMBER COUNTRIES

GEF COUNCIL

STAP

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL

Provides independent advice to the Global Environment Facility



GEF Family of Trust Funds

Trust Fund that serves BBNJ, CBD, CCD, Minamata Convention, Stockholm Convention, UNFCCC

GEF Trust Fund



Climate Change



Biodiversity



Land Degradation



Integrated Programs



International Waters



Chemicals and Waste

Trust Funds that serve UNFCCC

LDCF

SCCF

CBIT Trust Fund



Trust Fund that serves CBD

NPIF Fund

GBF Fund

GEF Climate Change Trust Funds

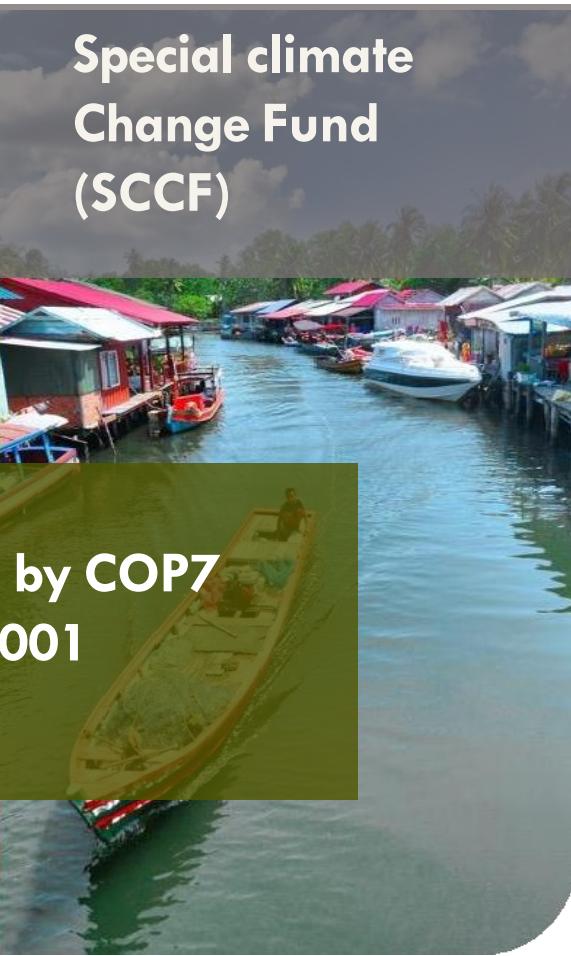
Adapting to climate change

Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)



Established by COP7 in 2001

Special climate Change Fund (SCCF)

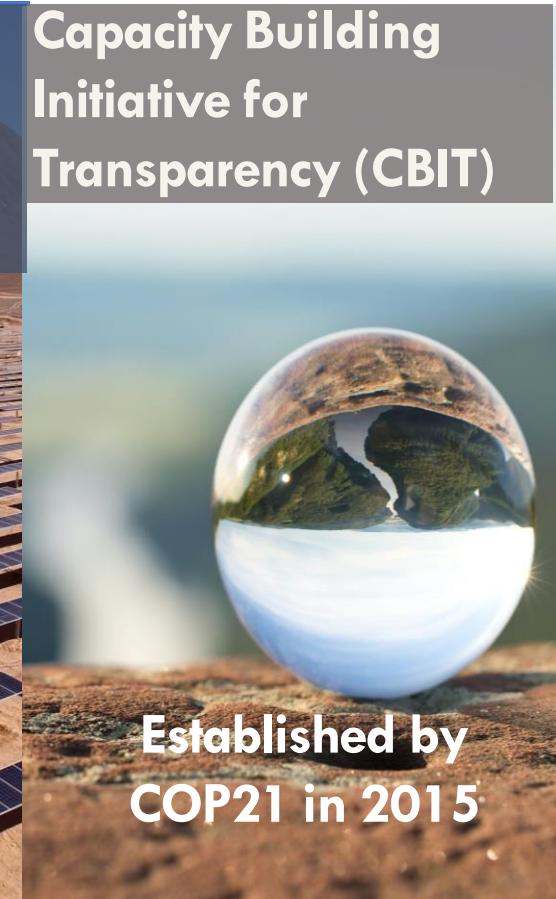


Climate Change Mitigation

GEF Trust Fund Allocation for Climate Change Focal Area



Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT)



Established by COP21 in 2015

GEF Project Modalities

- **Full-Sized Project (FSP):** over US\$5M
Approval by **Council** (twice a year & intersessional by mail)
- **Medium-Sized Project (MSP):** US\$5M or less
Approval by **GEF CEO** (on a rolling basis)
- **Program:** longer term and strategic arrangement of individual interlinked projects that aim at achieving large-scale impact
- **Child Project:** an individual project under Program





The LDCF/SCCF Programming strategy

2022-2026



To facilitate transformational adaptation in developing countries, towards achieving the Paris Agreement's global goal on adaptation

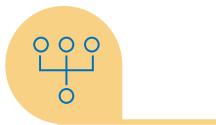
HIGHLIGHTS



To facilitate transformational adaptation in developing countries, towards achieving the Paris Agreement's global goal on adaptation



Build on strengths and value to address gaps, be innovative, inclusive, and agile



Positioned to generate and track multiple benefits and mobilize finance at scale, with GEF Trust Fund, GCF, and others



Major upgrading opportunity to catalyze transformational adaptation and contribute to Paris Agreement Global Goal on Adaptation



Informed by science and priorities, contributing to action and ambition in response to IPCC call for urgency

LDCF Priority themes for 2022-2026



Agriculture, food security and health

Heightened focus on community wellbeing

1



Water

Continued support to capture, store, conserve and enable easier and more reliable access to water

2



Early warning and climate information systems

Expand access and strive for greater user uptake

3



Nature-based solutions

High potential to deliver adaptation

4

LDCF priority areas for 2022-2026

PRIORITY AREA 1

Scaling up finance

- *Policy coherence*
- *Institutional capacity*
- *Innovative financing mechanisms*
- *Tools and metrics*



PRIORITY AREA 2

Strengthening innovation and private sector engagement

- *Technology transfer and innovation*
- *MSME incubation and acceleration*
- *Inclusive microfinance*
- *Risk sharing to catalyze private investment*
- *Enabling private sector action*



PRIORITY AREA 3

Fostering partnership for inclusion & whole-of-society approach

- *Institutional strengthening and capacity building at all levels*
- *Partnerships with local organizations and systems to address social equity*
- *Innovative financing opportunities to support whole-of society approach*



LDCF Financing Scenarios in GEF-8

FLOOR

SCENARIO A

Total: \$1 billion

SCENARIO B

Total: \$1.3 billion

Initial Cap per Country
(46 LDCs at \$20 million
initial cap per country)



\$920M

*Reserve to go
beyond initial cap
for national
projects*

\$193M

*Challenge
Program for
Adaptation
Innovation*

\$30M

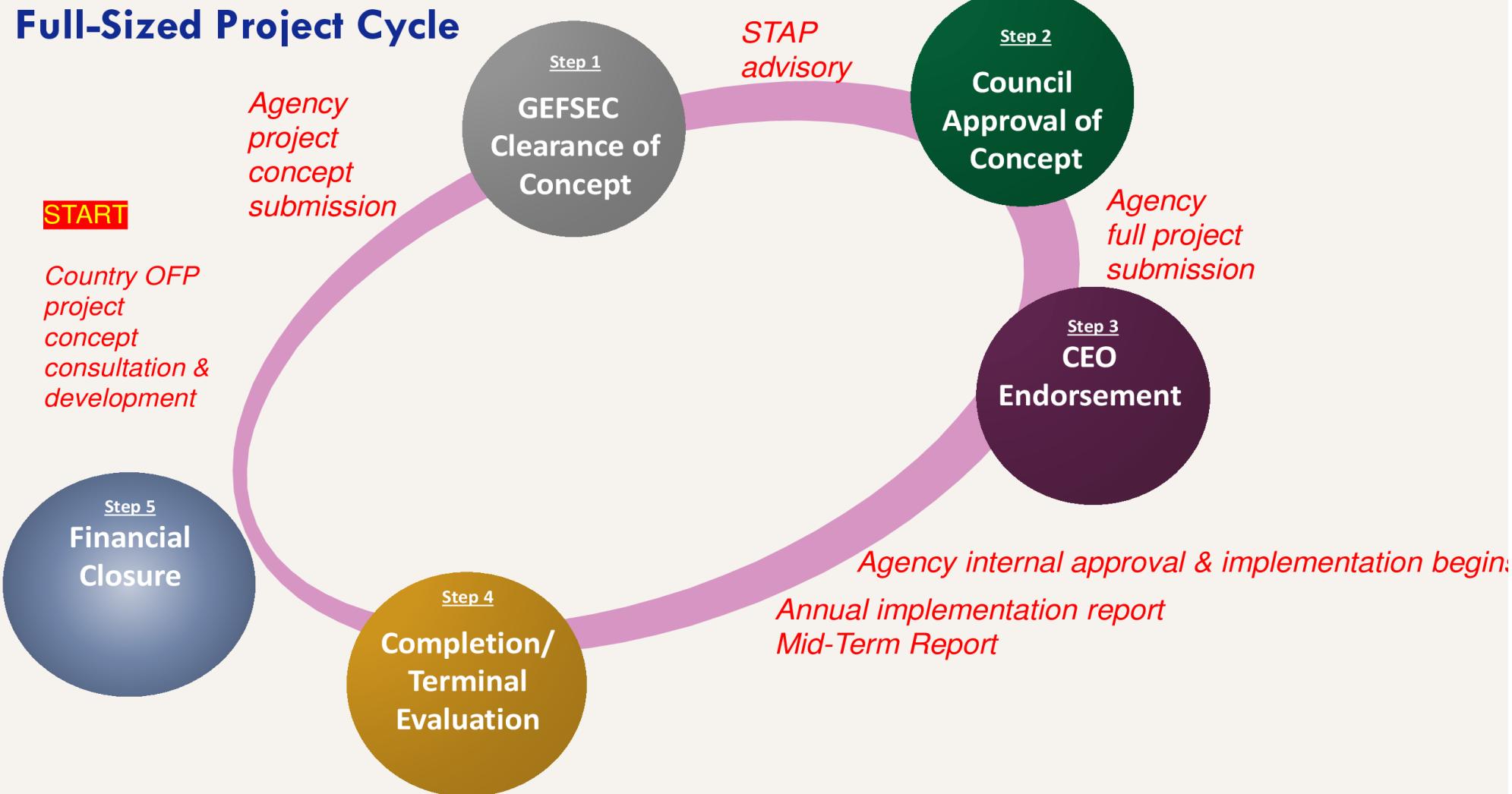
\$40M

*Regional and global
projects and initiatives*

\$33 M

\$130M

The GEF Project cycle



Factors Considered in Prioritizing Projects



Align with national plans, such as NAPs, NAPAs, NDCs and national sustainable development strategies

Align with LDCF/SCCF Programming Strategy for 2022-26

Opportunities to leverage/catalyze support with other funds

Level of resources previously accessed

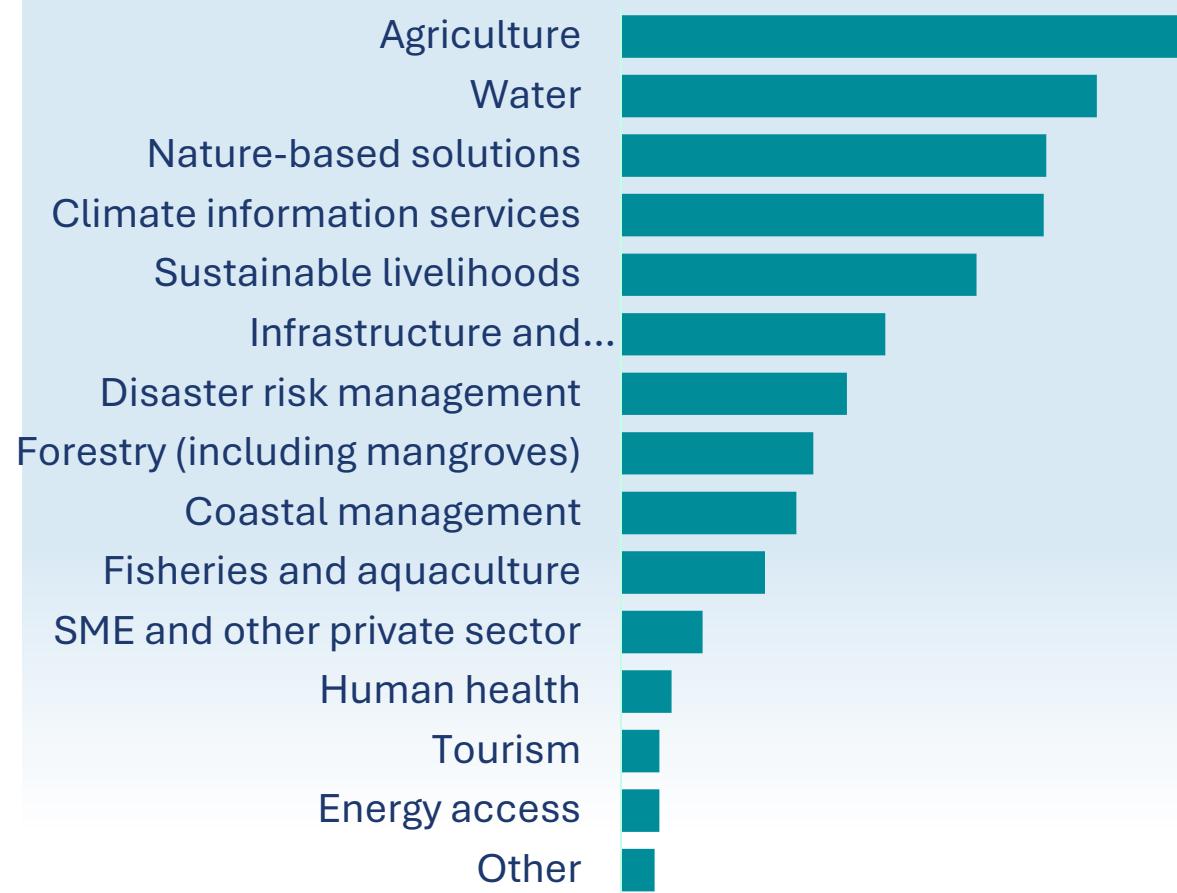
Additional factors:

- Private sector engagement
- Geographical balance
- Extenuating circumstances, such as natural disasters
- Timing of technical approval of projects

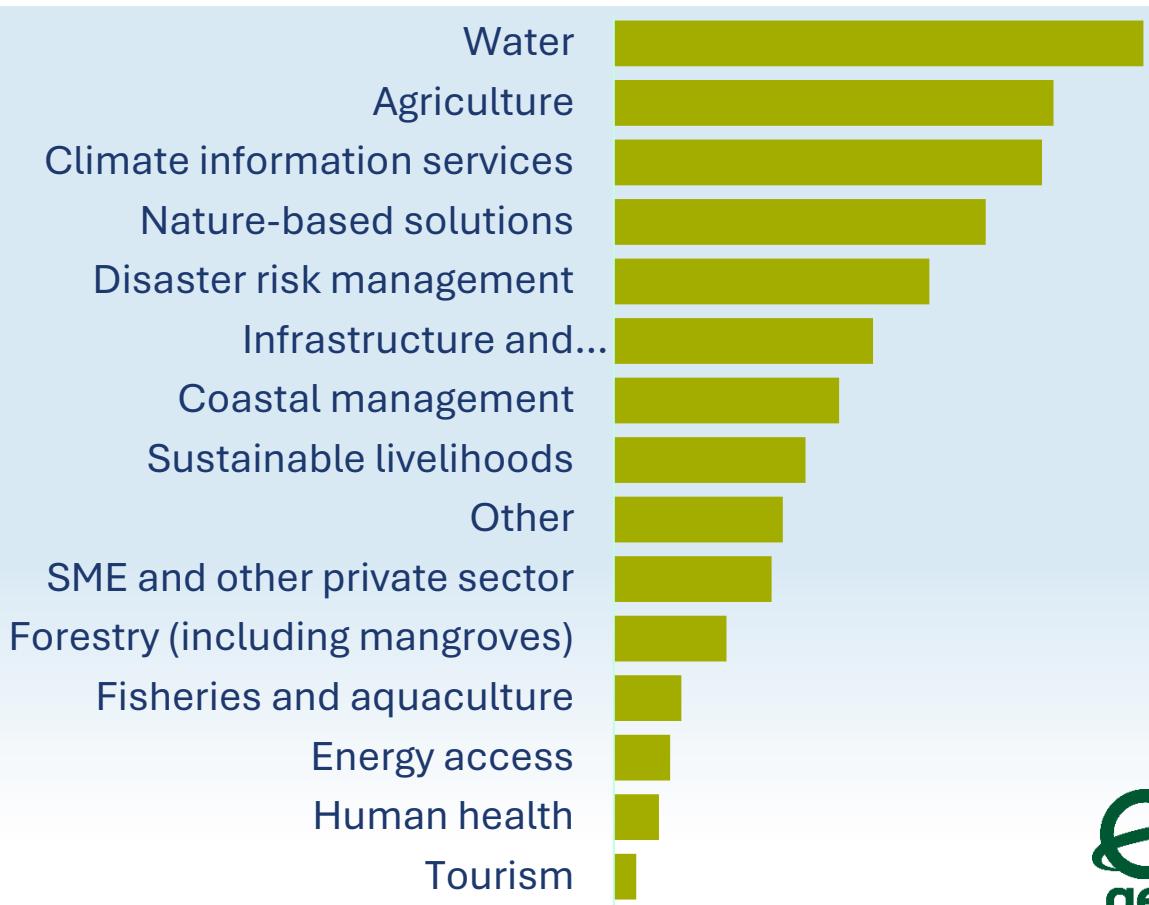


Sector Distribution of Projects

LDCF



SCCF



Status of LDCF/SCCF Resource Programming, as Of June 30, 2025

Country	GEF-8 LDCF/SCCF Resources Available (\$ Million)
Benin	10.00
Congo DR	20.00
Eritrea	20.00
Guinea	9.00
Guinea-Bissau	20.00
Liberia	10.00
Madagascar	13.00
Malawi	5.00

Country	GEF-8 LDCF/SCCF Resources Available (\$ Million)
Maritius	3.00*
Mozambique	10.00
Niger	10.00
Senegal	20.00
Sudan	20.00
Togo	10.50
Uganda	4.00
Zambia	2.76

* SCCF Window A



Status of the GEF Trust Fund for Climate Change Programming, as of June 30, 2025

Country	Fund Available (\$ M)
Algeria	0.15
Botswana	1.00
Burkina Faso	1.50
Cabo Verde	1.65
Cameroon	0.76
CAR	0.80
Chad	0.75
Congo DR	4.03
Djibouti	1.80
Eq. Guinea	0.50
Eritrea	1.85
Ethiopia	0.09

Country	Fund Available (\$ M)
Guinea-Bissau	0.30
Kenya	0.06
Libya	1.00
Madagascar	0.74
Malawi	2.00
Mauritania	2.00
Morocco	0.10
Mozambique	0.03
Namibia	0.15
Sao Tome and Principe	0.50
Somalia	2.00

Country	Fund Available (\$ M)
South Africa	0.36
South Sudan	2.00
Sudan	2.00
Tanzania	0.81
Togo	1.95
Tunisia	0.57
Zambia	1.20



Capacity-building support

For LDCF and SIDS Planning and Programming

OBJECTIVES

- *Support countries for high ambition and enhanced impact*



- *Ensure all LDCs have opportunity to access*



- *Advance programming of projects that articulate climate adaptation impact and enhance access*



Capacity-building support

For LDCF and SIDS Planning and Programming

Francophone LDCs and Haiti

HOSTED BY SENEGAL

Dakar, Senegal

120+ participants
involving 17 LDCs



Anglophone and Lusophone African LDCs

HOSTED BY ETHIOPIA

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

120+ participants
involving 16 LDCs



Capacity-building support

Country Engagement Strategy

Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECWs)

- ✓ Update OFPs and other stakeholders on GEF strategies and policies
- ✓ Facilitate sharing of best practices and lessons learned
- ✓ Foster regional and cross-sectoral collaboration
- ✓ Build capacity for integration of projects into national policy



National Dialogues

- ✓ Gather diverse stakeholders to discuss environmental issues
- ✓ Validate national policies and strategies
- ✓ Identify priority environmental projects for national funding
- ✓ Increase national ownership, coordination, and awareness.



GEF operational focal points (OFPs) Trainings

- ✓ Enhance the operational effectiveness of OFPs
- ✓ Strengthens OFPs' project oversight and monitoring capacity
- ✓ Fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing





**global
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facility**
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



**GREEN
CLIMATE
FUND**

Complementary Programming between GEF and GCF

Long-term vision on complementarity

Elements

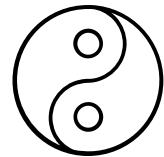


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**Collaborative and
coordinated programming**



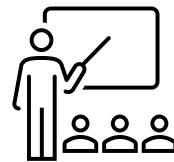
Major initiatives

National investment planning

List of priorities for each fund

Collaborating financing platforms

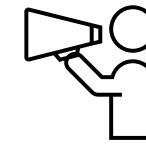
**Sharing information, lessons
learned and knowledge**



Lessons learned from portfolio to
strengthen implementation

Development and use of
guidance products and
methodologies for design and
measurement

**Communication
and outreach**



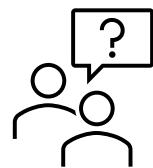
Communicate about LTV in
programming

Enhance outreach and
communications with donors,
at COPs

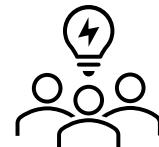


Long-term vision on complementarity

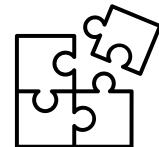
Ongoing Work



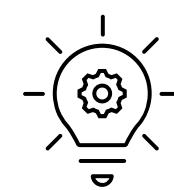
Consultations on additional major initiatives



Joint national investment planning in 5 countries with Taskforce for Climate Finance Access



Analysis of GEF/GCF processes and policies and recommendations to support complementarity

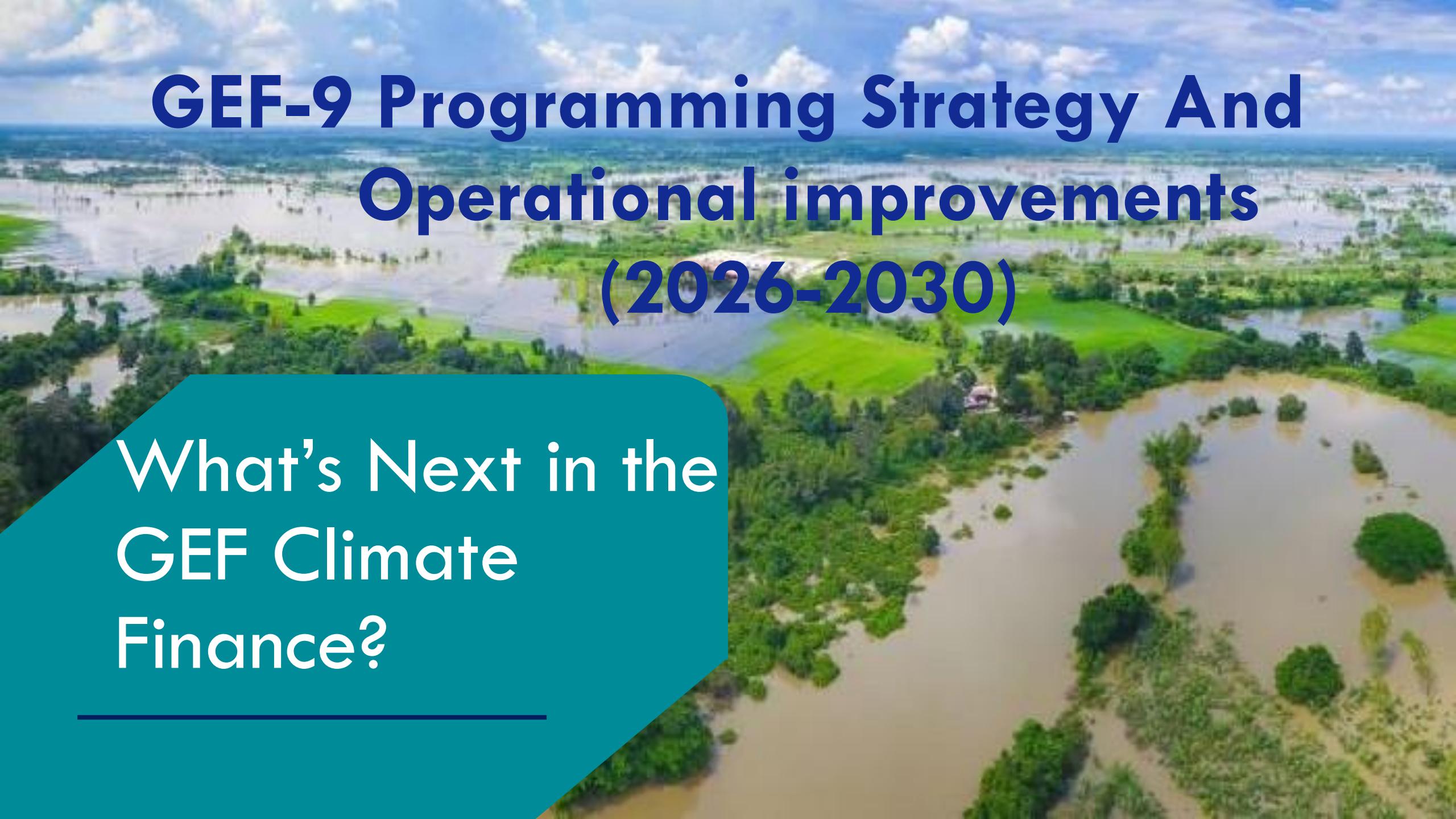


Outreach and knowledge sharing expansion: COP 28 joint pavilion



GEF-9 Programming Strategy And Operational improvements (2026-2030)

What's Next in the
GEF Climate
Finance?



Thank you

