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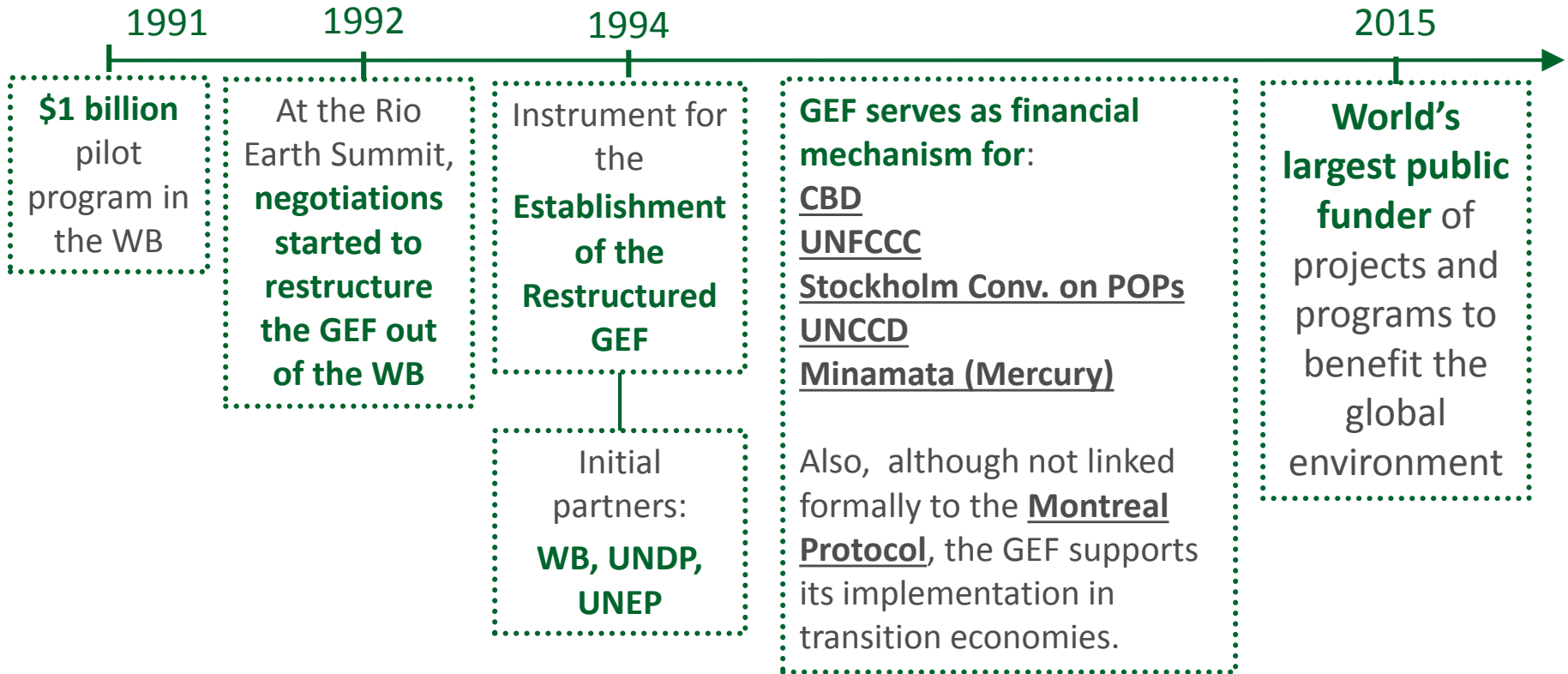
# **What is the GEF?**

## **History and Structure**

**GEF Expanded Constituency  
Workshop**

**Cotonou, Benin  
November 3-5, 2015**

# History of the GEF



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# GEF Goal and Mission

**Goal:** to address global environmental issues while supporting national sustainable development initiatives.

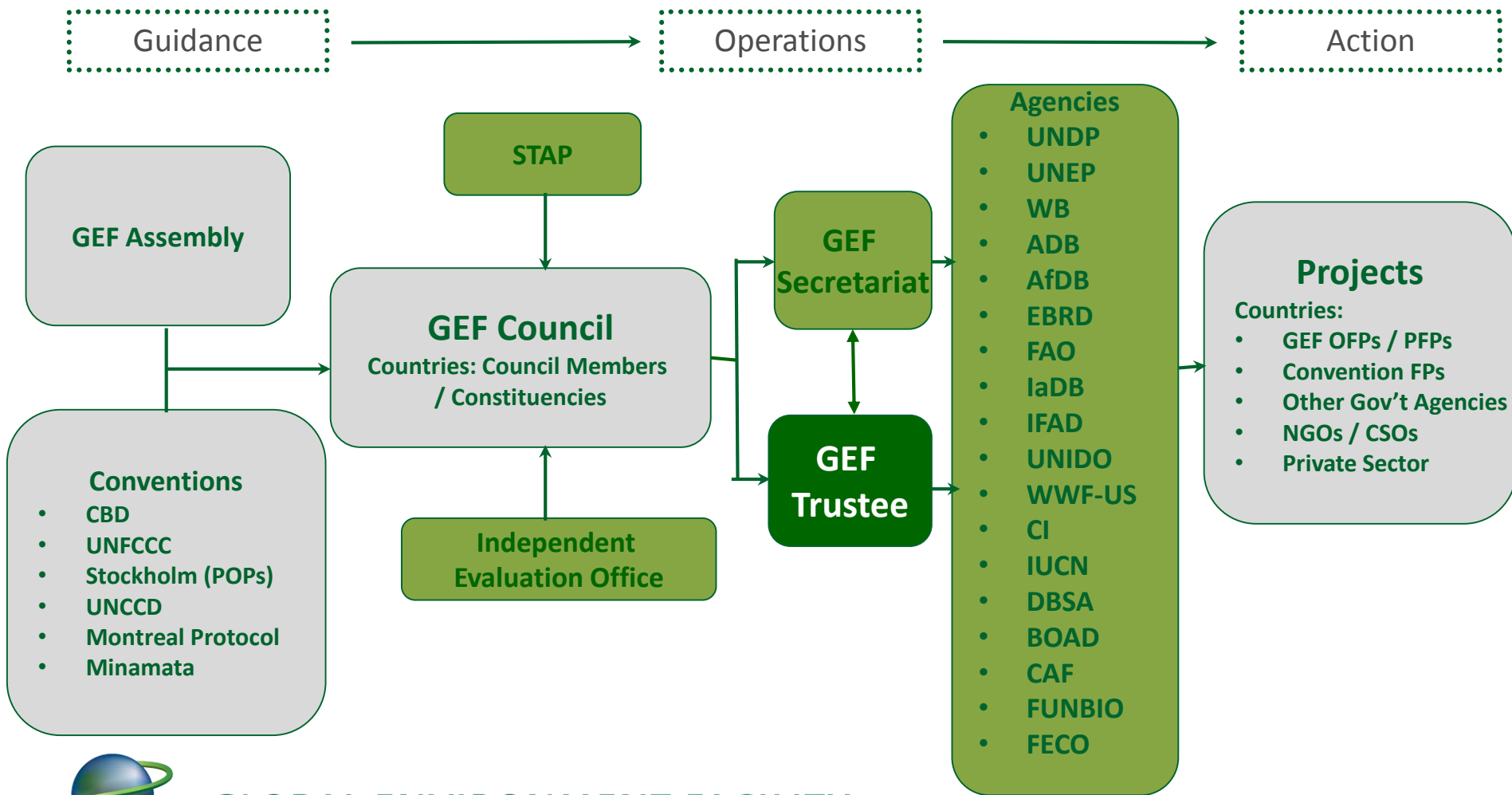
**Mission:** the GEF is a mechanism for international cooperation for the purpose of providing new, and additional, grant and concessional funding to meet the agreed incremental costs of measure to achieve agreed global environmental benefits.



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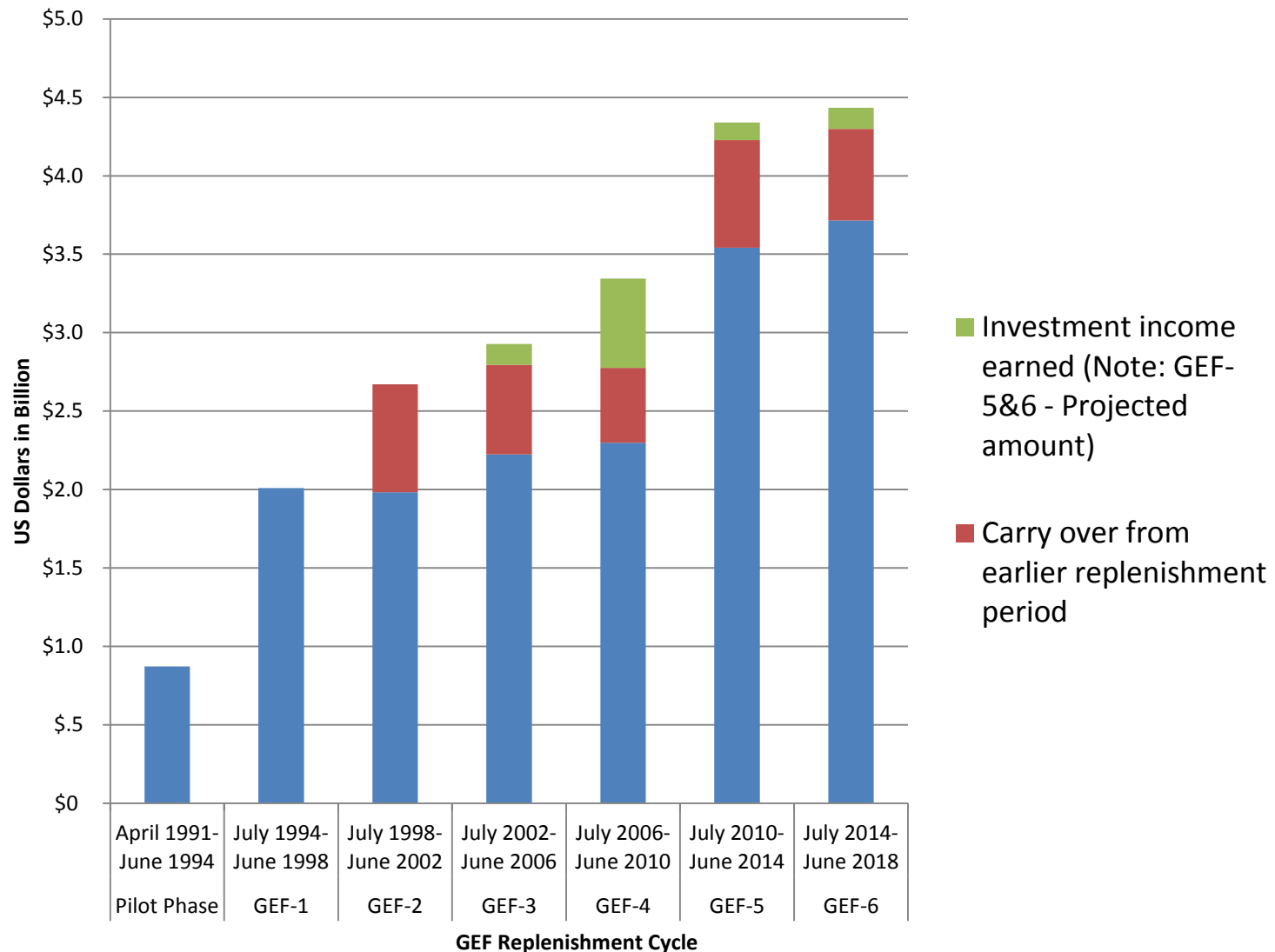
# GEF Trust Fund

## *Institutional Framework*



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# GEF Replenishments



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Focal Areas/ Themes	GEF-6 Programming Targets (\$ million)
<b>BIODIVERSITY</b>	1,296
<i><b>STAR Country Allocations</b></i>	1,051
<i><b>STAR Set-aside</b></i>	245
- Convention obligations	13
- Global and Regional Programs	82
*Integrated Approach Programs	45
a) Taking Deforestation out of the Commodities Supply Chain	35
b) Fostering Sustainability and Resilience of Production Systems in Africa	10
* Other Global and Regional Programs	37
- Sustainable Forest Management	150



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<b>LAND DEGRADATION</b>	<b>431</b>
<b><i>STAR Country Allocations</i></b>	<b>346</b>
<b><i>STAR Set-aside</i></b>	<b>85</b>
- Convention obligations	15
- Global and Regional Programs	50
* Integrated Approach Programs	40
a) Fostering Sustainability and Resilience of Production Systems in Africa	40
* Other Global and Regional Programs	10
- Sustainable Forest Management	20



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<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b>	<b>1,260</b>
<b><i>STAR Country Allocations</i></b>	<b>941</b>
<b><i>STAR Set-aside</i></b>	<b>319</b>
- Convention obligations	130
- Global and Regional Programs	109
*Integrated Approach Programs	50
a) Sustainable Cities - Harnessing Local Action for Global Commons	40
b) Fostering Sustainability and Resilience of Production Systems in Africa	10
*Other Global and Regional Programs	59
- Sustainable Forest Management	80



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<b>CHEMICALS &amp; WASTE</b>	<b>554</b>
<i><b>Convention breakdown</b></i>	554
- POPs	375
- Mercury	141
- SAICM	13
- ODS	25
<b>INTERNATIONAL WATERS</b>	<b>456</b>
<i><b>Focal Area Programing</b></i>	456
<b>CORPORATE PROGRAMS</b>	<b>197</b>
Country Support Program (CSP)	23
Cross Cutting Capacity Development (CCCD)	34
Small Grants Program	140
<b>Corporate budget: Secretariat, STAP and Trustee</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Independent Evaluation Office</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>TOTAL GEF Replenishment</b>	<b>4,433</b>



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# Implementing GEF-6: Use of funds (recipient countries)

COUNTRIES		GEF6 Allocations (US\$mill)	Share
SIDS/LDCs		700	30%
"Big 5"		631	27%
Other Countries		1007	43%
... Of which	LICs	41	2%
	LMICs	412	18%
	UMICs	523	22%
	HICs	32	1%
TOTAL Country Allocations		2338	100%

=> Trade-off: "Impact" vs "equity"?



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# Relations with the Conventions (1 of 2)

- The GEF serves as "financial mechanism" to five conventions.
- The Memorandum of Understanding is the means through which the Conventions and the GEF cooperate.
- The conventions, for which the GEF serve as financial mechanism, provide broad strategic guidance to the GEF
- The GEF Council responds to this broad guidance by developing operational criteria for GEF projects



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# Relations with Conventions (2 of 2)

- The Secretariat of the Conventions and the GEF Secretariat consult as necessary in the guidance that the COPs provide
- In particular, in accordance with the GEF project cycle, the Secretariat of the Conventions are invited to comment on the project proposals under consideration for inclusion in a proposed work programme.
- The GEF Secretariat prepares a report on GEF activities to be presented on each COP on a regular basis. This report is previously reviewed and approved by the Council



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# LDCF and SCCF – Climate Change Adaptation

- Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) -> established in 2001 under UNFCCC COP
- First multilateral funds to implement concrete adaptation actions on developing countries
- LDCF and SCCF provided vulnerable countries and communities, as well as the GEF Implementing Agencies, initial resources to finance a pioneering adaptation portfolio.
- Managed and administered independently from the GEF Trust Fund



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# GEF and Civil Society

- GEF actively engages CSOs in its programs, projects and policies
- The GEF has several policies for civil society participation
- The GEF provides an opportunity for civil society to participate in many different ways:
  - At the operational level - CSOs have participated many projects
  - At the political level – CSOs send representatives to Council Meetings and Assembly with the right to speak on all substantive issues
  - CSOs have participated at every Expanded Constituency Workshop
  - The NPFE process was designed to include CSO consultations
- In addition, GEF Agencies have policies regarding the participation of civil society and the GEF also works to include their participation through those policies



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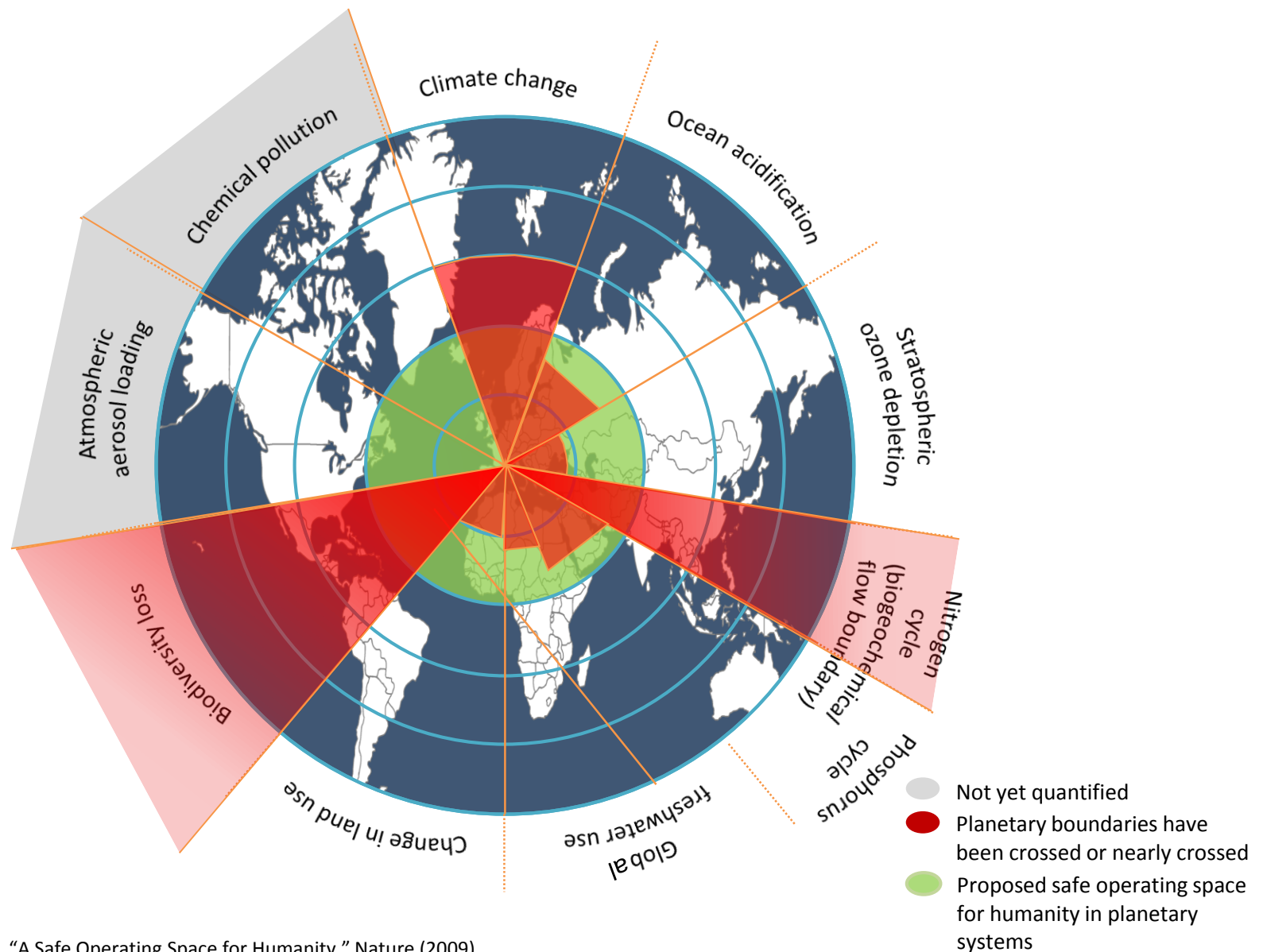


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# **GEF 2020 – Strategy and GEF 6 strategic priorities**

# Key Earth systems are near or beyond “tipping points”

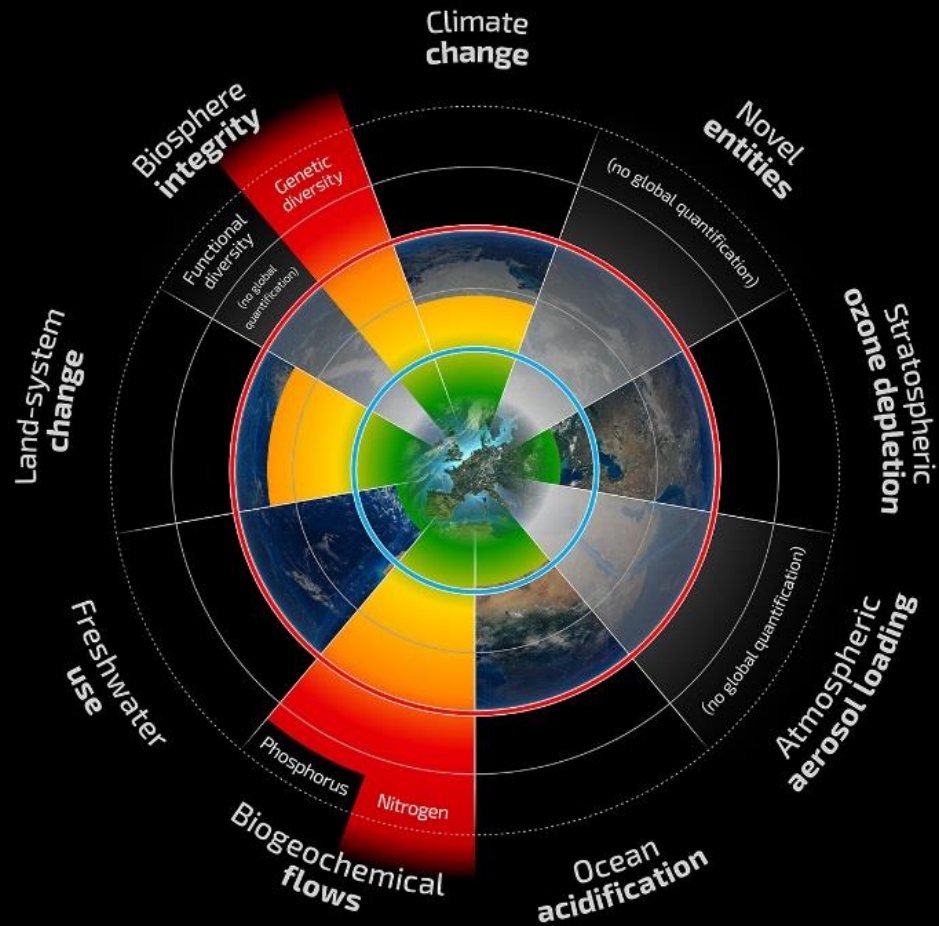


Source: Rockstrom et al, “A Safe Operating Space for Humanity,” Nature (2009)



# Planetary Boundaries

A safe operating space for humanity



- Beyond zone of uncertainty (high risk)
- In zone of uncertainty (increasing risk)
- Below boundary (safe)
- Boundary not yet quantified

# GEF 2020 Strategy

A new strategy aimed at making the GEF an even more centralized actor in the international environmental arena and at achieving impacts at the scale

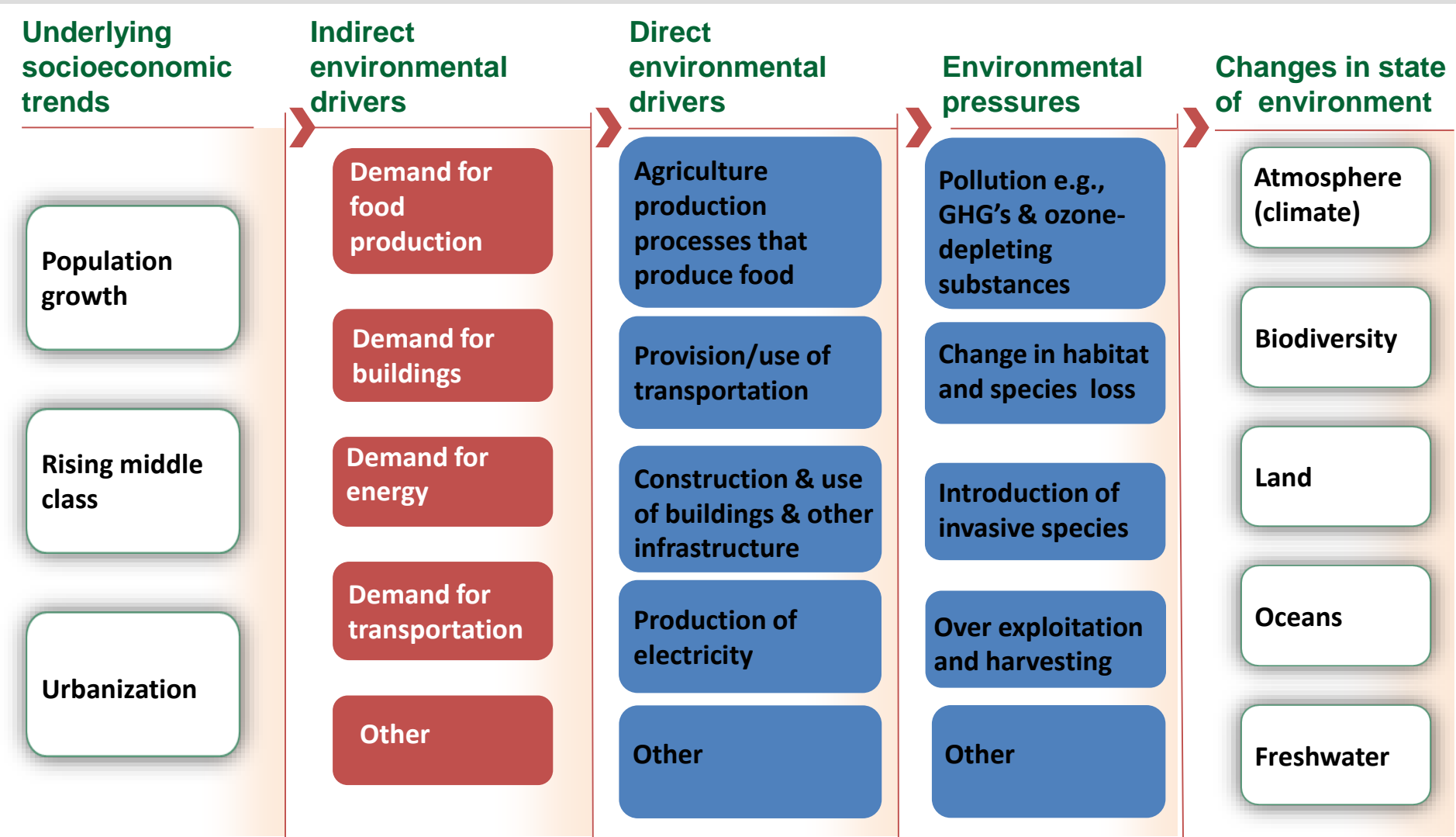
## Outline of GEF2020 Strategy

- Focus on drivers of environmental degradation
- Deliver integrated solutions, given that many global challenges are interlinked
- Forge close relationships with a variety of stakeholders
- Finance resilience and adaptation
- Ensure complementarity and synergies in climate finance



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# 1. Address drivers of environmental degradation



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Driver interventions

Pressure interventions

Changes in human welfare

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## 2. Deliver Integrated Solutions

- Example: Integrated approach programs (IAPs) in GEF-6:
  - *Sustainable Cities*
  - *Deforestation out of Commodity Supply*
  - *Fostering Sustainability and Resilience for Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa*
- An increasing portfolio of multi-focal area projects and programs





### 3. Enhance Resilience

#### GEF Adaptation Program:

- LDCF, SCCF
- 124 countries worth US\$1.2 billion



- National adaptation plans (NAPs)
- Ecosystem based adaptation



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## 4. Ensure Complementarity in Environmental Finance

- Increasingly complex climate finance architecture
- GEF “niche”:
  - *Transforming policy and regulatory environments; build institutional capacity*
  - *Demonstrate new technology and business models*
  - *De-risk partner investments*
  - *Build multi-stakeholder alliances*



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# Implementing GEF-6

- Through ***strategic partnerships***
- Address ***global environmental issues*** where a country plays a pivotal role
- Activities that ***cut across multiple focal areas and sectors***, and promote integrated approach in achieving your national development objectives. Identify those areas in your National Plans where GEF can support policy, market or behavioral transformations.
- ***Combine GEF resources with other existing resources*** from other donors and the government, and thus leveraging the impact in advancing national environmental priorities



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**Thanks for your attention.**

**Questions?**



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