

GEF-STAP interaction with the Convention on Biological Diversity

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Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel
to the Global Environment Facility

Introduction: Expert advice

The **Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP)** is established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as an advisory body to the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The GEF Instrument, revised in November 2007, sets out the basis for the work of the STAP



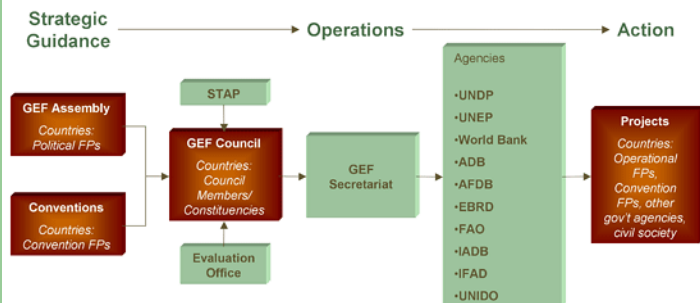
From the GEF Instrument: Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP)

24. UNEP shall establish, in consultation with UNDP and the World Bank and on the basis of guidelines and criteria established by the Council, the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) as an advisory body to the Facility.
UNEP shall provide the STAP's Secretariat and shall operate as the liaison between the Facility and the STAP.



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Role of STAP in the GEF



Source: Country Support Program website



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GEF and STAP

- STAP focuses on advising the Council and the GEF Secretariat on scientific and technical priorities to deliver global environmental benefits including the provision of:
 - advice on the scientific rationale for new and existing Strategic Programs;
 - screening project concepts for scientific and technical soundness and oversight of the screening process; and
 - advice on project development on a selective basis.



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Panel members and responsibilities

- Thomas E. Lovejoy, **Chair**, H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment, U.S.A.
- Paul Ferraro, **Biodiversity**, Georgia State University, U.S.A.
- N.H. Ravindranath, **Climate Change** (mitigation), Indian Institute of Science, India
- Bo Wahlström, **Chemicals** (POPS and Ozone), Swedish Chemicals Agency, Sweden
- Meryl Williams, **International Waters**, former Director of World Fish Center (CGIAR), Australia
- Michael Stocking, **Land Degradation**, University of East Anglia, UK



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GEF Project Cycle and STAP

- STAP screens Project Identification Forms and provides reports to the GEF Agencies and the GEF Secretariat

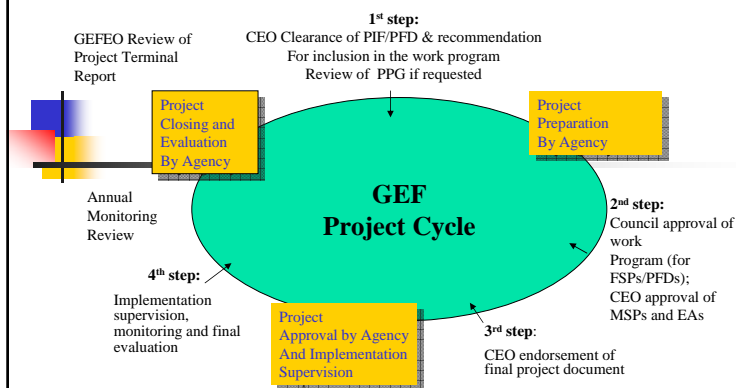


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GEF Project Cycle

(approved by Council in June 2007)



Source: GEF Familiarization Seminar, 2008

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STAP work program

- Developed at STAP meetings and through other consultative processes with GEF partners
- STAP is developing 18 reports, briefs or guidance documents in its current work program
- Work program document at <http://stapgef.unep.org/>



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STAP work program in biodiversity

- Guideline documents on
 - Payments for Environmental Services (December 2008)
 - Marine Protected Areas
 - Community Forest management

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Cross-cutting work program examples

- Biofuels, biodiversity and climate change
 - Evidence base on the relationship between biofuels, climate change mitigation and biodiversity
- LULUCF, Sustainable Forest Management and REDD
 - Workshop on 31 March 2009
- Science vision for GEF-5 and input to GEF-5 strategies

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Corporate STAP work program example

- Measuring the Success of GEF Investments and Catalyzing Change through Experimental Project Design
 - Workshop on 23 March 2009

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Why STAP interacts with Conventions

- Harnessing science to achieve better environmental outcomes

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STAP mandate (GEF Council, June 2007)

The STAP shall interact in a complementary manner with other relevant scientific and technical bodies, particularly with the subsidiary bodies of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention to Combat Desertification and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

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CBD: Annex III of decision VIII/10

J. Cooperation with other relevant bodies

20. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice shall cooperate with other relevant international, regional and national organizations, under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties, thus building upon the vast experience and knowledge available. To facilitate such cooperation, the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body may hold meetings with equivalent bodies of other relevant biodiversity-related conventions, institutions and processes. In addition, the Chair of the Subsidiary Body, or other member of the Bureau authorized by the Chair, may represent the Subsidiary Body at meetings of the scientific bodies of such groups.

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How to bridge the gap?

- Modality for STAP to interact in a complementary manner with the subsidiary bodies
 - Participation at meetings
 - Formal channels for information exchange
 - Shared expert networks – formal and informal
 - Targeted research and barrier removal
 - Memorandum of cooperation/understanding
- Cross-cutting science between MEAs
- Ideas for STAP meetings and work program

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Further information

- STAP website:
 - <http://stapgef.unep.org/>
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