

GEF-8 STRATEGY & PROGRAMMING DIRECTIONS

PATHWAYS TO AN EQUITABLE,
NATURE-POSITIVE, CARBON NEUTRAL and
POLLUTION-FREE WORLD BEYOND COVID-19

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The Global Environment Facility (GEF)

The GEF provides funding to developing countries with the purpose of meeting the agreed incremental costs of measures to achieve agreed '*global environmental benefits*' in biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, chemicals & waste, and international waters.



What is the Global Environment Facility? (The GEF)

Financial mechanism of five
international environmental
conventions

A Global Partnership

World's largest public
global environmental
funder



18 Implementing Agencies

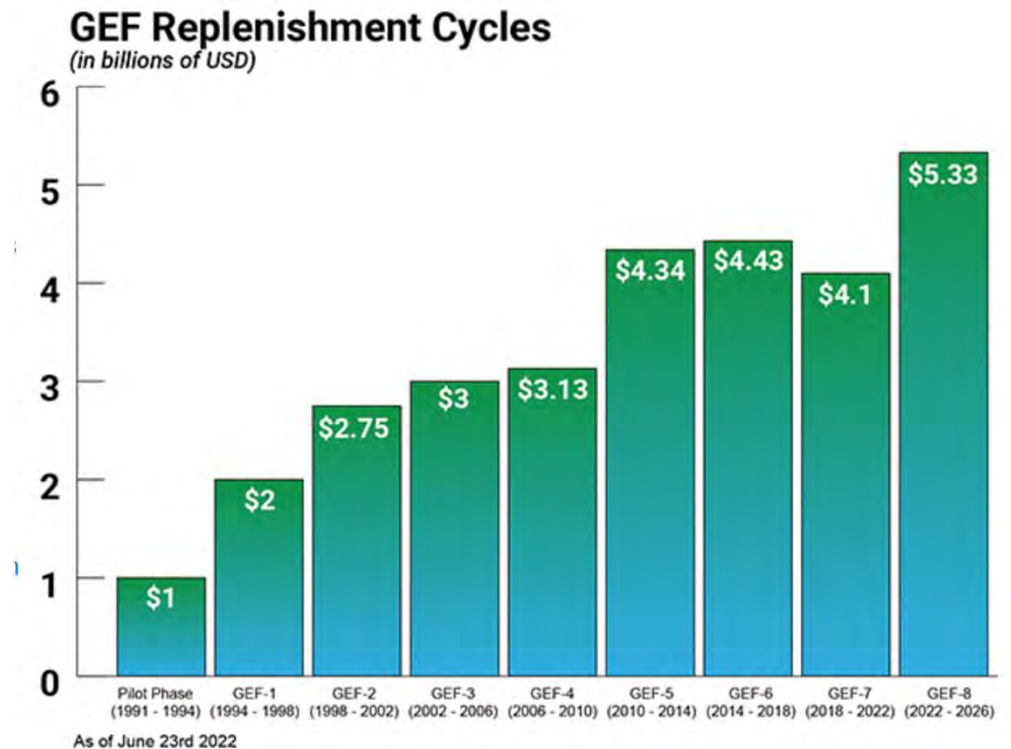


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- 4-year replenishment cycle from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026;
- \$5.33 billion pledged by 39 donor nations;
- Country 'STAR' allocation levels released July 1, 2022;
- GEF-8 strategy responds to conventions and takes an integrated approach to systems transformation.



A Longer-Term Vision for the GEF

A photograph of two young boys in a lush green field. One boy is holding a small white animal, possibly a cat, and the other is holding a large woven basket. A large tree trunk is visible in the background. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden light. The text is overlaid on a dark green rectangular background on the right side of the image.

To halt nature loss and ensure that the world is nature-positive by 2030 and carbon neutral and pollution-free by 2050

GEF-8: Healthy Planet, Healthy People

FOCAL AREAS

BD

CCM

LD

IW

CW

Unified action towards 2030 Goals and Commitments

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

Food Systems

Landscape Restoration

Sustainable Cities

Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes

Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution

Blue and Green Islands

Clean and Healthy Ocean

Greening Infrastructure Development

Net-Zero, Nature- Accelerator

Wildlife Conservation for Development

Elimination of Harmful Chemicals from

Supply Chains

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Mobilizing the Financial Sector for Environmental Goals through Blended Finance

Community Action for Global Transformation - Small Grants Programme and Beyond

CROSS-CUTTING:

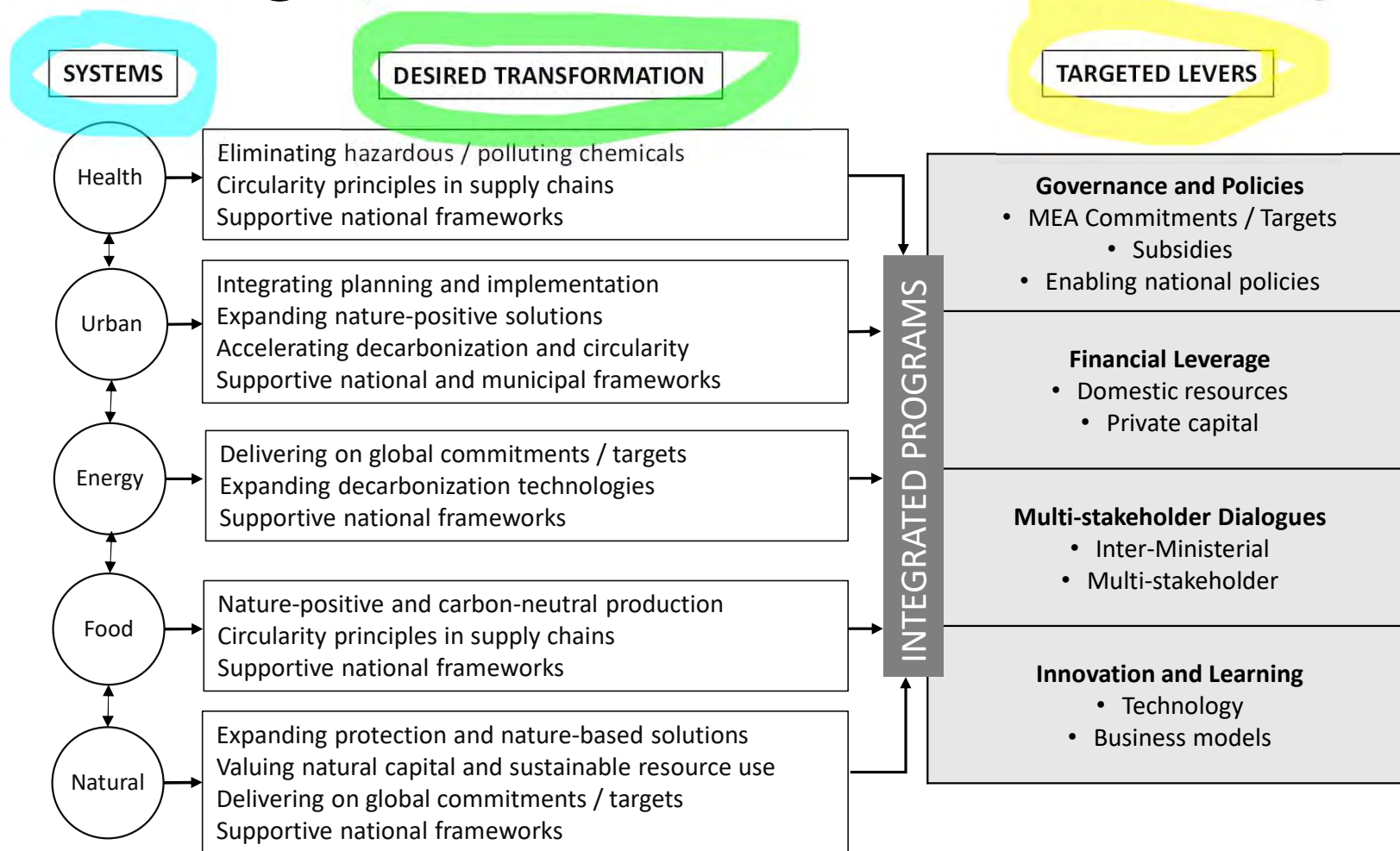
- Circular Economy
- Nature-based Solutions
- Gender Responsiveness
- Resilience
- Private sector Engagement

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GEF-8: Integration of climate change and biodiversity

- Vision/mission for GEF-8
- Biodiversity and climate change Focal Areas
- Integrated programs to achieve both climate change and biodiversity benefits
- Policy coherence
- Theory Of Change-based project design
- Technical approaches: Nature based solutions, landscape-level engagement
- GEF institutional: climate risk screening for projects; target setting & monitoring of core indicators

Advancing Systems Transformation through the IPs





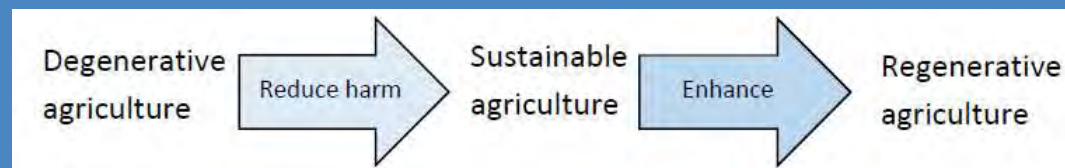
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EXAMPLE: Food Systems Integrated Program

Goal: Catalyze the transformation to sustainable and regenerative food systems that are nature positive, climate resilient and nutrient pollution-free

Major objectives:

1. Create enabling environment to shift towards sustainable and regenerative food production
2. Reducing livestock's impact on the environment & contribution to zoonotic spillover and supporting production of alternative protein sources.
3. Expanding investment in sustainable aquaculture management that is explicitly linked to land-based practices impacting freshwater and coastal marine ecosystems.



Major contributions to GEBs and MEAs: major contributions to all 3 Rio Conventions and the IW FA GEBs

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GEF-8 Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biomes Integrated Program

Goal: Protect and maintain the integrity of the last and globally important intact forest landscapes

Major objectives:

1. Increase and strengthen the protection and governance of intact forest landscapes
2. Promote other effective area-based conservation-based measures to achieve protection and forest management outside protected areas
3. Develop financial and other incentives for forest protection
4. Empower Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Major contributions to GEBs and MEAs:

1. Protect globally important biodiversity and ecosystem services
2. Support commitments under CBD, UNFCCC, UNFF, and UNCCD
3. Ensure the integrity of transboundary freshwater ecosystems

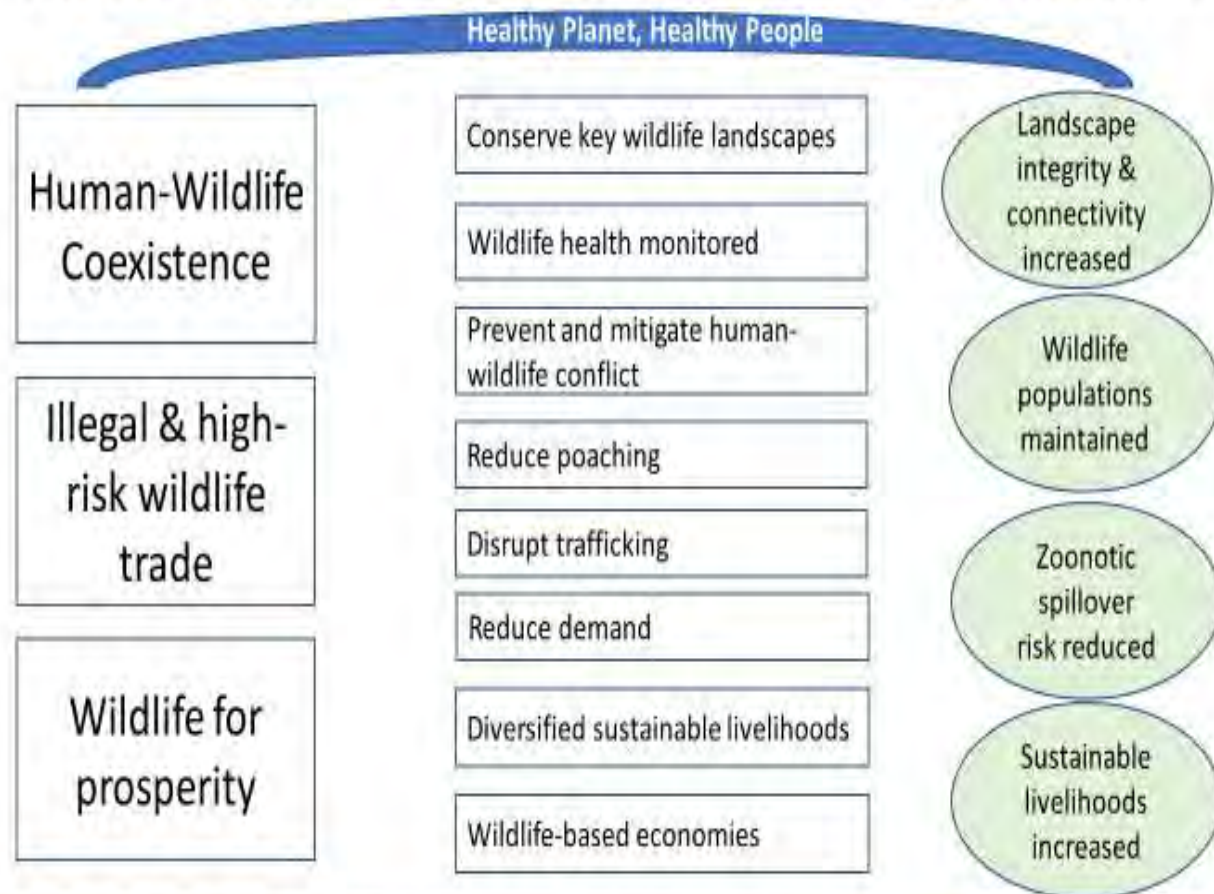


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GEF-8 Wildlife Conservation for Development IP framework

Secure wildlife populations and landscapes for the benefit of people & planet



Cross-cutting: Social and behavioral change, knowledge management, gender, indigenous people and local communities



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