

Global Environment Facility Introduction Seminar



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How to Access GEF Trust Fund
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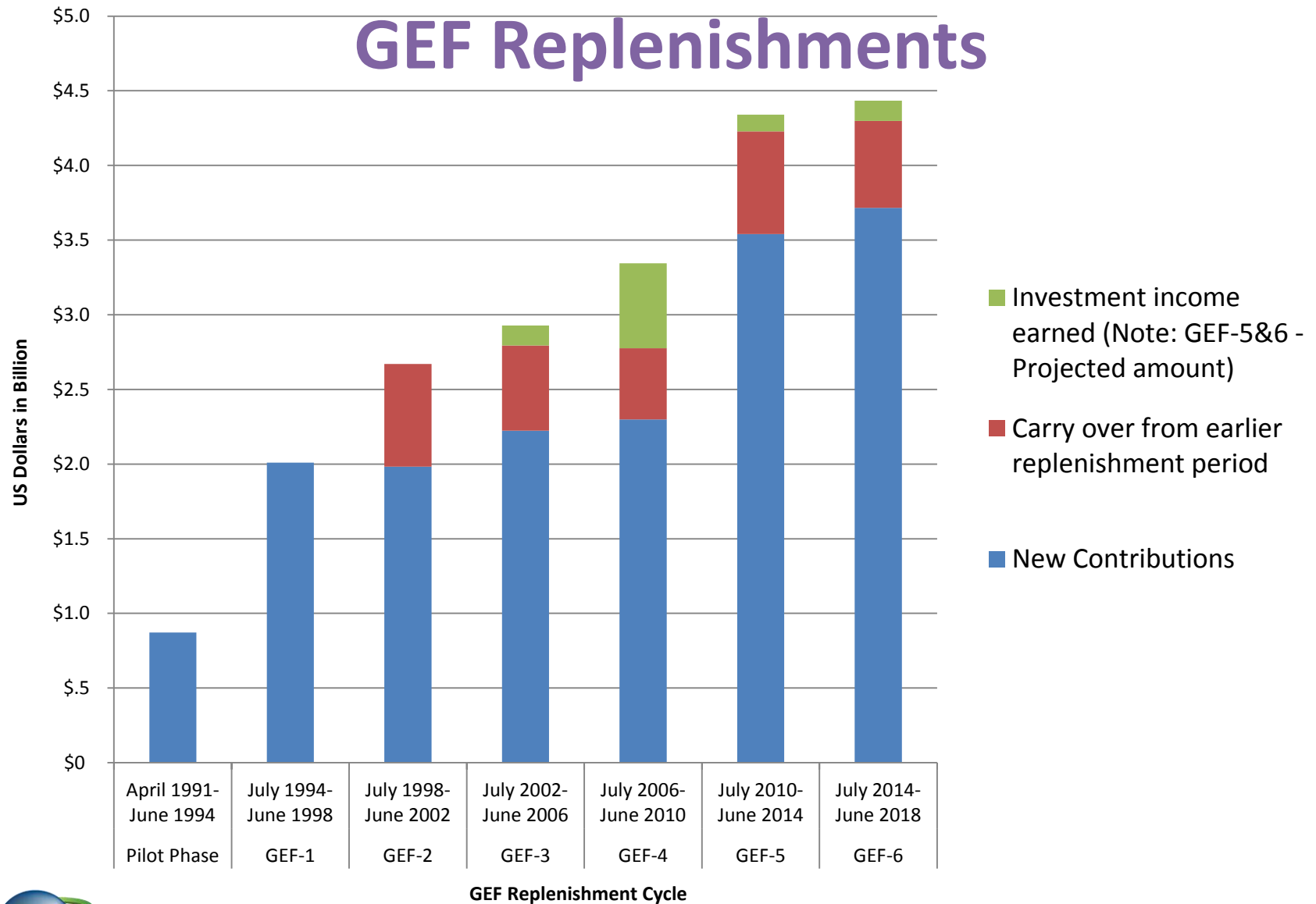
GEF Financing

- The objective of GEF financing is to provide resources to recipient countries to meet the **agreed incremental cost** of activities that generate **global environmental benefits** (GEBs) in line with the mandate of the GEF.
- The GEF funds a **broad array of project types** that vary depending on the scale of GEF resources, the project needs and the issue addressed. In order to be approved, each project follows a specific project cycle.
- The GEF manages GEF Trust Fund, Least Development Countries Fund (LDCF), Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) & Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF).



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GEF Replenishments



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Who can apply?

- Each GEF country member has designated an officer responsible for GEF activities, known as **GEF Operational Focal Point (OFP)**, who plays a key role in assuring that GEF projects are aligned to meet the needs and priorities of the respective country.
- A GEF country member government, any eligible individual or group may propose a project through the OFP.



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Eligibility of Project Proposal

In order to be considered for GEF financing, a project proposal has to fulfill the following criteria:

- It is undertaken in an **eligible country** and is consistent with **country's national priorities and programs**.
- It addresses one or more of the **GEF Focal Areas**, improving the global environment or advance the prospect of reducing risks to it.
- It is consistent with the **GEF operational strategy**.
- It seeks GEF financing only for the **agreed incremental costs** on measures to achieve **global environmental benefits**.
- It is **endorsed** by the government(s) of the country/ies in which it will be implemented.



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Accessing the GEF Trust Fund

- **TRADITIONAL MODE**

Project concepts may be developed by governments, non-governmental organizations, communities, private sector, or other civil society entities, and must respond to both national priorities and GEF focal area/LDCF/SCCF strategies and objectives, and must satisfy eligibility requirements under the Conventions. Project proponents work closely with national GEF Operational Focal Points (who formally endorse project concepts) and the **GEF Agency**, to develop concepts and move through the project cycle and are approved either by the GEF Council or the GEF CEO, depending on the type of project.

- **DIRECT ACCESS MODE**

Project proponents work directly with the **GEF Secretariat** without going through a GEF Agency; projects follow the same project eligibility criteria and focal area strategic objectives.



GEF Direct Access

- New initiative approved by the GEF Council in its June 2010 meeting.
- The idea behind this initiative was in response to country request to improve country ownership, country drivenness and capacity building.
- Countries can access GEF resources directly from the GEF Secretariat without going through a GEF Agency.
- Two types of activities are eligible for direct access:
 - a) Preparation of a **National Portfolio Formulation Document**
 - b) Preparation of **Reports to Conventions** where the country has as an obligation to the various environmental conventions.
- Reports to Conventions include the following focal areas:
 - a) Biodiversity: National Reports/update of NBSAP
 - b) Climate Change: National Communications
 - c) POPs: National Implementation Plan
 - d) Land Degradation: LD Enabling Activities



What does GEFSEC do?

GEF Assembly & Council

- Implement the **decisions** of Assembly & Council
- Implement the **operational policies** adopted by Council through preparing guidelines and procedures for GEF stakeholders such as GEF Agencies
- Prepare **policy & strategy papers** for Council consideration and approval
- Coordinate formulation & implementation of **work programs** for Council approval
- Undertake organization of Council and Assembly meetings
- Coordinate (the replenishment process for the GEF Trust Fund

Partner Agencies

- Convene **Interagency Group Meetings** to ensure effective execution of Council decisions and collaboration among Implementing Agencies



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What does GEFSEC do?

GEF Project Cycle

- Prepare **guidelines** related to project identification, development, consultation w/stakeholders & monitoring of project implementation
- Conduct **technical reviews** of project proposals
- Maintain a **database** of GEF financed projects
- Coordinate the Annual Monitoring Review and other RBM activities
- Coordinate with GEF EO on program issues, knowledge management and administrative matters

Coordination & Outreach

- Coordinate with the Secretariats of other relevant bodies (i.e., **UNFCCC**)
- Follow and report to Conventions of which the GEF is the financial mechanism
- Provide information/support to GEF **Focal Points** in recipient countries
- Manage communication w/donors, recipients & other GEF stakeholders (i.e., **CSOs**)
- Collaborate with Trustee to ensure transfer of GEF funds to projects
- Maintain GEF website and prepare GEF publications



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