



# Using Evaluation Evidence to Secure Support: the Experience of GEF Replenishment

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**Established  
in 1992**

US\$18.1 billion  
US\$94.2 billion leverage

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**Innovator and  
catalyst**

4,500 projects in  
170 countries

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**Unique partnership**

18 implementing  
agencies

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**Financial  
mechanism**

5 major environmental  
conventions



**United Nations**  
Framework Convention on  
Climate Change



**Convention on  
Biological Diversity**



Stockholm Convention  
on **persistent organic  
pollutants (POPs)**



**United Nations**  
Convention to Combat  
Desertification



**MINAMATA  
CONVENTION  
ON MERCURY**

# Thematic areas

Climate change



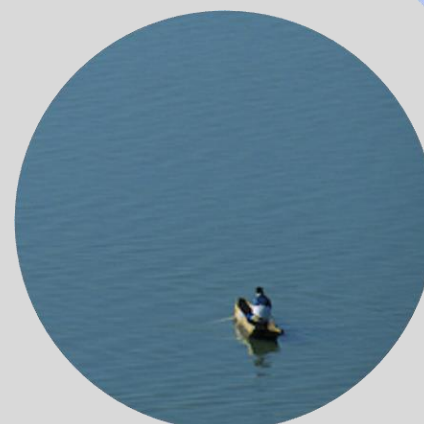
Land  
degradation



Biodiversity



Chemicals  
and waste



International  
waters



# Thematic areas (contd.)

## Focal areas

Biodiversity	Climate change mitigation	Land degradation	International waters	Chemicals & waste
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Food,  
Land Use and  
Restoration  
(FOLUR)

Sustainable  
Cities

Sustainable  
Forest  
Management

Impact  
programs

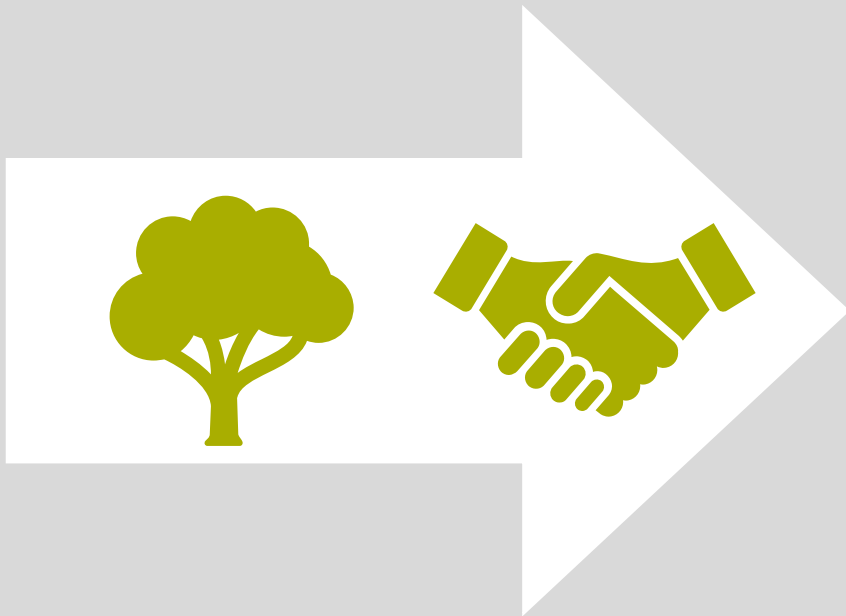
*Global environmental benefits*

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges





# High-Level International Agreements



The Paris Agreement on Climate Change

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



# Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF\*

- ✓ A key input for the replenishment
- ✓ Every 4 years

- ✓ Concrete lessons about what works
- ✓ Determinants of GEF's performance
- ✓ Efficiency of institutional arrangements

\*Formerly – Overall Performance Study of the GEF (OPS)

# Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS6)

## Objective

To provide  
evaluative  
evidence to  
inform the  
replenishment  
negotiations for  
GEF-7

## Methodology

29 evaluations and  
studies  
Mix of qualitative and  
quantitative  
approaches including  
geospatial analysis  
Formative approaches  
to evaluate ongoing  
programs

## Focus

Results and  
impacts  
Performance  
Institutional  
issues  
Strategic position



# Feeding evaluations in real-time

**OPS-6**, including tentative findings –



Paris, Addis Ababa, Brasilia, Stockholm (Replenishment process)

**Individual evaluations** – GEF Council

Fundamental for strategic issues discussions

Informing Programming Directions for **GEF-7**

# Energy – GEF Climate Change Focal Area Study



innovation



technology  
transfer



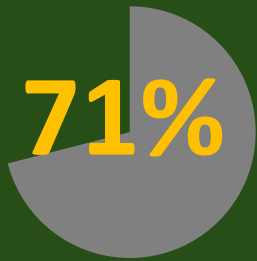
strategies



supportive  
policies

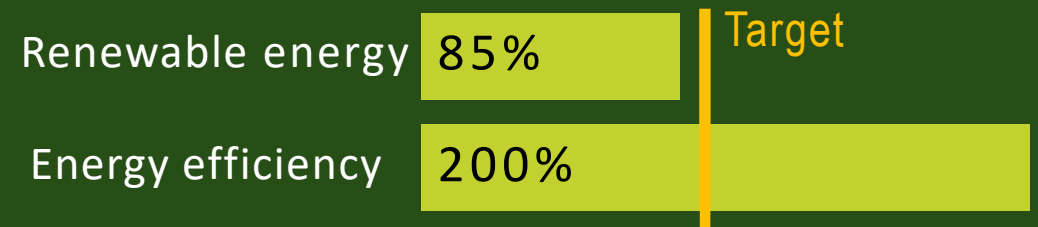
# Energy – GEF Climate Change Focal Area Study (contd.)

## Benefits and lessons



of completed projects  
achieved significant GHG  
avoidance

### Emissions avoidance achieved



### Success factors

- Comprehensive approaches to address market barriers
- Facilitate supported policy frameworks

# Examples of Successful Energy Projects



**China**



**Poland**



**Mauritius**



# Climate change

## Changing landscape

### Comparative advantage

Upstream approaches including policy reform to accelerate market development and create an enabling environment for investment

Risk sharing approaches

Piloting innovative technologies

Collaborating with other climate funds and MDBs to scale up investments

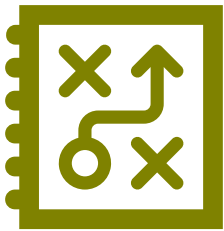
# Where evaluation has had influence



Integrated approaches



Transformative change



Policies, governance and  
institutional issues



Results and measurement

# Factors contributing to evaluation influence

- ✓ Institutional independence
- ✓ Technical competence
- ✓ Credibility
- ✓ Timeliness
- ✓ Involvement of key stakeholders and decision-makers
- ✓ Broad dissemination

# Thank you!

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