



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

[www.theGEF.org](http://www.theGEF.org)



# GEF SUPPORT TO THE MINAMATA CONVENTION IN THE INTERIM PERIOD





# Content

- GEF's Role in the Convention
- GEF's chemical and waste strategy
- Allocations for Mercury
- Accessing GEF Resources



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

[www.theGEF.org](http://www.theGEF.org)

# GEF's Role in the Minamata Convention





Period	Role of the GEF
<p>Period between adoption of the Convention (October 2013) to COP 1</p>	<p>Allocate dedicated resources to support activities to facilitate the rapid entry into force and effective implementation of the Convention and support enabling activities.</p>
<p>After COP 1</p>	<p>the GEF will formally function as the Financial Mechanism and will operate under the guidance of the COP in accordance with a memorandum of understanding that will be agreed between the COP and the GEF Council.</p>



**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**  
 INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

[www.theGEF.org](http://www.theGEF.org)

# GEF 6 Chemicals and Waste Strategy





# GEF 6 – Chemicals and Waste

- Total allocated to chemicals and waste - \$554M
- Resources are allocated into six programs.

Convention/Process	GEF 6 Target
Stockholm Convention	80,000 Tons of POPs
Minamata Convention	1,000 Tons of Mercury
Montreal Protocol	303.44 ODP Tons



**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# GEF 6 Chemicals and Waste

<p>CW 1: Develop the enabling conditions, tools and environment for the sound management of harmful chemicals and waste</p>	<p>Program 1</p>	<p>Develop and demonstrate new tools and economic approaches for managing harmful chemicals and waste in a sound manner</p>
	<p>Program 2</p>	<p>Support enabling activities and promote their integration into national budgets and planning processes, national and sector policies and actions and global monitoring</p>
<p>CW 2: reduce the prevalence of harmful chemicals and waste and support the implementation of clean alternative technologies/substances</p>	<p>Program 3</p>	<p>Reduction and elimination of POPs</p>
	<p>Program 4</p>	<p>Reduction or elimination of anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury to the environment</p>
	<p>Program 5</p>	<p>Complete the phase out of ODS in CEITs</p>
	<p>Program 6</p>	<p>Support regional approaches to eliminate and reduce harmful chemicals and waste in LDCs and SIDS</p>
<p><b>INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING OPTIONS</b></p>		



**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**  
 INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# Programs relevant to the Minamata Convention

- Program 1 – Innovation, Tools
- Program 2 – Enabling activities
- Program 4 – Implementation, early action
- Program 6 – LDCs/SIDS



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET





# Program 4

- **Total Funding - \$78M**
- This program will deal with mercury in:
  - ASGM
  - Sources listed in Annex D of the Minamata Convention
  - In global trade, including mercury in products
  - In industrial processes included in the convention
  - Sound management of mercury storage
  - Introduction of frameworks for the environmentally sound management of mercury-containing wastes
  - Development of inventories of mercury emissions.
  - Introduction of life cycle management of mercury



**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# Program 6

- **Total Funding - \$56M**
- The regional and sub-regional approaches will cover:
  - Enhanced capacity to manage harmful chemicals and waste at a regional/sub-regional level
  - Regional-level plans for the management of harmful chemicals and waste
  - Technologies and techniques suitable to LDCs and SIDS
  - Innovative management practices suitable to LDCs and SIDS



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# Funding Allocated in GEF-6

	Program	Convention/Process	Funding (Million USD)
<b>CW 1</b>	Program 1	POPs	20
		Mercury	10
		SAICM	8
	Program 2	POPs	20
		Mercury	30
	<b>Total CW 1</b>		
<b>CW 2</b>	Program 3	POPs	307
	Program 4	Mercury	48
	Program 5	ODS	25
	Program 6	POPs	28
		Mercury	23
		SAICM	5
	<b>Total CW 2</b>		



# Funding by Convention

Convention/Process	Funding (Million USD)
Stockholm Convention	375
Minamata Convention	141
Montreal Protocol	25
SAICM	13



**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

[www.theGEF.org](http://www.theGEF.org)

# Accessing GEF Resources





# GEF Agencies

UNDP – United Nations Development Program

ADB – Asian Development Bank

UNEP – United Nations Environment Program

DBSA – Development Bank of South Africa

UNIDO – United Nations Industrial Development Organization

FAO – Food and Agricultural Organization

World Bank

IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development

IADB – Inter American Development Bank

CI – Conservation International

EBRD - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

WWF (US) – World Wildlife Fund

AfDB – African Development Bank

IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature



# Types of Projects

- Enabling Activities
- Medium Sized Projects
- Full Sized Projects
- Programs



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# Enabling Activities

- One step expedited approval within the GEF Secretariat for projects up to \$1M
- On application the GEF has 10 business days to review and recommend approval to the CEO or return to the proponent for revisions.
- For Minamata this applies to Minamata Convention Initial Assessments (MIAs) and ASGM Nation Action Plans (NAPs)
- Can be submitted through a GEF agency or through direct access.
- **Does not require co-financing**



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET





# GEF Eligible Enabling Activities

- Minamata Convention Initial Assessments (MIAs)
- ASGM National Action Plans (NAPs)



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# Minamata Convention Initial Assessments (MIA)

- Guidelines are contained in GEF/C.45/Inf.05/Rev.01
- The assessment should look at the institutional, legislative and policy issues required for the country to be able to implement the convention.



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# MIA - Eligibility

- All developing countries and countries with economies in transition who have signed the convention.
- If not signatory the country can demonstrate that it is taking steps towards ratification through a letter from a relevant Government Minister to the ED of UNEP. (provision agreed by INC 6 and approved by the GEF Council)



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# Value of Grants

- Up to \$200,000, however on a case by case basis countries may request additional resources based on the complexity of their sectors that use or emit mercury.



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# ASGM National Action Plans

- Guidelines are contained in GEF/C.45/Inf.05/Rev.01 which is the same document that contains the MIA guidelines
- The action plan should be prepared in accordance with Annex C of the Minamata Convention
- A country may prepare its ASGM NAP in parallel with its MIA.



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# ASGM NAPs - Eligibility

- Be developing countries or countries with economies in transition that have signed the Convention; and
- Notify the Secretariat of the Convention in writing that there is more than insignificant ASGM and processing in its territory (Article 7, para 3);



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# Value of Grants

- Up to \$500,000, however on a case by case basis countries may request additional resources based on the complexity of their ASGM sector.



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# Medium Sized Projects (MSP)

- Medium sized projects are up to \$2M and are submitted in one step to the GEF.
- If project preparation was used to develop the project the GEF refunds it on approval of the MSP
- MSPs are approved internally at the GEF Secretariat .
- 10 day business standard applies for review of MSPs



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET





# Full Sized Projects (FSP)

- Projects over \$2M
- Has to be approved by the GEF Council in a work program
- The FSP has a two step process.
- The project identification form is first submitted and approved by the GEF Council – project preparation is approved at the same time.
- After council approval, the country and agency has 18 months to submit the elaborated project for approval.



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# Programmatic Approach

- A “programmatic approach” is an overarching vision for change that is best achieved through a series of interconnected projects.
- Its individual yet interlinked projects aim at achieving large-scale impacts on the global environment.



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



# Programmatic Approach

- There are two approval steps for a programmatic approach:
  - Council approval of a **Program Framework Document (PFD)** included in a work program; and
  - CEO endorsement of fully prepared child projects under the program
- Programmatic Approaches are normally submitted to Council through work programs in a Council meeting, except for LDCF programs, these maybe submitted to Council for approval through mail.
- Project preparation is approved along with the PFD approval.



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET



**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**  
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

[www.theGEF.org](http://www.theGEF.org)

## Contacts:

**Ibrahima Sow – Senior Environmental Specialist- [isow@thegef.org](mailto:isow@thegef.org)**

**Anil Sookdeo – Senior Environmental Specialist - [asookdeo@thegef.org](mailto:asookdeo@thegef.org)**

**Evelyn Swain – Environmental Specialist - [eswain@thegef.org](mailto:eswain@thegef.org)**

**Lulwa Ali – Senior Environmental Specialist – [lali@thegef.org](mailto:lali@thegef.org)**

**Masako Ogawa – Senior Environmental Specialist – [mogawa2@thegef.org](mailto:mogawa2@thegef.org)**

