UNITAR WORKSHOP ON SYNERGIES FOR CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ADDRESSING CHEMICALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

WHAT ROLE FOR THE GEF?

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Background
The Focal Areas of the GEF

• Biodiversity
• Climate change
• International waters
• Ozone depletion
• Land degradation
• Persistent organic pollutants
GEF’s Unique Role

- Funding complements, and does not substitute for existing aid programs.
- Supports projects with global environmental benefits for which official development funds are not normally available.
- Pays the added (incremental) costs necessary to protect the global environment beyond what is necessary for national development.
GEF Partner Agencies

- United Nations Development Program
- United Nations Environment Programme
- World Bank
- African Development Bank
- Asian Development Bank
GEF Partner Agencies (2)

- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Inter-American Development Bank
- Food and Agriculture Organization
- UN Industrial Development Organization
- International Fund for Agriculture Development
More than 114 countries are receiving GEF funding for the preparation of their NIP including:

- 98 proposals approved under expedited procedures
- 5 proposals pending
- 4 countries following normal project cycle
- 12 countries part of UNEP/GEF pilot project
GEF’s Priorities for POPs

- Foundational capacity building (including NIPs)
- Policy/regulatory reforms and investments based on priorities that emerge from the NIPs
- Demonstration of innovative technologies and practices (e.g. DDT alternatives, hospital waste management)
II

Synergies
Why Synergies?

- Fragmentation / development effectiveness.
- Risk for Governments to take partially informed / wrong decisions.
- Missed opportunities.

What do we mean by “synergies”? Does synergies = SAICM?
Should GEF promote “synergies”?
How much effort is reasonable?

As per its instrument, the GEF operates under the guidance of, and is accountable to, the COP of the Conventions for which it serves as financial mechanism.
What we are doing so far

• Recognition that SC does not come in a desert: Both GEF NIP guidelines and draft operational program explicitly refer to need to seek synergies and coordination with related chemicals conventions / agreements
• Support to development of National Profile as a basis for POPs NIP.
• POPs and ODS disposal.
• UNECE POPs protocol reporting obligations (for those POPs also covered by SC).
• “Incremental” efforts: for example legislation / regulatory reforms, awareness campaigns etc.
III
Contacts and sources of information
Key GEF and POPs Contacts:

• Operational and Political Focal Points (government officials who work with GEF)
• GEF Council Member who represents your country
• Stockholm Convention Focal Points
• GEF Agencies: World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, FAO, UNIDO
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• Find your focal point at:

http://theGEF.org/participants/focal_points/focal_points.html
For more information on POPs

• Visit www.theGEF.org for a list of GEF contact persons in each country

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Accessing approved GEF projects on the internet:

- GEF’s project database is located at www.gefonline.org

- Search by country, focal area, implementing agency, or keyword
THANK YOU!!!