

Introduction to the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel - STAP



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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
ADVISORY PANEL

*An independent group of scientists that advises
the Global Environment Facility*





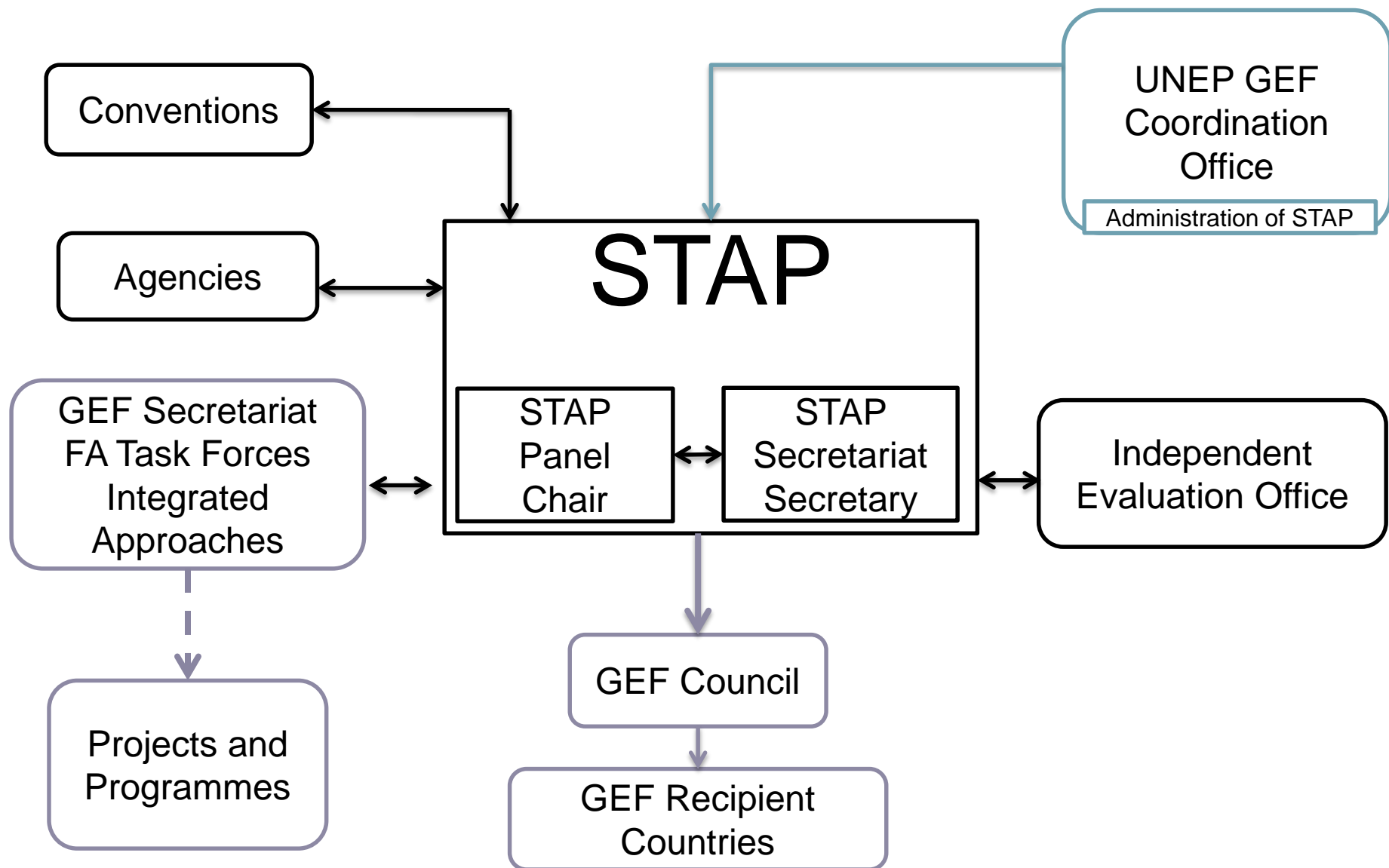
What is the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP)?



Independent Advisory Body to the GEF

- Provide ‘objective, strategic and technical advice on GEF policies, strategies, programs and projects.’
- Established by the GEF instrument, in consultation with UNDP and the World Bank, in 1994, and is administered by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).
- Comprised of a (global) Panel of Experts and the STAP Secretariat in Washington.

STAP's Engagement in the GEF Partnership



Who is on the STAP Panel?



Michael Stocking
Senior Advisor to STAP
Chair (UK)



Rosina Bierbaum
Chair (USA)



Thomas Lovejoy
Senior Advisor to STAP
Chair (USA)



Andras Szollosi-Nagy
International Waters
Hungary



Brian Child
Biodiversity
South Africa



Ricardo Barra
Chemicals & Waste
Chile



Annette Cowie
Land Degradation
Australia



Anand Patwardhan
Climate Change Adaptation
India/USA



Ralph Sims
Climate Change Mitigation
New Zealand

The Panel works in collaboration with the STAP Secretariat in Washington DC



What Does STAP Do?

- Advises on **focal areas** as well as **cross-cutting thematic areas**, such as adaptation to climate change and sustainable forest management.
- Scans for **emerging global environmental issues** (e.g. black carbon, marine debris, green chemistry, etc.).
- In GEF-6, STAP is supporting the GEF Partnership on Integrated Approach Pilots and efforts to improve Knowledge Management at the GEF.

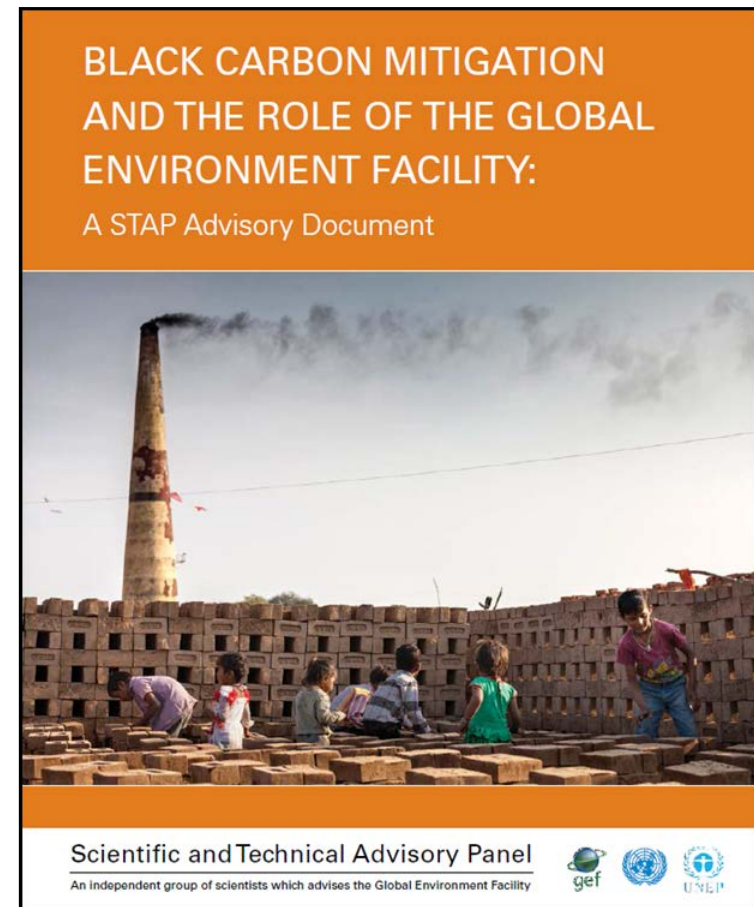
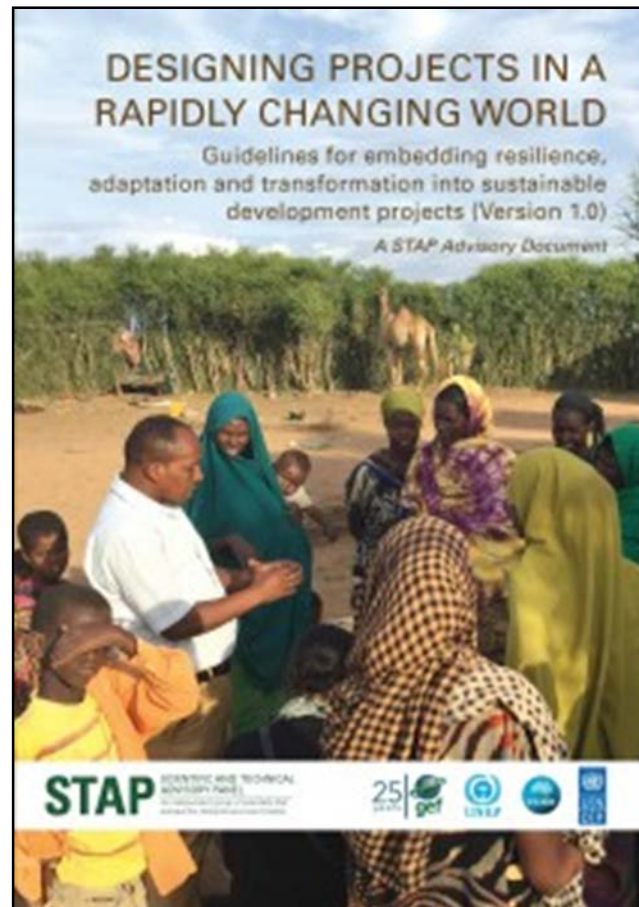


+ STAP provides operational advice on projects and programs

- Develop **methodologies** for the use of implementation of GEF projects and programmes.
- Collaborate with the **GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO)** and **Implementing Agencies**.
- Help ensure the **scientific and technical quality** of GEF projects and programmatic approaches.



Recent STAP Advisory Products





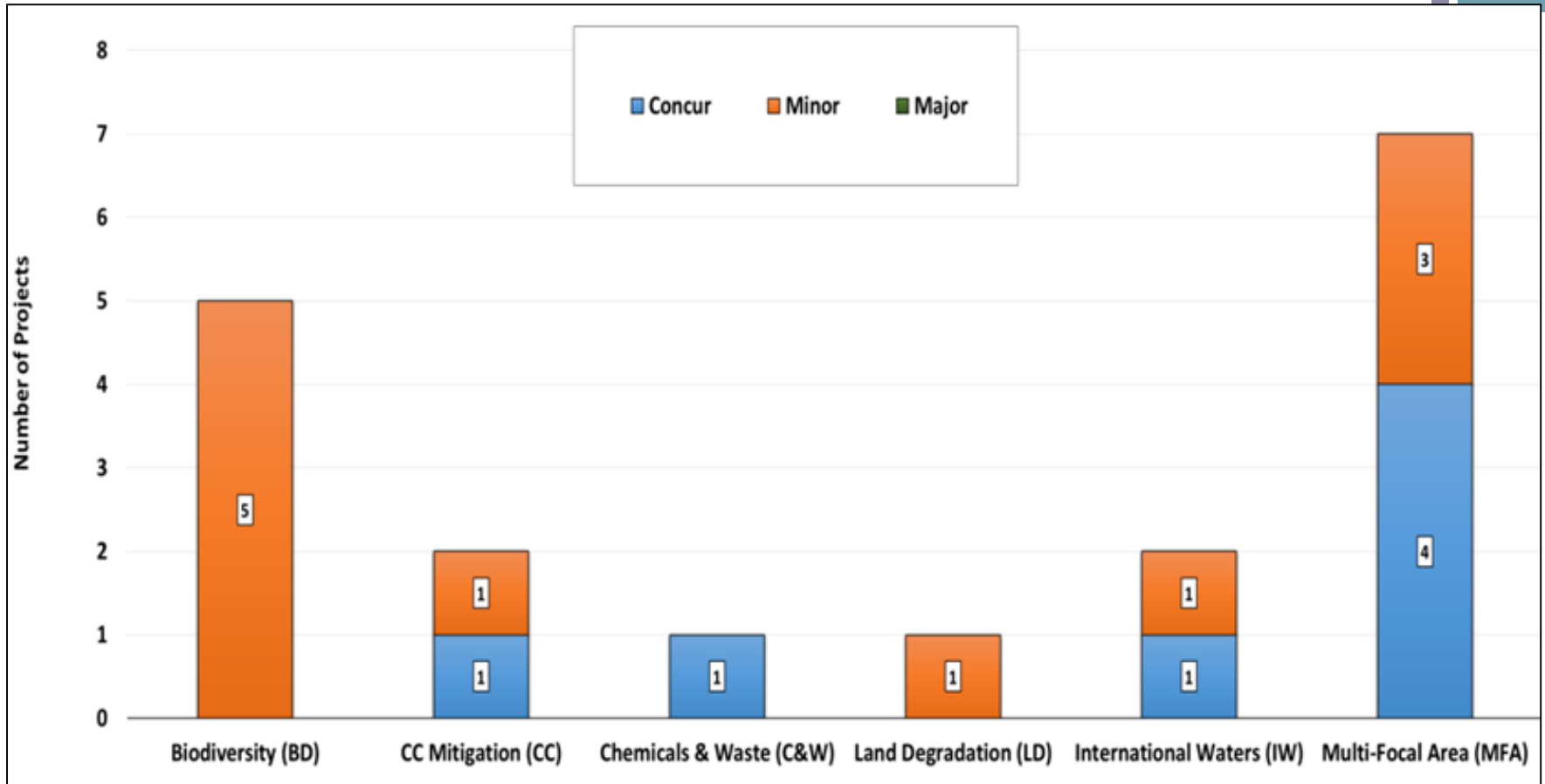
Overview of the STAP project proposals (PIF) screening process

- STAP screens all full-size GEF projects at entry into the GEF project cycle.
- Intended to provide an assessment to the GEF Council regarding the scientific and technical soundness of each major proposal.
- Three possible outcomes:
 - CONCUR
 - MINOR ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED
 - MAJOR ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED





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Thank you

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