

# Global Environment Facility Introduction Seminar



GEF Capacity  
Development Activities  
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16:45 – 17:15

GEF6 Strategy for Cross-Cutting  
Capacity Development  
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# What is meant by capacity development (CD)?

“The process by which individuals, organizations and societies strengthen their ability to address environmental issues, manage natural resource issues, and mainstream environmental sustainability into development policies, plans and decisions.”



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# Strategic focus for CD (GEF)

Four pathways to develop countries' capacity to implement the Rio Conventions (Council Decision C/22.8)

Capacity Development (CD) through:



1.  
National  
Capacity Self-  
Assessments  
(NCSAs)



2.  
Greater  
attention to  
CD in  
individual  
projects



3.  
Cross-cutting  
CD projects



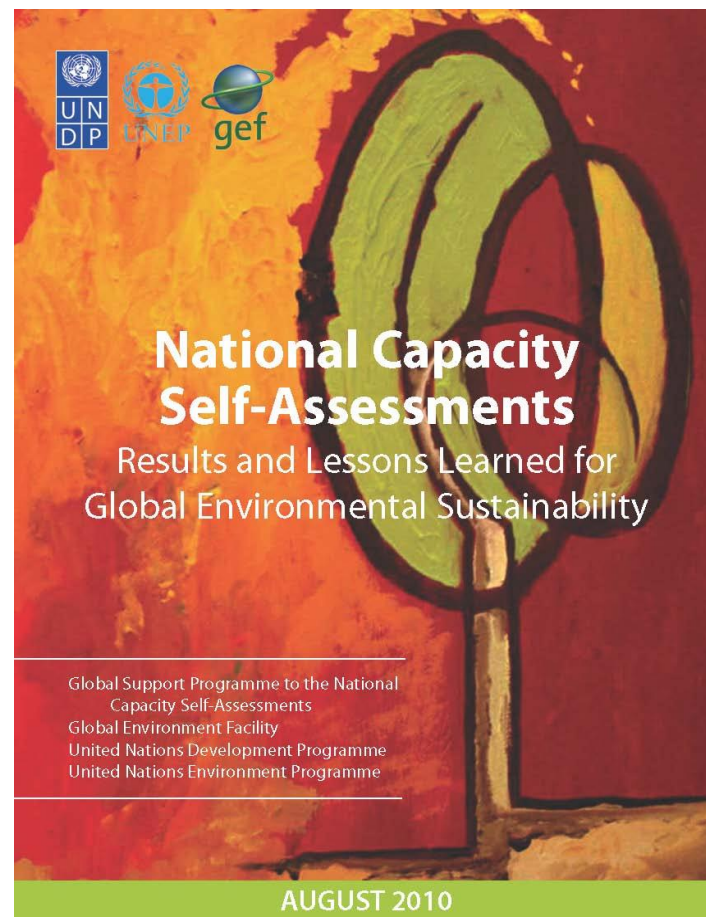
4.  
Critical  
Programs for  
CD in LDCs &  
SIDS



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# 1. National Capacity Self- Assessments (NCSAs)



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## 23 CB2 projects in GEF-4 – Independent assessment

- Very relevant to address capacity gaps identified in NCSAs.
- Projects have strengthened multi-sectoral processes, promoted policy and legislation harmonization, and mainstreamed global environmental issues.
- They used a holistic approach to develop the required capacities; addressing existing bottlenecks, and lack of skills and knowledge.



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# Strategic Objectives for Cross-cutting Capacity Development in GEF-5

*(Allocation of 44 M USD for CD2,CD3 and CD4)*

- **CD 1:** Enhance capacities of stakeholders for engagement through consultative process (NDI, CSP, SGP)
- **CD 2:** Generate, access and use of information and knowledge
- **CD 3:** Strengthened capacities for policy and legislation development for achieving global benefits
- **CD 4:** Strengthened capacities for management and implementation of convention guidelines
- **CD 5:** Capacities enhanced to monitor and evaluate environmental impacts and trends



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# Examples of Funded Projects- GEF5

- **Cote d'Ivoire**      **Strengthened Environmental Management Information System for Coastal Development to meet Rio Convention Objectives**
- **Burkina Faso**      **Generating Global Environmental Benefits from Improved Local Planning and Decision-making Systems in Burkina Faso**
- **Ukraine**      **Integrating Rio Convention Provisions into Ukraine's National Environmental Policy Framework**
- **Togo**      **Strengthening National and Decentralized Management for Global Environmental Benefits**
- **Costa Rica**      **Capacity Building for Mainstreaming MEA Objectives into Inter-ministerial Structures and Mechanisms**
- **Afghanistan**      **Developing Core Capacity for Decentralized MEA Implementation and Natural Resources Management in Afghanistan**
- **Sri Lanka**      **Ensuring Global Environmental Concerns And Best Practices In the Post-Conflict Rapid Development Process of Sri Lanka through Improved Information Management**



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# GEF-6 CCCD Overall Goal

*(available 34 M USD)*

To help countries meet and sustain global environmental outcomes by strengthening key capacities that address challenges and remove barriers common to the MEAs that the GEF serves and to mainstream the global environment into decision making.



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# Strategic Objectives

- CCCD-1: To integrate global environmental needs into management information systems and monitoring.
- CCCD-2: To strengthen consultative and management structures and mechanisms.
- CCCD-3: To integrate Multilateral Environmental Agreements' provisions within national policy, legislative, and regulatory frameworks.
- CCCD-4: To pilot innovative economic and financial tools for Convention implementation.
- CCCD-5: Updating of National Capacity Self-Assessments.



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# Priorities and focus for GEF6 CCCD

- Strengthen the capacities of LDCs and SIDS.
- Identified in GEF-funded National Capacity Self-Assessments (NCSA).
- Introduce innovative approaches to improve implementation of conventions.
- Be *results-based*, leading to measurable, sustainable capacity outcomes, and include a set of monitoring indicators
- Contribute to cost-efficiency through promoting harmonization and operational effectiveness in Convention obligations.
- Create synergies in the implementation of the three Rio conventions and other MEAs.
- Strengthen environmental governance
- Be complementary with ongoing or planned GEF initiatives.



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# Thank you for your attention

## Any questions?

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