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

WHAT ROLE FOR THE GEF?

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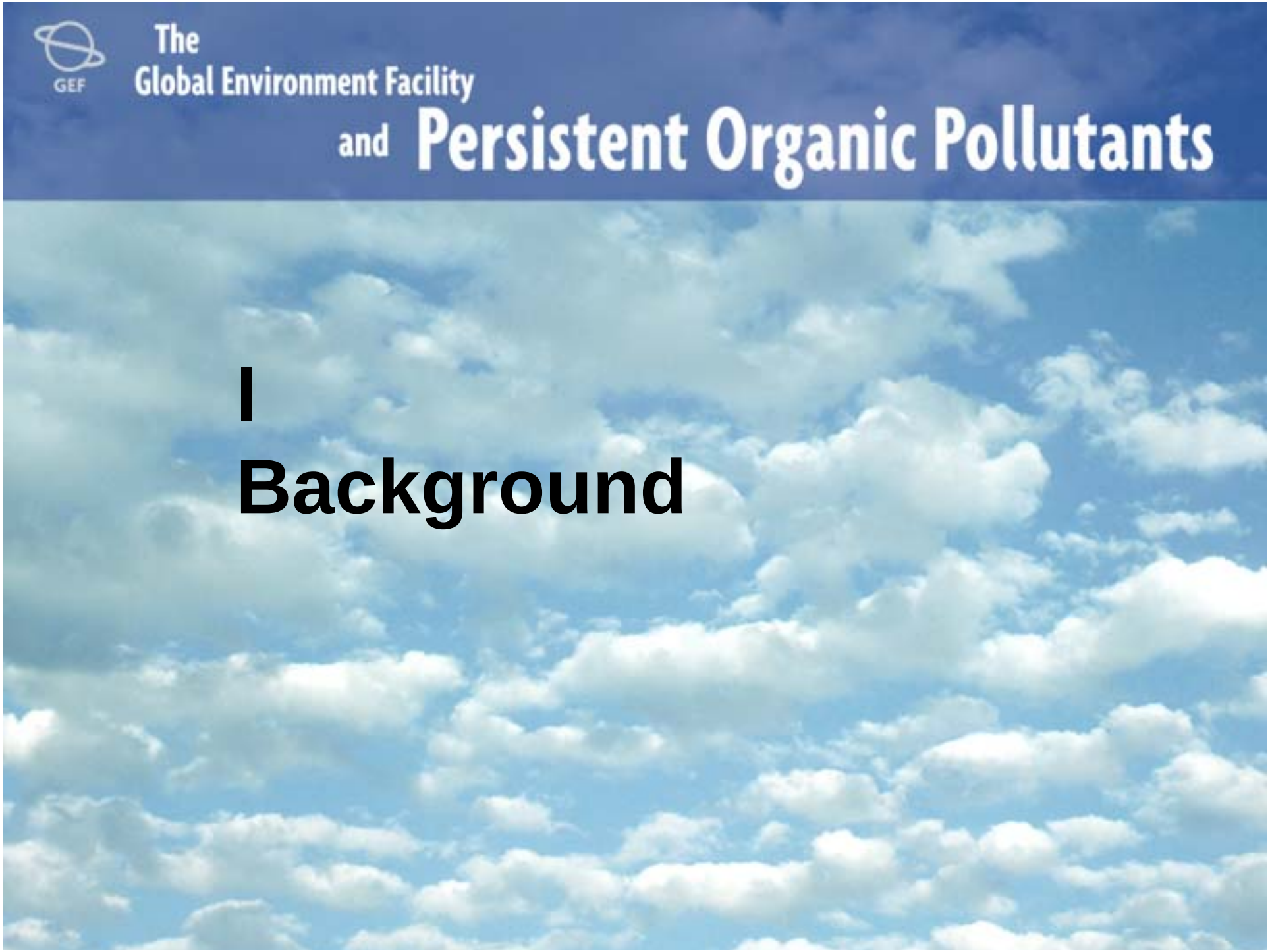
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The Focal Areas of the GEF

- 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.**

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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

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More than 114 countries are receiving GEF funding for the preparation of their NIP including:

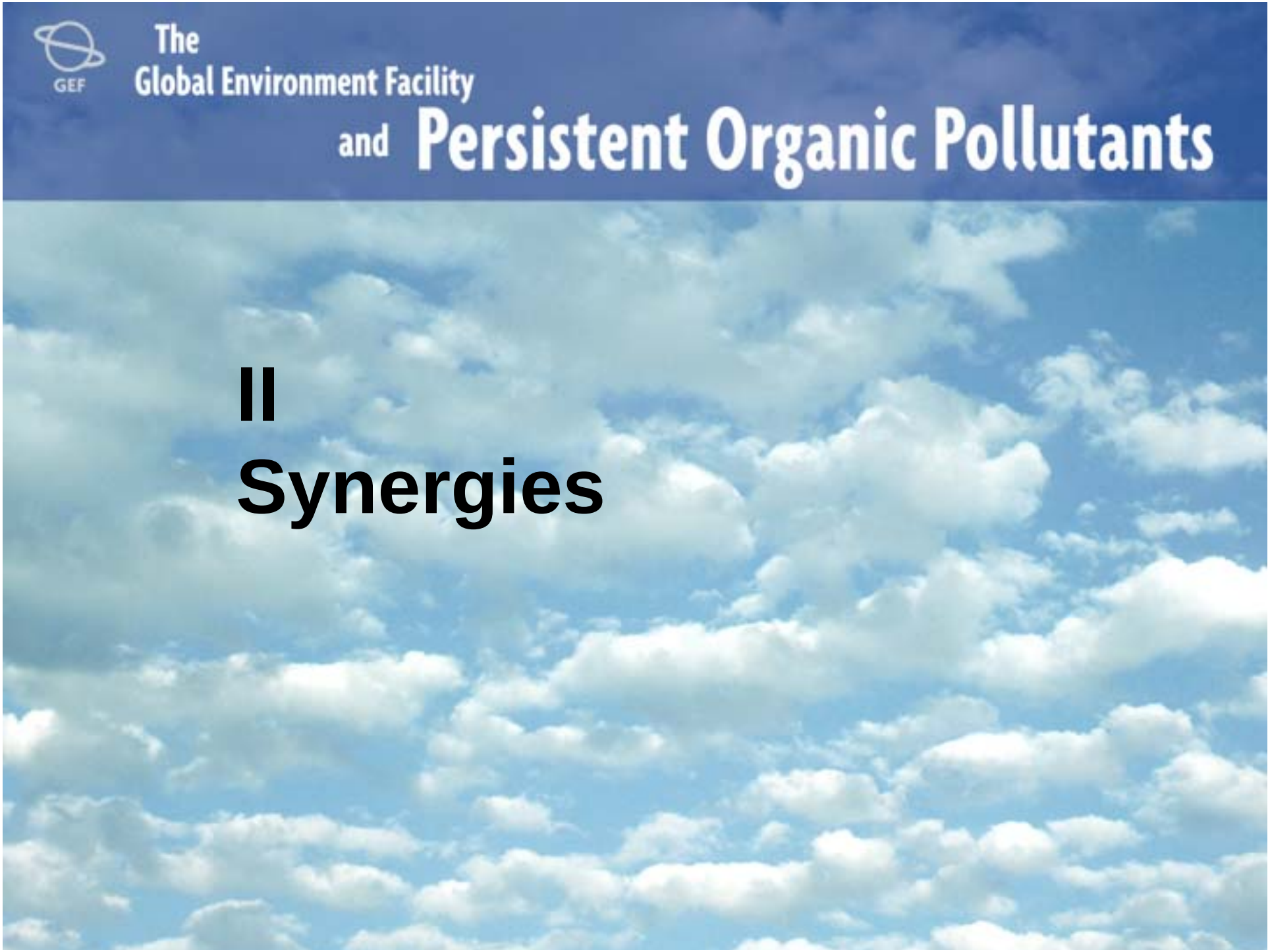
- **98 proposals approved under expedited procedures**
- **5 proposals pending**
- **4 countries following normal project cycle**
- **12 countries part of UNEP/GEF pilot project**

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)**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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?

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GEF Financial mech. of SC

- **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.

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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.**

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Possible Examples

- **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.**

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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**

KNOW YOUR NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS!!!

- 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

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