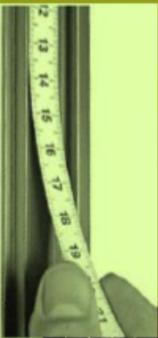




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# Terms of Reference and Budget for the fifth Overall Performance Study of the GEF

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# Objective of Overall Performance Studies

- To assess the extent to which the GEF is achieving its objectives:
  - As laid down in the GEF Instrument and reviews by the Assembly
  - As developed and adopted by the GEF Council in operational policies and programs for GEF financed activities
  - And to identify potential improvements



## EO Evaluation Streams & OPS5

- ❑ Four streams of evaluative evidence will be integrated into OPS5
  - **Country Portfolio Evaluations:** evidence from 15+ countries
  - **Impact Evaluations:** International Waters, Climate Change, Biodiversity
  - **Performance Evaluations:** APR trends
  - **Thematic Evaluations:** focal area strategies and adaptation
- ❑ Integration through meta-evaluation into first report; update in final report

## OPS5: Two Reports

- ❑ **First report:** at start of replenishment
  - A meta-evaluation approach, drawing on existing GEF evaluations
  
- ❑ **Final report:** end of 2013 or early 2014
  - Final report will update meta-evaluation and include findings of additional studies



## Key Issues in the First OPS5 Report:

- ❑ **Relevance** to conventions guidance; for IW relevance to transboundary issues
- ❑ Ratings on **outcomes** and **sustainability** of finished projects
- ❑ Ratings of **progress toward impact** of finished projects
- ❑ **Achievements** in focal areas
- ❑ Trends in GEF **catalytic role** (foundation, demonstration, investment)
- ❑ Trends in **country ownership** and relevance of GEF's support to country **needs**, including obligations to conventions
- ❑ Trends in **performance** issues
  - project cycle, co-financing, management costs and project fees, quality at entry, supervision.
- ❑ Trends in the implementation and achievements of the **GEF focal areas**

## Key issues in the Final OPS5 Report:

- Trends in **global environmental problems** and the **relevance** and **added value** of the GEF, also in view of other funding channels
- Ability of the GEF to **mobilize sufficient funding** for a meaningful role in focal areas
- A more in-depth look at impact of the **GEF focal area strategies**, including multi-focal area support
- Extent to which the **GEF reform processes** have achieved enhanced country ownership and improved effectiveness and efficiency
- Governance of the GEF** and donor performance
- Trends in the involvement of stakeholders, the **private sector** and **civil society**
- Cross-cutting policies**: gender, participation, knowledge sharing
- Update of the **SGP** evaluation (since 2009)
- Role of **STAP**
- Health** of the GEF Network

## CSO involvement in GEF

- Evaluation question in OPS5:
- Extent to which civil society organizations are involved in the GEF and whether this strengthens results on the ground
  - Portfolio analysis
  - Focal area strategy evaluation
- Related question: role of SGP
  - Extent to which SGP has managed to increase coverage while maintaining levels of achievement
- Related question: health of the network

## Interaction with CSOs

- ❑ Main interaction will take place with NGO network representatives
  - OPS5 team will interact with NGO network
- ❑ Broader consultation through Extended Constituency Workshops
  - Many countries take one or two representatives of CSO in their countries to these workshops
- ❑ Use of new interactive media should enable additional interaction
  - Example: the community of practice “Climate-Eval” convenes more than 900 professionals from all over the world

## Response on recommendations

- ❑ There is no track record of the adoption of findings and recommendations of the Overall Performance Studies in the GEF
  - No management response, no Council decisions
  - Replenishment negotiations run in parallel to OPS
- ❑ With the introduction of a first report at the start of the replenishment, negotiation documents can track emerging decisions on OPS5 findings and recommendations