

## **GEF: Environmental Mandate & Activities**

### **Global Environment Facility**

#### **Environmental Mandate**

The GEF is a catalyst and a facilitator of global environment sustainability. As a financial mechanism with the core mandate of providing new and additional funding for agreed incremental costs of projects and programs in developing countries that produce global environmental benefits, the GEF works with three Implementing Agencies (the World Bank, UNDP and UNEP) and seven Executing Agencies (African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Inter-American Development Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development, UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, and the UN Industrial Development Organisation) and other stakeholders in strengthening the link between environment and development. Complementarily, the GEF serves as the funding mechanism and provides countries with the capacity to implement the international environmental conventions via its six operational focal areas.

#### **Environmental Activities**

GEF works in the following areas:

- Biological Diversity
- Climate Change
- International Waters
- Land Degradation
- Ozone Depletion
- Persistent Organic Pollutants