

List of South-South and Triangular Cooperation Projects

	Project	Start Date	End Date	Status	Countries Involved	Interregional / Intraregional	Subprogramme(s) / GEF Focal Area(s)	Description	Funding Source
1	Improving Ecosystem Management for Sustainable Livelihoods in the Framework of Lancang-Mekong Cooperation	2018	2020	Under Implementation	Cambodia China Lao People's Democratic Republic.	Interregional	Ecosystem Management	<p><u>Objective:</u> The project aims at increasing awareness, institutional, technical and financial capacity of countries in the Lancang-Mekong region to adopt an integrated ecosystem management approach, with demonstrated ecosystem management for sustainable livelihood through pilot activities at selected transboundary areas.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Given the transboundary nature of many Lancang-Mekong natural ecosystems, as well as the common threats that economic development and climate change pose to a diverse group of people across the region, there is a need and opportunity for South-South cooperation among the countries of the Lancang-Mekong to share knowledge and technologies for ecosystem management.</p>	China Trust Fund
2	Delivering sustainable development and enabling the transition to greener economies through sustainable public Procurement	2013	2018	Under Implementation	Azerbaijan, Belarus, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay, Vietnam.	Interregional	Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production	<p><u>The objectives:</u> Assist countries in the design and implementation of sustainable public procurement policies and action plans, contribute to the development of an international Sustainable Public Procurement Initiative aimed at building the case for SPP and at accelerating the uptake of SPP through increased collaboration between stakeholders and better access to capacity building tools.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Facilitating the exchange of experiences and best practices through various channels. Pilot countries have learned from each other's experience, particularly in the development of market readiness analysis, and SPP national action plan development.</p>	Environment Fund
3	Strengthening of the Enabling Environment, Ecosystem-based Management and Governance to Support Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme of the Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem	2018	2021	Concept Approved (pending implementation)	Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Togo, Congo DR.	Intraregional	International Waters	<p><u>Objective:</u> To strengthen the regional governance and ecosystem-based management of the GCLME through assisting the countries to build capacity for SAP implementation measures related to transboundary fisheries, biodiversity conservation and pollution reduction.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Strengthening the capacity of national institutions in planning for adaptation, promoting south-south exchanges and promoting intersectoral planning. The project will be able to use this expertise for a better involvement of national institutions and support other agencies in coordinating with the institutions.</p>	GEF Trust Fund

4	Reversing Ecosystem and Water Degradation in the Volta River Basin (REWARD-Volta River Basin)	2018	2023	Concept Approved (pending implementation)	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Togo.	Intraregional	International Waters	<p><u>Objective:</u> Reverse ecosystem and water degradation and support integrated ecosystem-based development in the Volta River Basin through strengthened transboundary governance and restoration and conservation of ecosystems for sustainable livelihoods.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Strengthened transboundary governance.</p>	GEF Trust Fund
5	Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme to Ensure Integrated and Sustainable Management of the Transboundary Water Resources of the Amazon River Basin Considering Climate Variability and Change	2018	2022	Concept Approved (pending implementation)	Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela.	Intraregional	Biodiversity, International Waters, Land Degradation, Climate Change.	<p><u>Objective:</u> Implementing the Strategic Action Program (SAP), promoting Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and source-to-sea approaches, to improve ecological, social and economic benefits and, enabling the countries to meet their relevant SDG and convention targets in the Amazon basin.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> In the context of the South-South Cooperation and with the support of the National Water Agency (ANA) of Brazil, the project is entering its second phase with the aim of strengthening institutional coordination and installed capacities for regional hydro-meteorological and water quality monitoring in the Amazon Basin.</p>	GEF Trust Fund
6	Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme): Enhancing Environmental Security	2017	2022	Concept Approved (pending implementation)	Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco, Tunisia.	Interregional	International Waters, Biodiversity, Chemicals and Waste	<p><u>Objective:</u> To accelerate the implementation of agreed upon priority actions to reduce the major transboundary environmental stresses affecting the Mediterranean Sea and its coastal areas while strengthening climate resilience and water security, and improving the health and livelihoods of coastal populations.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> The project will complement the national projects, maximize the effectiveness of the overall Programme and provide opportunities for south-south learning, foster intergovernmental cooperation, use of M&E tools and geospatial services, apply best practices and develop portfolio-wide training and communication strategies.</p>	GEF Trust Fund

7	CREW+: An Integrated Approach to Water and Wastewater Management Using Innovative Solutions and Promoting Financing Mechanisms in the Wider Caribbean Region	2018	2021	Concept Approved (pending implementation)	Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, St. Kitts And Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname.	Intraregional	International Waters, Land Degradation	<p><u>Objective:</u> To implement innovative technical small-scale solutions for Wastewater Management in the Wider Caribbean Region using an integrated water and wastewater management approach and through building on sustainable financing mechanisms piloted through the Caribbean Regional Fund for Wastewater Management.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Enhanced regional and national coordination, information exchange, science-based decisions, and reporting on relevant SDGs and MEAs, resulting from the use of national and regional platforms/databases for IWWM by national and regional institutions in at least 6 participating countries.</p>	GEF Trust Fund
8	Strengthening National and Regional Capacities to Reduce the Impact of Invasive Alien Species on Globally Significant Biodiversity in the Pacific	2017	2022	Concept Approved (pending implementation)	Tonga, Niue, Marshall Islands, Tuvalu.	Intraregional	Biodiversity	<p><u>Objective:</u> Reduce the threats from Invasive Alien Species (IAS) to terrestrial, freshwater and marine biodiversity in the Pacific by developing and implementing comprehensive national and regional IAS management frameworks.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Enhance capacity of countries to implement MEAs (multilateral environmental agreements) and mainstream into national and sub-national policy, planning financial and legal frameworks. Development and sectoral planning frameworks integrate measurable targets drawn from the MEAs in at least 10 countries.</p>	GEF Trust Fund
9	Integrated Health and Environment Observatories and Legal and Institutional Strengthening for the Sound Management of Chemicals in Africa (African ChemObs)	2017	2022	Under Implementation	Ethiopia, Gabon, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Senegal, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.	Intraregional	Chemicals and Waste	<p><u>Objective:</u> To contribute to improved health and environment through strengthening national and regional institutions, and implementing priority chemicals and waste related interventions.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Promotion of collective management of transboundary water systems and implementation of the full range of policy, legal, and institutional reforms and investments contributing to sustainable use and maintenance of ecosystem services. Enhance capacity of countries to implement MEAs (multilateral environmental agreements) and mainstream into national and sub-national policy, planning financial and legal frameworks.</p>	GEF Trust Fund

10	Knowledge for Action: Promoting Innovation Among Environmental Funds	2015	2018	Under Implementation	Global (Bolivia, Brazil, Botswana, Belize, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Jamaica, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Panama, Peru, Paraguay, Suriname, El Salvador, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa)	Interregional	Biodiversity	<p><u>Objective:</u> To strengthen EFs' capacities on financial innovations through knowledge management and exchange.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Enhance documentation, knowledge sharing and collective learning through the south-south collaboration of their networks.</p>	GEF Trust Fund
11	Sharing Knowledge on the Use of Biochar for Sustainable Land Management	2014		Under Implementation	China, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Peru, Vietnam.	Interregional	Land Degradation	<p><u>Objective:</u> To demonstrate and promote the adoption of SLM practices involving the use of innovative organic amendments, based on biochar, that improve the capture and efficient use of nutrients, and enhance productivity, improve climate resilience, support rural livelihoods, and contribute to watershed management.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Knowledge management, dissemination and capacity building within a South-South context.</p>	GEF Trust Fund
12	Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea	2016	2021	Under Implementation	China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam.	Intraregional	International Waters	<p><u>Objective:</u> To assist countries in meeting the targets of the approved Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the marine and coastal environment of the South China Sea (SCS) through implementation of the National Action Plans in support of the SAP.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Strengthening regional co-ordination for SCS SAP implementation.</p>	GEF Trust Fund

13	Disposal of PCB Oils Contained in Transformers and Disposal of Capacitors Containing PCB in Southern Africa	2016	2021	Under Implementation	Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.	Intraregional	Persistent Organic Pollutants	<p><u>Objective:</u> To reduce environmental and human health risks from PCB releases through the demonstration of a regional approach to the introduction of cost-effective and socially acceptable environmentally sound management (ESM) of PCB oils, equipment and wastes held by electrical utilities and other PCB owners in participating countries.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Enhancement and regional harmonization of national regulatory infrastructure and sustainable mechanisms, enhanced regional capacity for ESM of PCB containing equipment in service and regional mechanism for ESM of decommissioned PCB liquids and equipment.</p>	GEF Trust Fund
14	Building National and Regional Capacity to Implement MEAs by Strengthening Planning, and State of Environment Assessment and Reporting	2016	2020	Under Implementation	Cook Islands, Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.	Intraregional	Multi Focal Area	<p><u>Objective:</u> This project will establish a Pacific Island Country (PIC) network of national and regional databases for monitoring, evaluating, and analysing environmental information to support environmental planning, forecasting, and reporting requirements at all levels.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Network of national and regional databases for monitoring the state of the Pacific's environment.</p>	GEF Trust Fund
15	Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Protection of the Western Indian Ocean from Land-based Sources and Activities (WIO-SAP)	2016	2021	Under Implementation	Kenya, Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Tanzania, South Africa	Intraregional	International Waters	<p><u>Objective:</u> Reduce Impacts from Land-Based Sources and Activities and Sustainably Manage Critical Coastal-Riverine Ecosystems Through the Implementation of the WIO-SAP Priorities with the Support of Partnerships at National and Regional Levels.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Catalyse multi-state cooperation to balance conflicting water uses in transboundary surface and groundwater basins while considering climatic variability and change.</p>	GEF Trust Fund

16	Chile, Brazil and Madagascar Cooperation: Alliance for Zero Extinction: Conserving Earth's Most Irreplaceable Sites for Endangered Biodiversity	2015	2018	Under Implementation	Chile, Brazil, Madagascar.	Interregional	Biodiversity	<p><u>Objective:</u> To Prevent Species Extinctions at Priority Sites Identified Through the Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE).</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Joint initiative for wildlife protection.</p>	GEF Trust Fund
17	South-South Cooperation on Green Global Value Chains	2018	2020	Concept Approved (pending implementation)	Global (Asia, Africa, Belt and Road countries)	Interregional	Resource Efficiency	<p><u>Objective:</u> The project will target developing countries who have interest in green trade and green Global Value Chains. Over the past few years, developing countries in these regions have witnessed rapid economic growth, growing integration into global value chains, and huge potential in "green" areas such as renewable energy, environmental technology, and sustainable agriculture. At the same time, most of them remain at the upstream phases of the global value chains, with production and exports relying heavily on natural resources and processing of raw materials, which are often energy intensive, have low added value, and a strong environmental footprint. The project aims to reduce a gap in their knowledge, capacity and labour skills to integrate into global (sustainable) value chains.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> The project will target developing countries in Asia, Africa and Belt and Road regions. These regions are home to many of the world's developing countries and are among the most active regions for South-South cooperation.</p>	South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund

18	East African Vehicle Exhaust Emissions Monitoring and Environmental Management Project	2018	2022	Upcoming, pending approval	China, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda.	Interregional	Environmental Governance	<p><u>Objective:</u> The project is aimed to carry out environmental cooperation with East African countries and cities: Nairobi / Kenya, Addis Ababa/ Ethiopia, Kampala/ Uganda and Kigali/ Rwanda.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Promote bilateral cooperation on vehicle exhaust monitoring and management, conduct policy dialogues, share experiences, and export technologies. Help East African countries establish vehicle exhaust emission standard systems and monitoring information platform systems. Provide support for further cooperation in the expansion of vehicle exhaust monitoring and emission standards management in other African countries.</p>	South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund
19	Belt and Road Environmental Outlook	2019	2020	Upcoming, pending approval	Selected countries in Belt and Road corridors – e.g. in Central Asian countries, Eastern and Central European countries, and Eastern African countries.	Interregional	Resource Efficiency	<p><u>Objective:</u> Through UN Environment’s well-defined, transparent process for developing integrated assessments, the outlook will increase the environmental and social sustainability of the Belt and Road initiative, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Building the capacity of all participating countries and partners to design and execute large integrated environmental assessments, in the countries/regions involved in the Belt and Road Initiative. ii. Keeping track, through annual / periodic updates (e.g., indicator-based reports), of the environmental, social and economic dimensions of the Initiative that will continue to engage all stakeholders; and iii. Providing recommendations for enhancing the adoption of consistent, high-quality environmental standards for investment on infrastructure. <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Enhanced communication, knowledge and best-practice sharing.</p>	South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund

20	Enhancing Capacity, Knowledge and Technology Support to Build Climate Resilience of Vulnerable Developing Countries	2013	2019	Under Implementation	Seychelles, Nepal, Mauritania.	Interregional	Climate Change	<p><u>Objective:</u> The objective of the project is to build climate resilience in developing countries in Africa and Asia-Pacific using ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation through capacity building, knowledge support and concrete, on-the-ground interventions and overall EbA through South-South Cooperation.</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Capacity building (interregional coordination activities, thematic training workshops), knowledge support (web platform for EbA knowledge-good practice; knowledge products), technology transfer (concrete, on-the-ground EbA interventions within a long-term research framework).</p>	Special Climate Change Fund
21	Global Peatlands Initiative	2018	2025	Brazzaville Declaration Signed	Indonesia, DRC, Republic of the Congo, Peru.	Interregional	Ecosystems Management	<p><u>Objective:</u> Following the Brazzaville Declaration (March 2018), Indonesia, the Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Peru will be engaging in deep collaboration over effective management of the Congo peatlands (establishment of the International Tropical Peatlands Centre).</p> <p><u>South-South Cooperation:</u> Indonesia, the country in the world with the most experience on peat management issues, will step up as a valuable partner in South-South development cooperation, sharing its expertise.</p>	