GEF PRESENTATION
WEBINARS WITH THE OPERATING ENTITIES OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

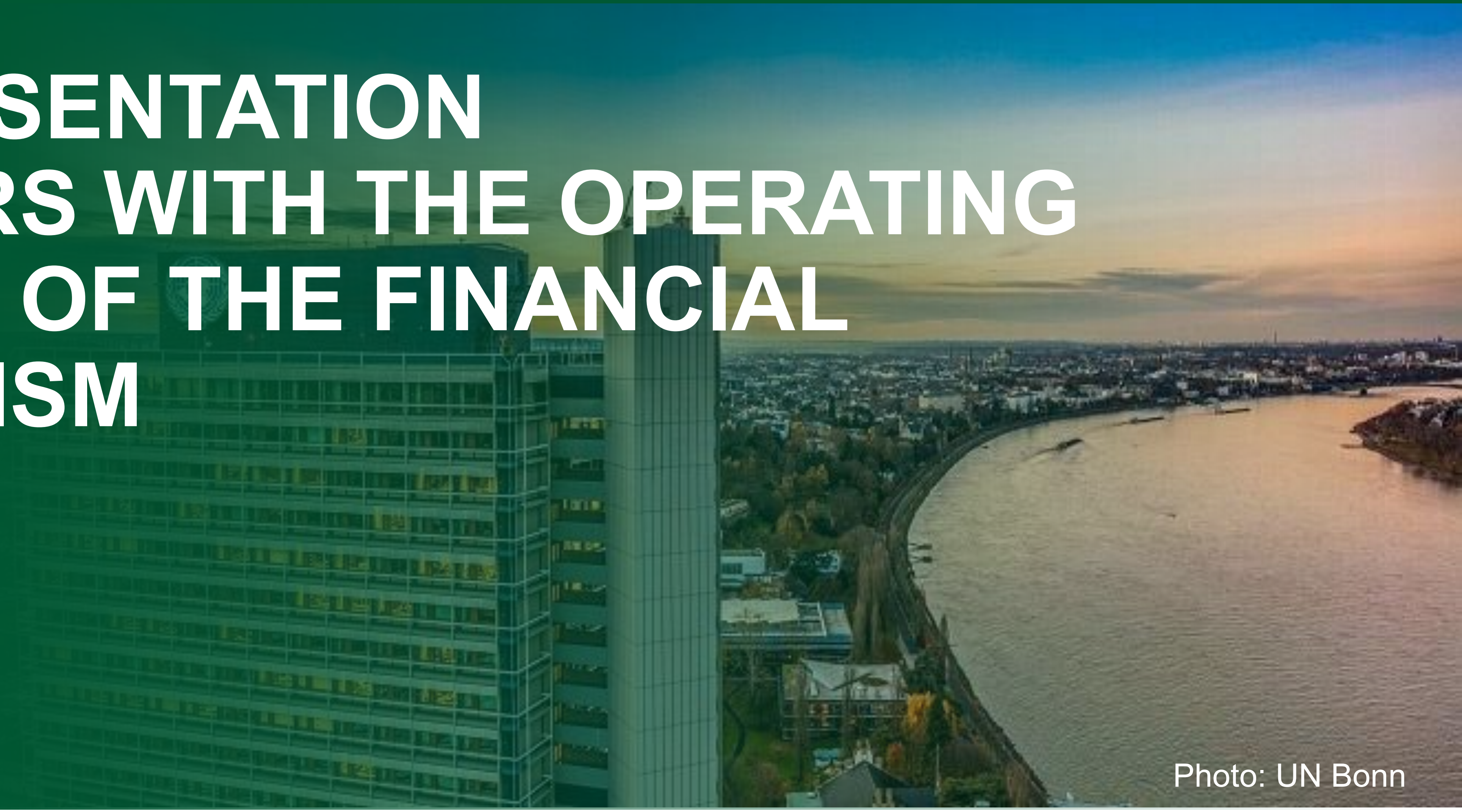
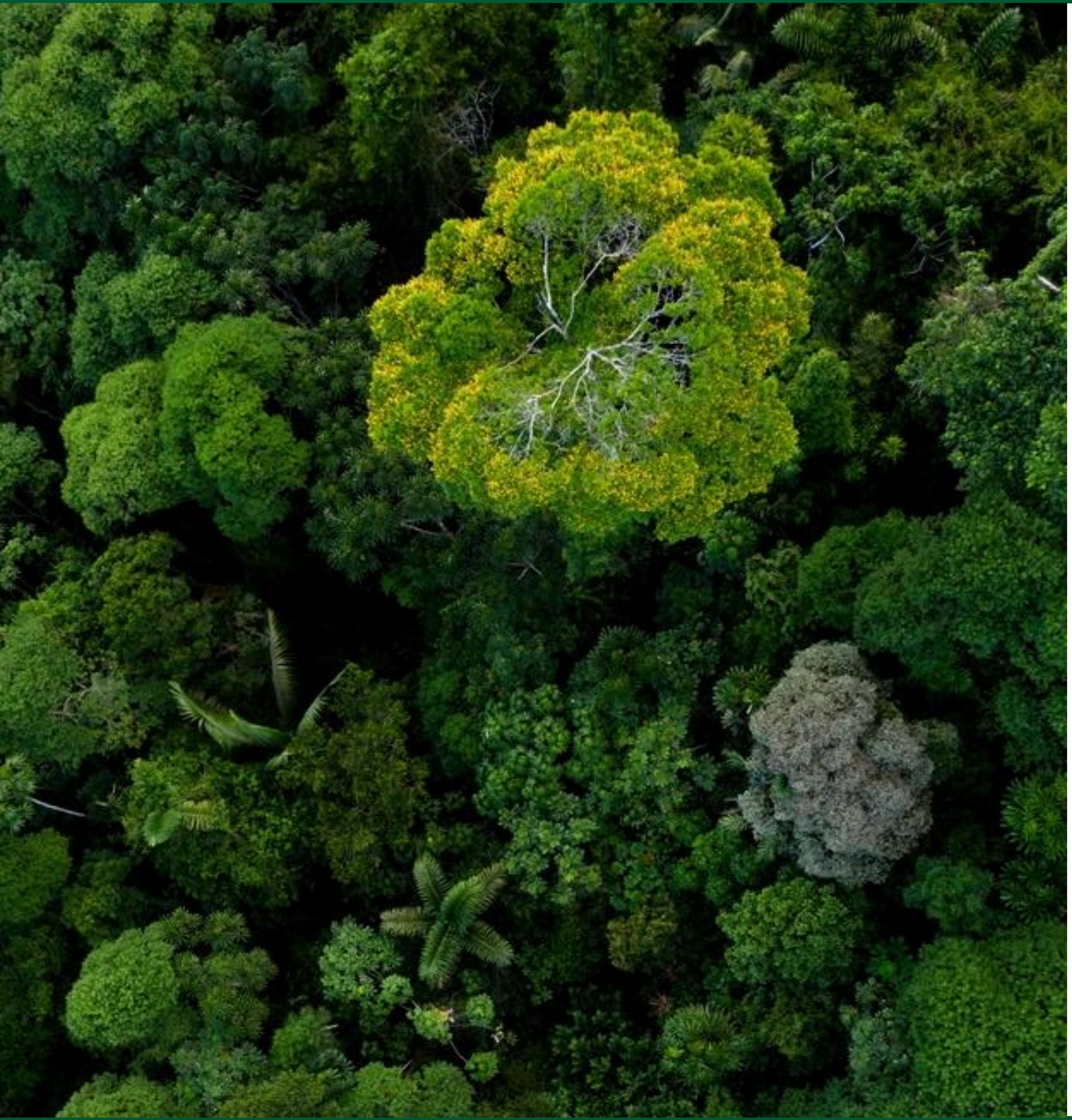


Photo: UN Bonn

global environment facility
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

August 10,11, 2026

GEF Replenishment and New CEO



- Donor countries pledged an initial US**$3.9 billion** for the GEF-9 covering July 2026 to June 2030. Announced on April 9, 2026,

- Diego Mesa Puyo has been selected as new CEO and Chairperson

gef

GEF-9 PROGRAMMING DIRECTIONS

global environment facility
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

GEF-9 Programming Directions

MEA Guidance
+
National Environmental and Development Plans
+
GEF-9 Programming Directions

Focal Areas
+
Integrated Programs
+
Strategic Initiatives

Conserve, Manage, and Restore Natural Ecosystems and their Services

Mitigate and Manage GHG Emissions and Pollution

Transform Global Systems Driving Planetary Change

gef

GEF-9 Focal Areas

Biodiversity

- **Landscape & seascape** approaches
- Integration with **MFA, MTF** investments, including **GBFF**
- **Biodiversity finance** and domestic resource mobilization

Climate Change Mitigation

- **Net-zero** planning, **just transition**
- **Resource efficiency, clean energy access and mobility**
- **Nature-based solutions**
- **Transparency** support through **CBIT** and Enabling Activities

Land Degradation

- Mainstreaming **ecosystem restoration**
- **Drought management** and resilience
- **UNCCD alignment** on drought and LDN

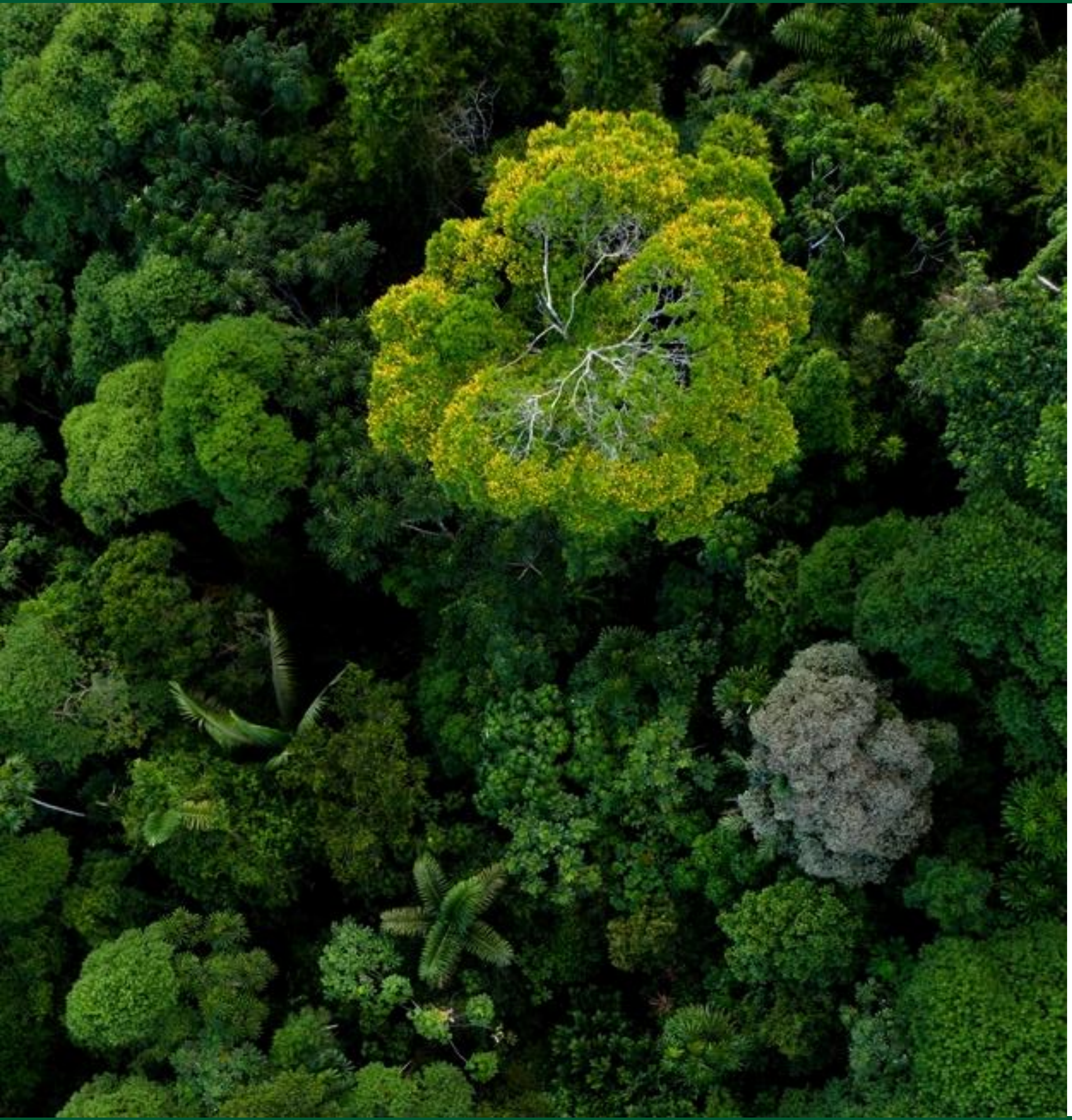
Chemicals & Waste

- **Private sector** and blended financing enhancements
- **Innovation and technology** scaling
- **Plastic pollution** efforts

International Waters

- **Large** marine ecosystems
- Support to the **BBNJ Agreement**
- Freshwater security in shared basins and **groundwater governance**

Climate Change Mitigation



Accelerating decarbonization efforts and driving transformational shifts toward net-zero GHG emissions and climate-resilient development pathways:

- Integrated long-term **net-zero planning** and **just transition**
- Resource **efficiency** and **circular economy**
- Power systems **decarbonization** and **clean energy access**
- Scale up integrated and **zero-emission mobility** of people and goods.
- **Nature-based solutions** for climate mitigation

gef

Support for the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)

Dedicated resources for ETF support including **CBIT, BTRs, and National Communications** from set asides at the same level as in GEF-8.

- **CBIT** support to build institutional and technical capacity, focusing on sustainable national transparency systems that continue beyond individual reporting cycles
- Continued support for preparation for **BTRs, National Communications, and TNAs**

Countries may utilize STAR to complement set aside resources and other enabling activities

GEF-9 Integrated Programs

- Critical Forest Biomes
- Global Wildlife
- Blue and Green Islands
- Food Systems
- Drylands and Drought Management
- Sustainable Cities
- Plastics
- Pollution-Free Supply Chains

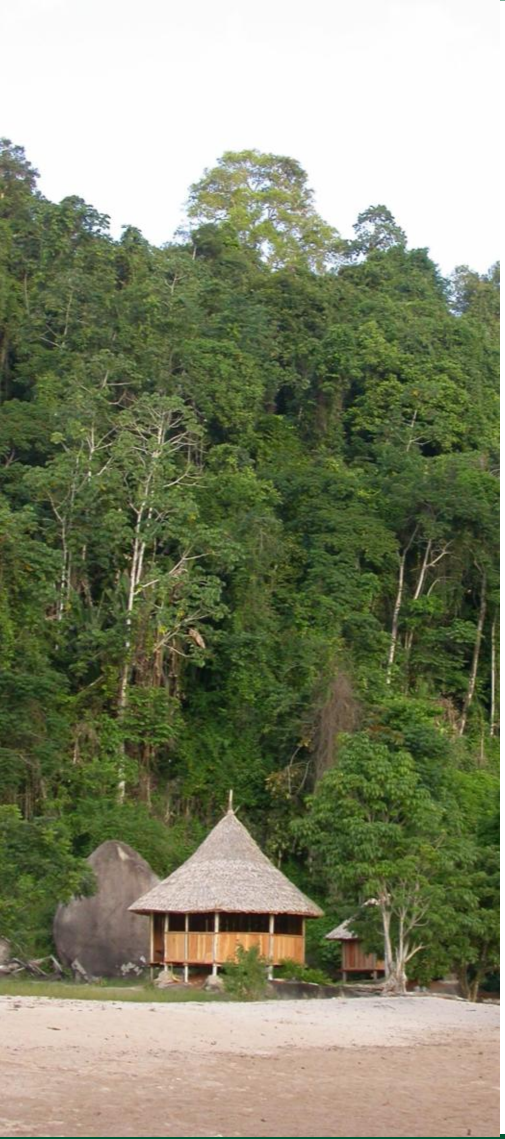
Blended Finance: leveraging impact at scale

- Increased **Blended Finance / NGI** funding window to 10%
- **Incentivized STAR programming,** with countries capturing reflows
- **Mainstream in programming** to achieve 25% total blended finance investment
- Increase **technical support** to countries for strategic investments

Small Grants Program and IPLCs

- Increased **CSO participation** in GEF-9 project execution
- SGP **global learning** program
- **IPLC 20%** aspirational target

Country Engagement Strategy



Whole-of-Government

- Expand **National Steering Committees**
- Build **Country Platforms** and DFI leverage

Whole of Society

- Engage key stakeholders in **Consultation and Decision-making**, mobilize CSOs for execution
- Expand the **Fonseca Leadership Program** for young environmental leaders

GEF PROGRAMMING STRATEGY ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FOR LDCF AND SCCF

global environment facility
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

August 10 2026

Overview of Themes & Approaches

Themes

- Agriculture & Food Systems
- Water
- Nature-based Solutions (NbS) & Infrastructure

Integrating
Health and Climate Information & Early Warning Systems (CIEWS)

Approaches

- Policy Integration & Country Leadership
- Adaptive Social Protection
- Partnerships with MDBs & IFIs
- Innovative Finance & Market Development

Cross-cutting

Fragility and Conflict-affected Situations (FCS)
Locally-led Adaptation and Whole of Society

Funding Windows

	LDCF	SCCF Window A	SCCF Window B
Countries	**LDCs**	**Non-LDC SIDS**	**All countries** for technology, innovation, & private sector engagement
Financial instruments	**Grant only**		**Grant & non-grant**
Country cap	**YES - Predictable access**		No
Catalytic finance for scale-up	Based on country demand		**YES - Primary focus**

Global & Regional Programs & Partnerships

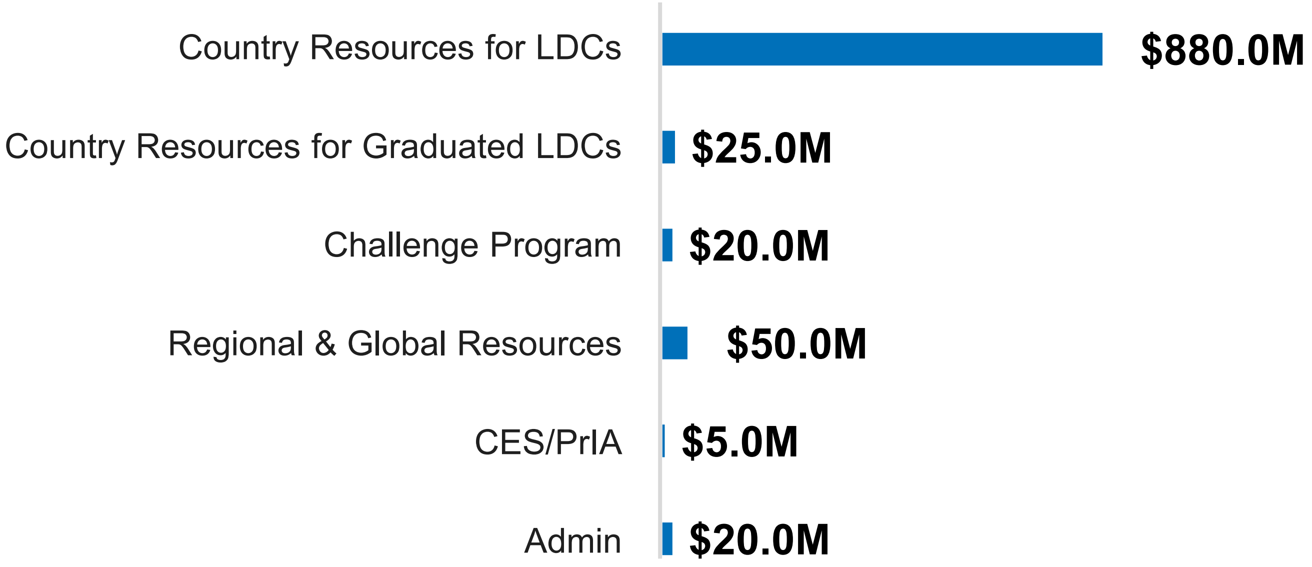
→ Next slide

LDCF: Financial Scenarios (2026-2030)

Scenario A

Total $1.0B

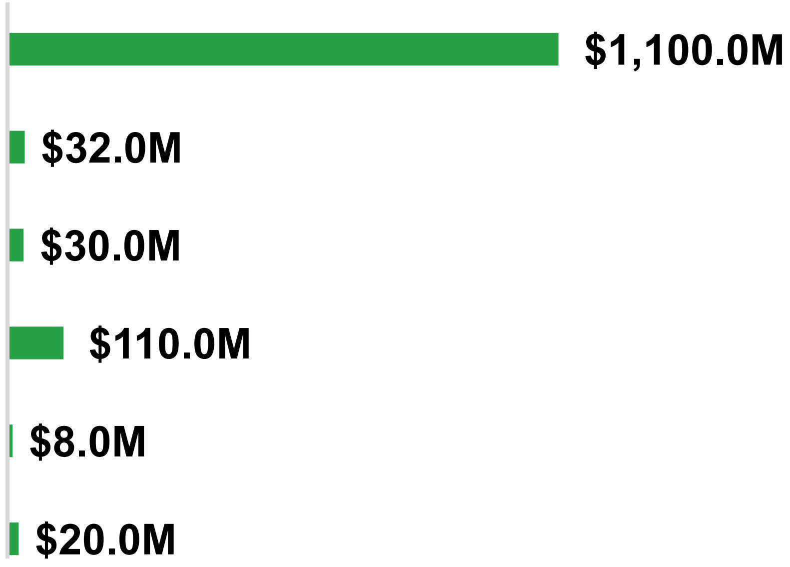
Country Cap: $20M x 44 LDCs



Scenario B

Total $1.3B

Country Cap: $25M x 44 LDCs



SCCF: Financial Scenarios (2026-2030)

Scenario A
Total $200M

Country Cap: $3M x 29 non-LDC SIDS

Scenario B
Total $300M

Country Cap: $5M x 29 non-LDC SIDS

	Scenario A – Window A (SIDS Adaptation)	Scenario A – Window B (Innovation & Blended Finance)	Scenario B – Window A (SIDS Adaptation)	Scenario B – Window B (Innovation & Blended Finance)
Country Resources for non-LDC SIDS	$87.0M		$145.0M	
Challenge Program		$36.0M	$10.0M	$50.0M
Regional & Global Resources	$8.0M	$10.0M	$20.0M	$10.0M
CES/PrIA	$2.0M		$2.0M	
NGI Program		$50.0M		$56.0M
Admin *(Shared by Window A & B)*	$7.0M		$7.0M	

GEF-9 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

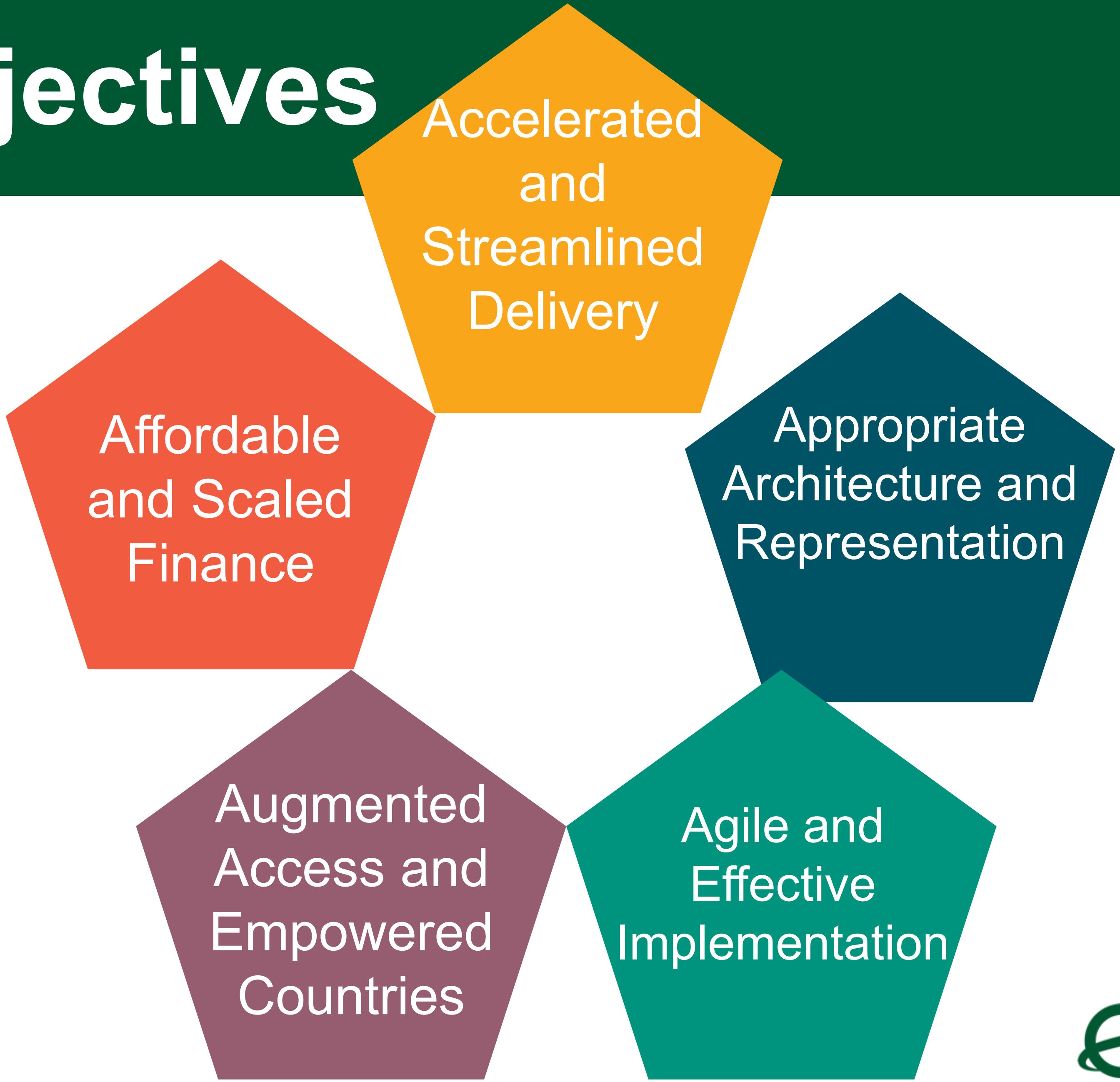
A Comprehensive Path to Modernization

global environment facility

INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

Five Strategic Objectives

- Holistic and step-wise approach to modernization
- Three core elements:
  - Policy enhancements
  - STAR allocation system
  - Results management
- Clearly defined actions, time-bound deliverables, and measurable outcomes
- Report to Council at mid-term and final year of GEF-9



Getting finance to countries faster

ACCELERATED AND STREAMLINED DELIVERY

Strengthening procedures and agency processes to ensure GEF finance reaches countries faster

- Mainstream a single, **one-step project modality** by 2028
- **Streamline GEF Agency processes** to accelerate funding
- Enable **early-stage project logging** in the GEF Portal
- Set **maximum time standards** for project resubmissions
- Adopt a **9% harmonized Agency fee** with standardized tranching
- Reconfigure **GEF Portal** for stronger policy alignment and usability

AFFORDABLE AND SCALED FINANCE

Clarifying and strengthening the policies governing blended finance and co-financing

- Blended Finance
  - **Mainstream** NGIs through a streamlined, one-step project cycle
  - **Enable access to multiple GEF Trust Fund** windows
- Co-Financing Policy
  - Clarify co-financing **types and sources**
  - Improve reporting **consistency** and strengthen blended finance **guidance**

gef

LDCF: Overview of Operational Improvements

PrIA Capacity Building Program

Strengthening the capacity of executing entities

Streamlined Procedures

Simplifying process for easier access to GEF financing

Strategic Communication & Knowledge Systems

Improving information sharing among stakeholders

Adaptive Governance

Council-led process to respond to changing environment

Project-based Implementation Approach (PrIA) and Adaptive Governance

PrIA Capacity Building Program

Objective

Strengthen delivery capacity of **executing entities**

Program Components

1. Fiduciary & Safeguards Capacity
2. Project Design & Results Management
3. Climate Finance Architecture
4. Knowledge Management & Learning
5. Specialized Thematic Expertise

Governance:

for Ad Hoc Working Group under Council

- **Council Seat & Participation Flexibility**
- **Expanded Contributor Base Participation**
- **Enhanced LDC & SIDS Representation**
- **Governance Flexibility Mechanisms**

Thank you