



Relations with Conventions

GEF Introduction Seminar

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Convention on
Biological Diversity



MINAMATA
CONVENTION
ON MERCURY



United Nations
Convention to Combat
Desertification



Stockholm Convention
on persistent organic
pollutants (POPs)



United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change



GEF's Unique Role?

- As **financial mechanism**, GEF supports implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs):
 - ✓ National plan and strategy development
 - ✓ Investments for national priorities towards Convention goals
 - ✓ Convention reports and obligations
 - ✓ Transparency enhancement
 - ✓ Capacity building and technical assistance
- GEF functions under **guidance/decisions** from Conferences of Parties (COPs) and is **accountable**:
 - ✓ Participation in negotiations and mandated events
 - ✓ GEF report submissions
 - ✓ Response to Party inquiries
- Convention guidance/decisions are **crucial elements for GEF replenishment**

GEF Funds and Programs

COPs decide on program priorities, policies, fund establishment, eligibility criteria, and others

GEF Trust
Fund

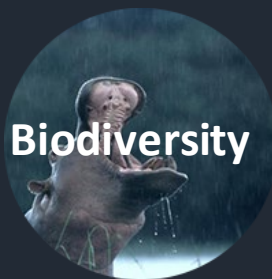
LDCF

SCCF

CBIT
Fund



Climate
Change



Biodiversity



Land
Degradation



Forests



International
Waters



Chemicals
and Waste



Paris
Agreement
Transparency

GEF Council

- Has agreements with all COPs
- Deliberates and approves programs, projects, and other measures in line with COP decisions/guidance
- Reviews relations with Conventions, holds dialogue with Executive Secretaries
- Decides on key developments, such as new fund set-up, new areas of programming, etc. in response to guidance/decisions
- Approves all GEF COP reports



2021 and beyond for MEAs

From 2020 as Super Year for nature
to
2021 for “Planetary Emergency”

- Landmark COPs for CBD and UNFCCC expected to take place in 2021
- Minamata, Stockholm, and UNCCD COPs to be confirmed
- Full set of blueprints for global sustainability by 2030 to emerge
 - ✓ Short-term and long-term actions
 - ✓ Focus on implementation and ambition
 - ✓ Implications for GEF-8 and beyond



Key MEA Targets and Goals by 2030?



Post-2020
Global
Biodiversity
Framework
(towards
reaching 2050
vision)



Paris
Agreement:
45% emission
reduction by
2030 (net zero
by 2050) to
meet 1.5°C
goal



Achieve land
degradation
neutrality by
2030



Phase out
PCB use in
equipment by
2025,
elimination by
2028



Phase out
mercury-
added
products by
2025 at latest

GEF programming to be informed by them and to make timely contributions

CBD COP 15

Kunming, likely October 2021

Expected key outcome:

- Adopt a post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, update Convention's strategic plan

COP 15 GEF guidance:

- Likely
- Four-year framework of program priorities for GEF-8 aligned with the post-2020 framework



UNFCCC COP 26

Glasgow, November 2021

Key issues and priorities:

- Raise ambition to lower emissions and adaptation action
- Delivery of climate finance
- Finish remaining items, such as carbon market (Article 6)
- Engagement of all actors

COP 26 GEF Guidance:

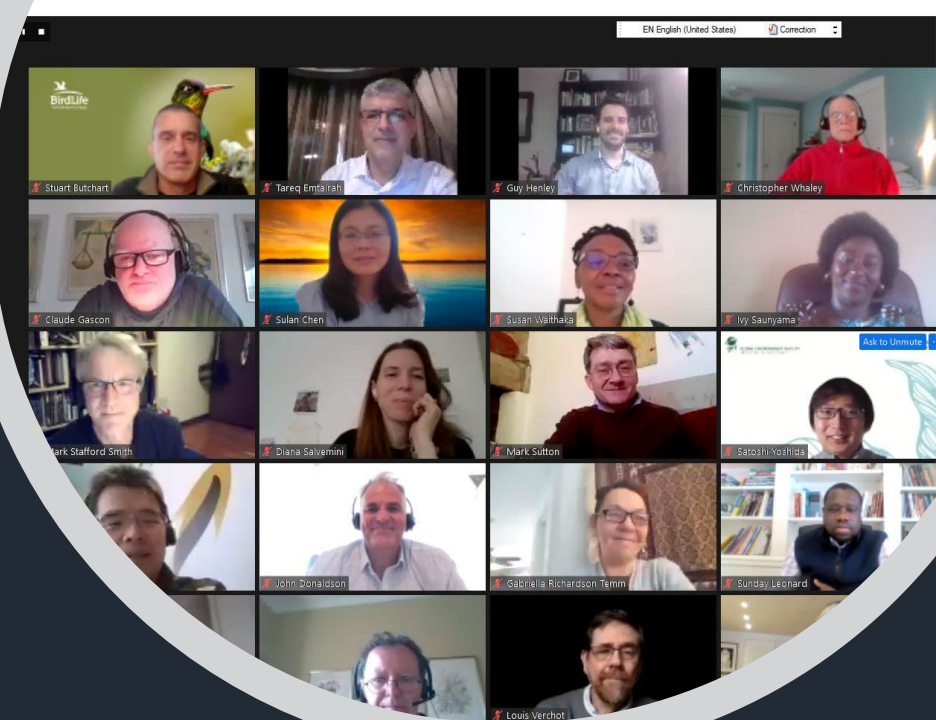
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- COP 25 guidance: Biennial transparency reports, encourage further LDCF/SCCF support, technology transfer, co-financing...

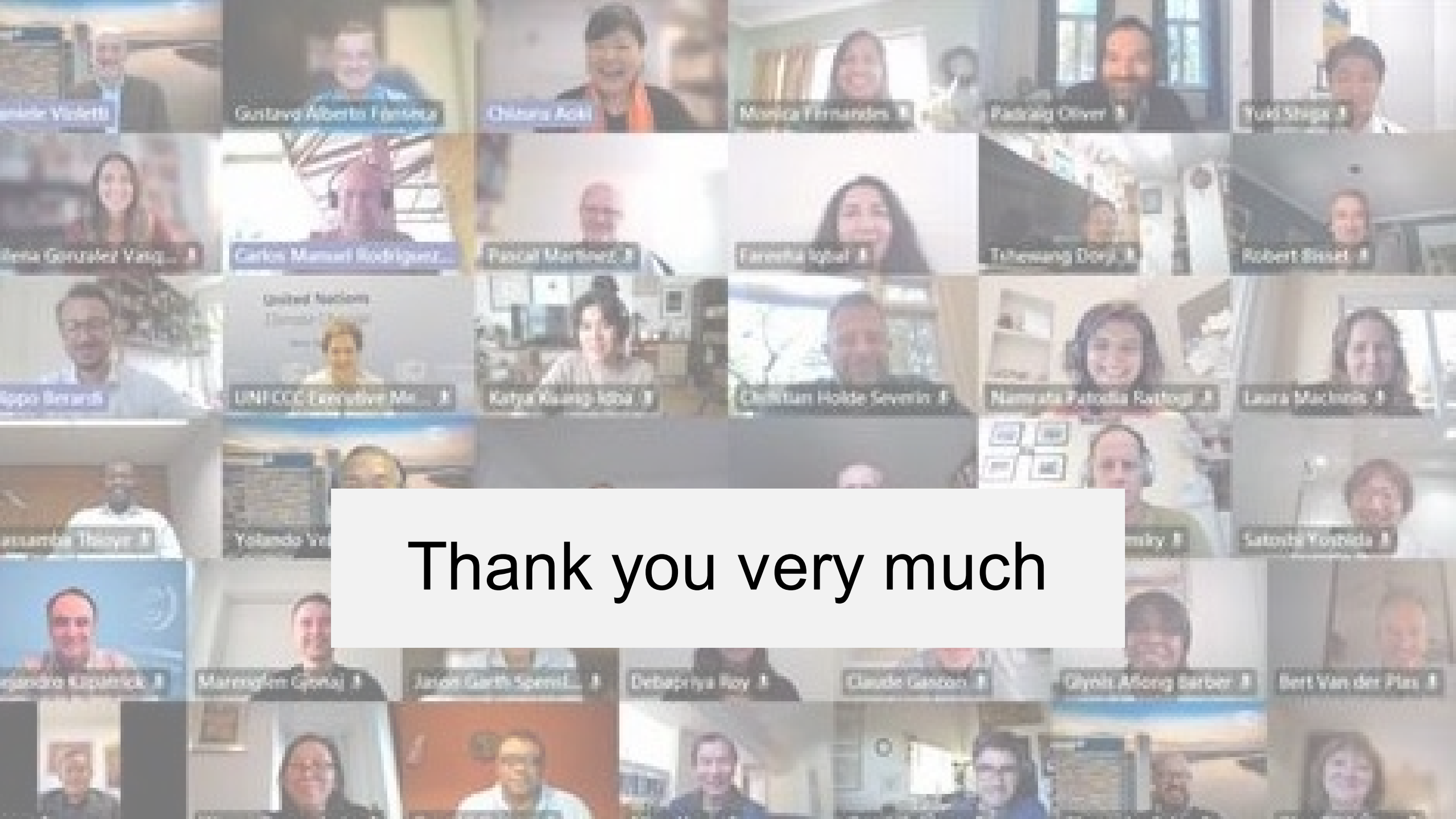


Minamata, Stockholm, and UNCCD

COPs to be confirmed; work continues

- Stockholm:
- 5th review of the financial mechanism ongoing
- GEF COP 10 report
- UNCCD:
- Committee for Review of Implementation of Convention (CRIC) meeting from 15 -19 March 2021
- Continued engagement:
- Meetings between GEF and Rio Conventions Secretariats: held in October 2021, click for [Summary](#) on GEF website
- Virtual retreat between GEF and Minamata and Stockholm Convention Secretariats planned in March 2021
- Convention engagement in replenishment process, starting with Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meetings in February 2021





Thank you very much