



**COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE WATER CONVENTION
AND THE
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT
FACILITY**

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Overview of the GEF

The GEF is a multilateral family of funds whose mandate embraces all facets of a healthy environment

Assists developing countries in meeting the objectives of international environmental conventions

Serve the Convention on Biological Diversity



Global Environment Facility Trust Fund: Focus on biodiversity, chemicals and waste, climate change, international waters, and land degradation, plus integrated programming.



Global Biodiversity Framework Fund: Newly-created fund to support the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and its 2030 nature-positive goals.



Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund: Supports action on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.

Serve the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change



Least Developed Countries Fund: The only dedicated source of multilateral funding for Least Developed Countries' most urgent climate adaptation needs.



Special Climate Change Fund: Climate adaptation fund focused on technology and innovation, with dedicated window for Small Island Developing States.



Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency Trust Fund: Support for climate change data and reporting, in support of the Paris Agreement's Enhanced Transparency Framework.

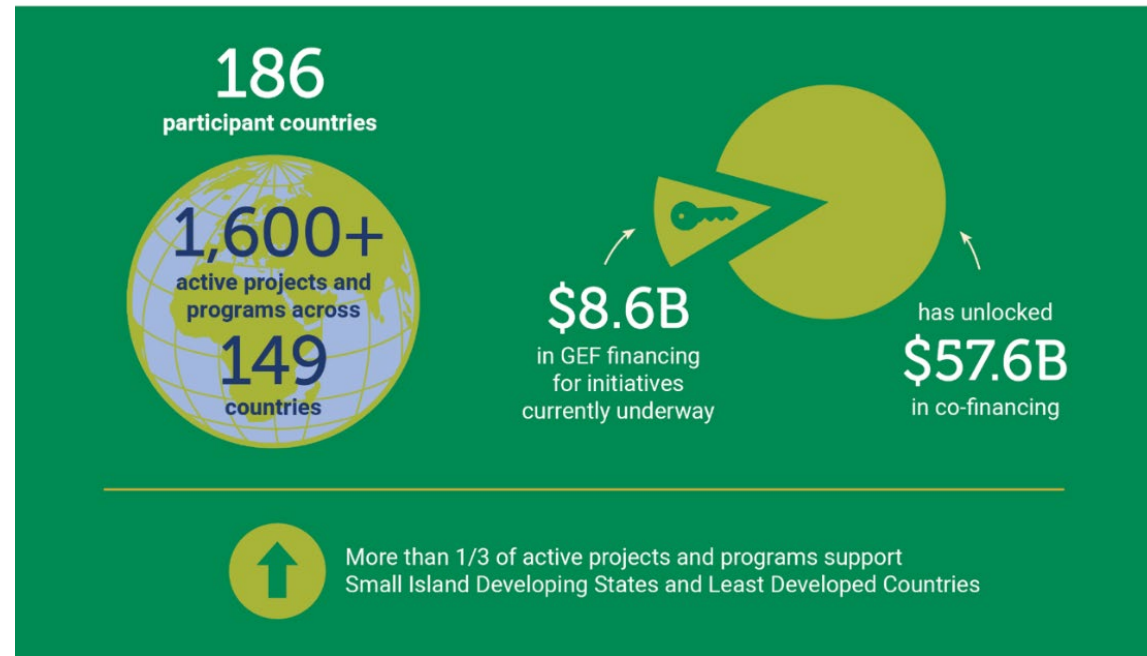


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The GEF has provided nearly \$25 billion in financing and mobilized another \$145 billion in co-financing for country-driven priority projects

Three Decades of Investing in the Planet

Overall since 1991:



GEF International Waters Focal Area

GEF-8 International Waters Focal Area Objectives



Objective 1

Accelerate joint action to support sustainable blue economic development



Objective 2

Advance management in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction



Objective 3

Enhance Water Security in Shared Freshwater Ecosystems

GEF IW is the largest grant funding mechanism for multi-country collaboration on shared freshwater and marine ecosystems in the world.

Marine: Over 200 projects with more than 110 countries and 22 LMEs and Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, totalling over US\$1.25 billion

Transboundary freshwater ecosystems: Over 60 transboundary rivers, 14 transboundary aquifers, and 16 shared lakes, totalling over US\$1 billion

Cumulative GEF IW funding: Over US\$ 3 billion in more than 470 projects, leveraging US\$ 19 billion in co-financing in 157 GEF-recipient countries



GEF and the Convention

- ❖ Collaboration between GEF and the Convention is based on complementarity and synergy of support to riparian countries:

Promote joint management bodies; cooperation and exchange of information; formulation of joint assessment of shared water resources



Drin Basin



Chu-Talas
Basin



Dniester
Basin



Senegal-Mauritanian
Aquifer System



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❖ IW:LEARN serves as the knowledge management platform of the GEF International Waters Portfolio



❖ UNECE has been a consistent and strong partner of IW:LEARN

❖ Areas of collaboration

- Cooperation on transboundary waters
- Integrated management approaches
- Sustainable funding and financing
- GEF International Waters Conference



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Next Steps

- ❖ Cooperate to strengthen the Transboundary Water Cooperation Coalition
- ❖ Continue long-standing collaboration through IW:LEARN and GEF Partnership
 - ❖ Continue to seek synergies on the ground to support countries/basin organizations to further their cooperation
 - ❖ Draft a rolling work plan to join forces on items of priority for both Convention Secretariat and GEF





Thank you

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