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In the second half of 2010, the fifth replenishment of the GEF will begin. The Biosafety team in UNEP will continue to provide tailor made and needs specific support to countries and regions especially in the following areas as guided by stocktaking activities to ensure to efficient use of human and institutional resources:

- i. Country specific initiatives in two key areas – Implementation of National Biosafety Frameworks and specific interventions to already existing NBFs to address gaps which which will equip Parties to effectively handle and make science based decisions on biosafety. And/or to address substantive or new issues emanating from the COP/MOP process on a need basis;
- ii. Regional Initiatives;
- iii. Issue specific approach or interventions to help countries address substantive or emerging issues in particular fields relevant to the implementation of National Biosafety Frameworks.

UNEP is an Implementing Agency of the GEF with the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). It is the only GEF Agency whose sole focus is the environment.

UNEP plays a key role in supporting countries to develop and execute GEF projects, with a focus on:

- Scientific assessments, monitoring, early warning;
- Linking science to policy (Capacity Building, Enabling Activities) at national, regional and global levels;
- Innovation, technology transfer and lifting barriers;
- Regional and global cooperation;
- Awareness raising, advocacy, and Knowledge management.

UNEP also plays an important role in supporting the strategic and policy directions of the GEF, operationalising the Trust Fund and enhancing its scientific rigour and relevance. UNEP hosts the secretariat of the GEF Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP).

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UNEP plays a leadership role in supporting countries/regions to develop GEF Biosafety Projects that fit within its comparative advantage and the GEF Strategy for Financing Biosafety.

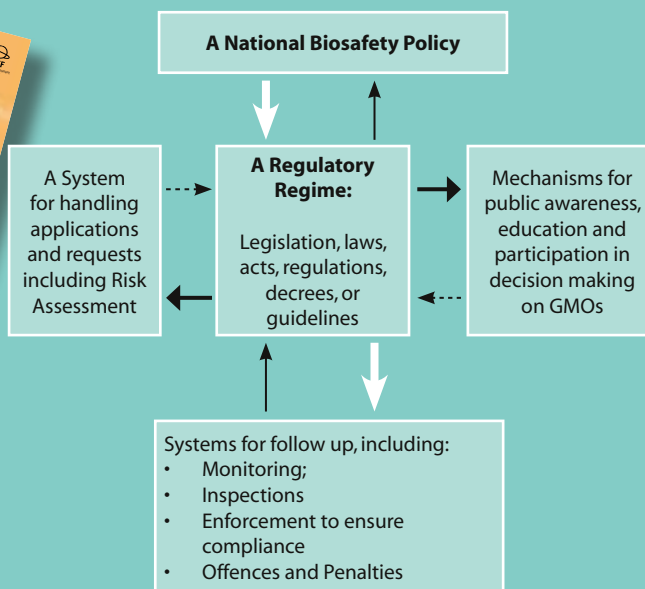
UNEP Biosafety Projects:

- Up to 120 Countries supported to develop NBFs [DEV PROJ];
- 20 Countries currently implementing NBFs [IMP PROJ] – another 20 expected in GEF 4;
- 139+ countries given support in the BCH I Projects;
- Additional support for IMP & BCH II [40 – 50 countries expected].



Operational Support in:

- Development of toolkits, case studies, technical guidance and peer reviews;
- Linking science to policy;
- Providing technical support and guidance on substantive scientific issues;
- Experiential knowledge sharing to the COP-MOP processes
- Networking;
- Awareness raising, advocacy, and Knowledge management.



10 years of proven leadership by the UNEP GEF Biosafety Unit through provision of toolkits, case studies and peer reviews and technical guidance in assisting countries, regional institutions and the GEF in the development and implementation of National Biosafety Frameworks including the Biosafety Clearing House. UNEP also continues to provide leadership in the development and the strategic policy directions to the GEF Biosafety Strategy, operationalising the Biosafety Programmatic Framework and enhancing its scientific rigour and relevance.