



1. GEF's Approach to Civil Society Engagement and Small Grants Programme (SGP)

2. Country Support Program (CSP)

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GEF's Approach to Civil Society Engagement

GEF Small Grants Programme



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INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

GEF's history of Engagement with Civil Society



CSOs Roles

- Project executors/co-executors
- Leverage co-financing
- Provide expert local knowledge
- Participate in monitoring of project impacts and outcomes
- Advocacy and influencing policy
- GEF Agencies



2017

Updated Vision to Enhance Engagement with Civil Society



Some Engagement Opportunities for Civil Society Organizations

Country Level – Program and Project design and Execution	Global/Regional learning and Exchange with other stakeholders	Global Level – Decision Making	Other Consultations	Knowledge and Learning (K&L)
Consultations on GEF Program and Project design and FPIC (Indigenous Peoples) – As per Policies and Guidelines	CSP Expanded Constituency Workshops: Dedicated sessions on stakeholder and civil society engagement.	Council meetings: CSOs represented to bring the voices from the field to provide inputs in each agenda item	Policy and Strategy Formulation: CSOs are consulted when a policy, guideline or strategy is being formulated	South to South Knowledge Exchange: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art of Knowledge Exchange (AKE) for CSOs • Clinic on AKE
Participation in projects as executors/co-executors/ leveraging co-financing	GEF CSO Network: Assembles CSOs working in the GEF’s relevant areas.	GEF Consultations with CSOs: prior to Council meetings: Selected Topic.	Participation in working groups: GGP, Public Involvement, KM Advisory Group	Upcoming virtual K&L activities
GEF Small Grants Programme: Dedicated funding window		Civil Society Forum and GEF Assembly: Every four years.	Access to Grievance Mechanism: Conflict Resolution	
Participation in CSP National Dialogues		Replenishment Process: 2 CSO reps.		



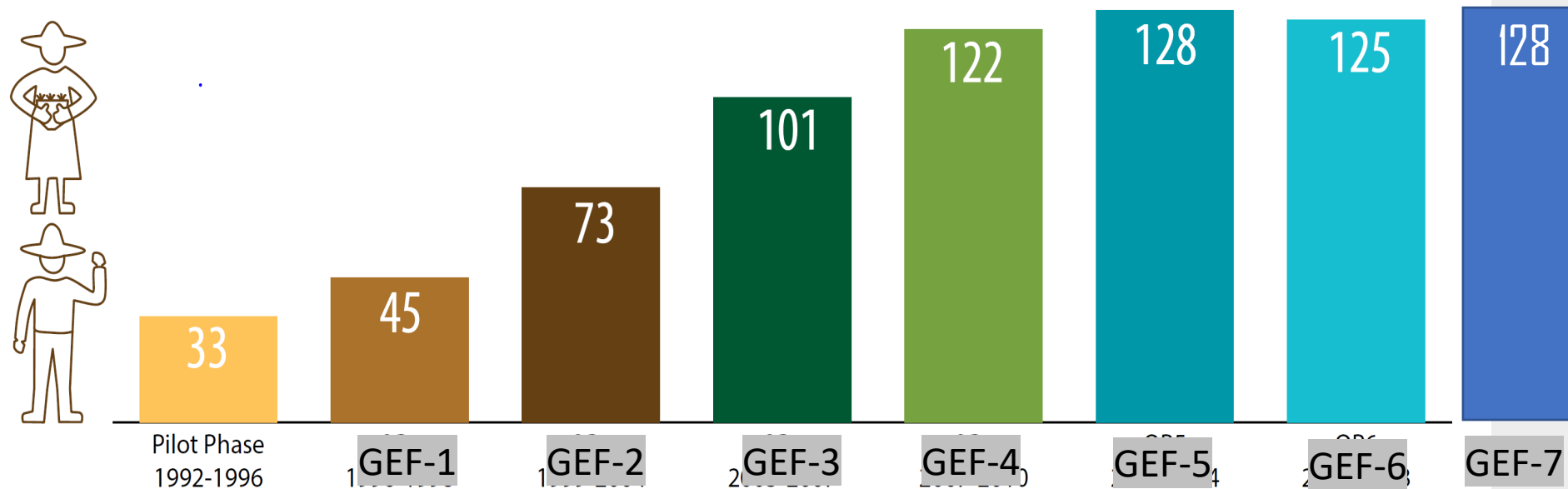
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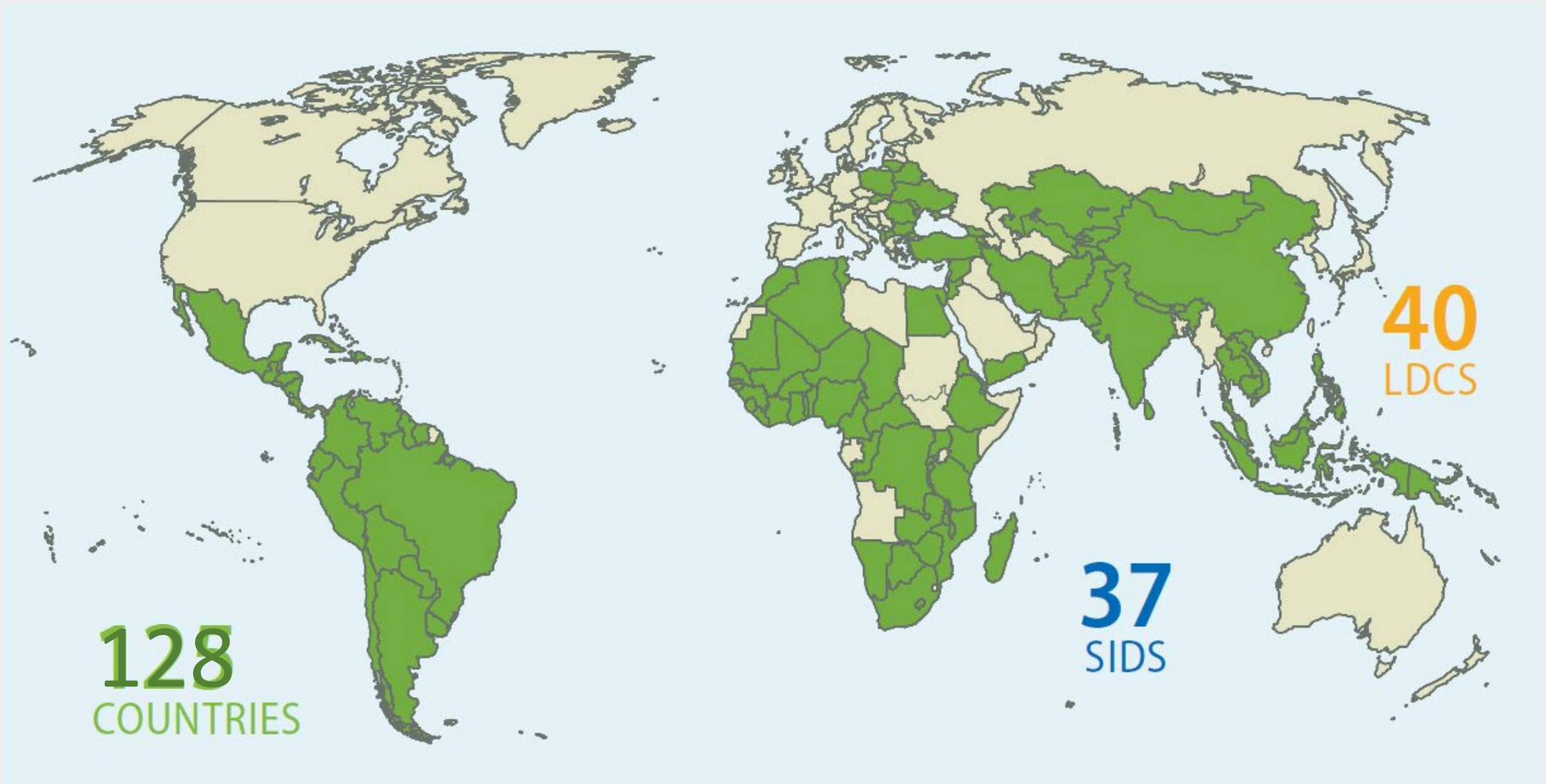
- ❑ Since 1992, GEF Corporate Program, implemented by UNDP
- ❑ Only GEF window for CSOs and communities
- ❑ Grant mechanism
- ❑ Supports community-based innovative local solutions



SGP country coverage

Number of Country Programmes by GEF Cycle (1992-2020)

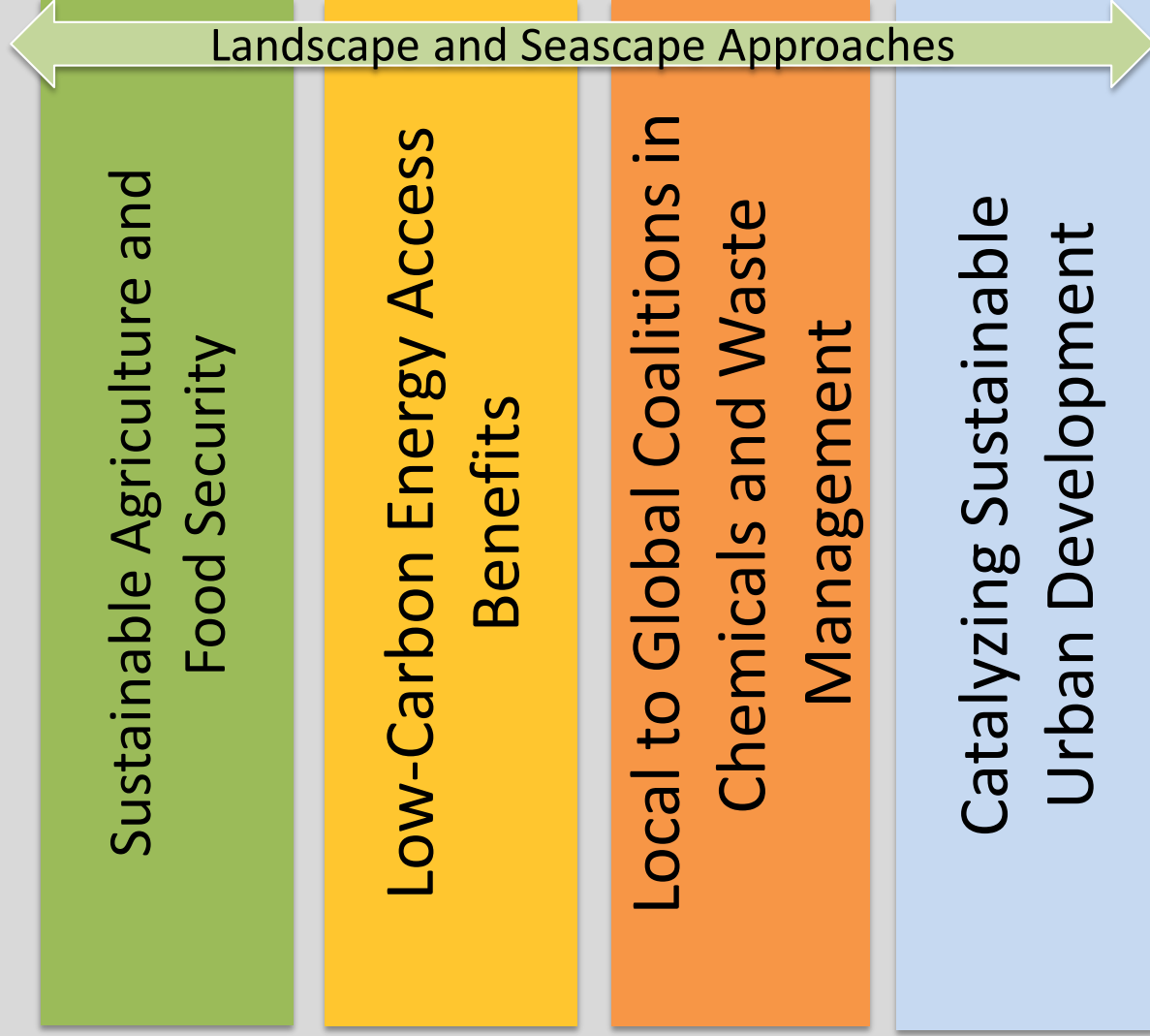




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Small Grants Programme GEF-7 Strategic Directions

Strategic Initiatives

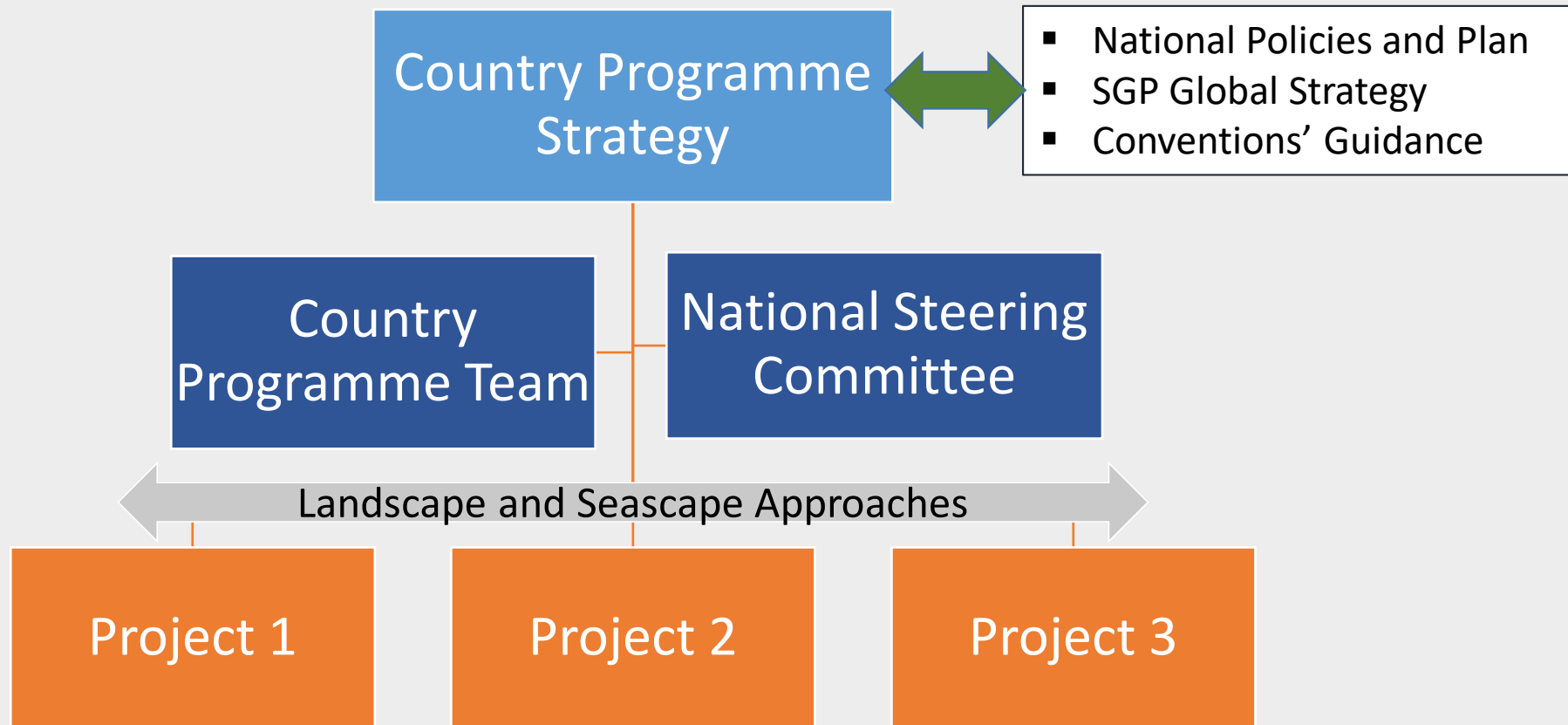


Size of SGP Grants

- Planning Grants-Maximum \$5K
- Regular Grants-Maximum \$50K
- Strategic Grants-Maximum \$150K
- Global/Regional Grants: \$250k to 500k



How does the SGP work?



GEF Country Support Program



GEF Country Support Program

Objectives

- To provide all recipient countries with assistance and capacity building to make better use of the resources available through the GEF, including support for programming

History

- CSP originated in GEF-2 and has evolved since then

Key CSP activities

- Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECW)
- National Dialogues
- Pre-Council Meetings
- Constituency Meetings
- Stakeholder Empowerment Series (SES)

