



# **Introduction of Document UNEP/CBD/ABS/CB-IAC/2015/1/2**

## **Status and Scope of Capacity-Building and Development Activities Supporting the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol**

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# Introduction

**The document focuses on:**

- **Initiatives completed or initiated after the adoption of the Nagoya Protocol in 2010**
- **Initiatives providing direct support for country-level activities (not those providing general support, at global or regional levels, that is not targeted at any specific countries or stakeholder groups)**



# Introduction

Section II analyses the ABS CB initiatives in terms of the:

- Overall current status
- Geographic coverage
- Duration and size (funding levels)
- Thematic coverage
- Overlaps and gaps that need to be addressed

Section III: Agencies implementing/executing initiatives.

Section IV: Options for addressing the gaps and enhancing coordination, synergies and complementarity among ABS CB initiatives.



# Status of Capacity-Building Initiatives

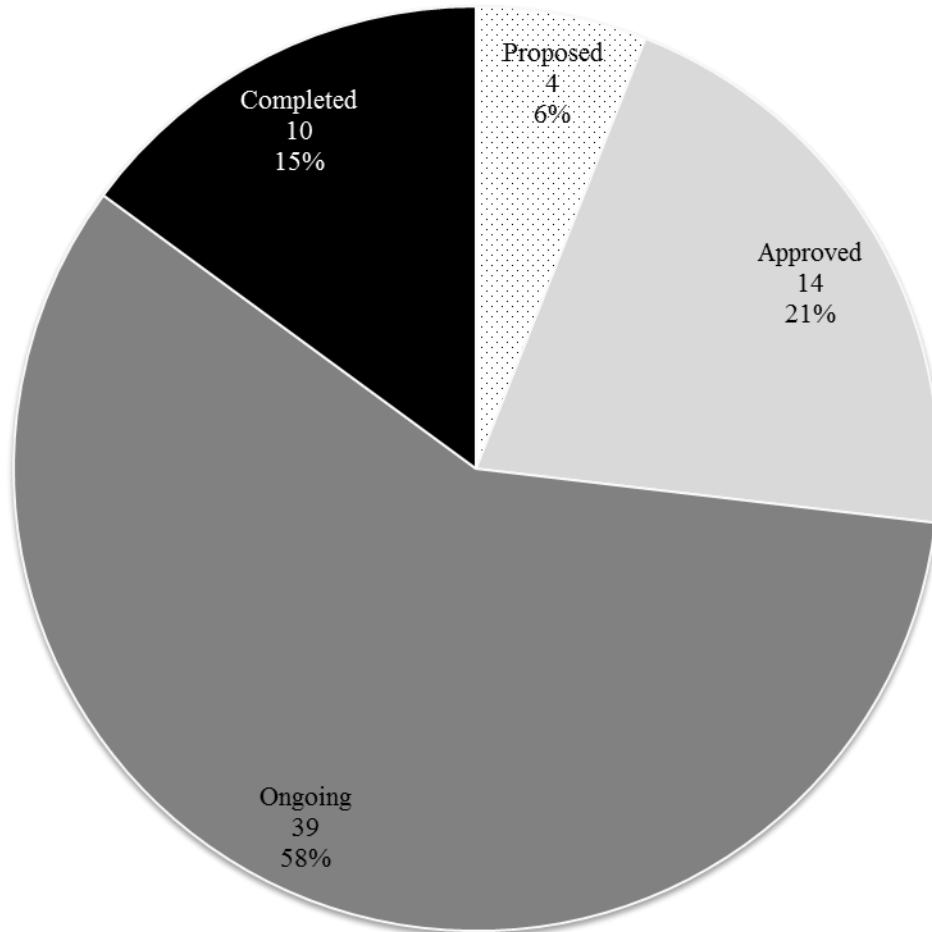
**67 initiatives directly supporting countries:**

- **10 projects (15%) completed;**
- **39 projects (58%) ongoing,**
- **14 projects (21%) approved (full project documents being elaborated), and**
- **4 projects (6%) proposed (project concepts being prepared)**



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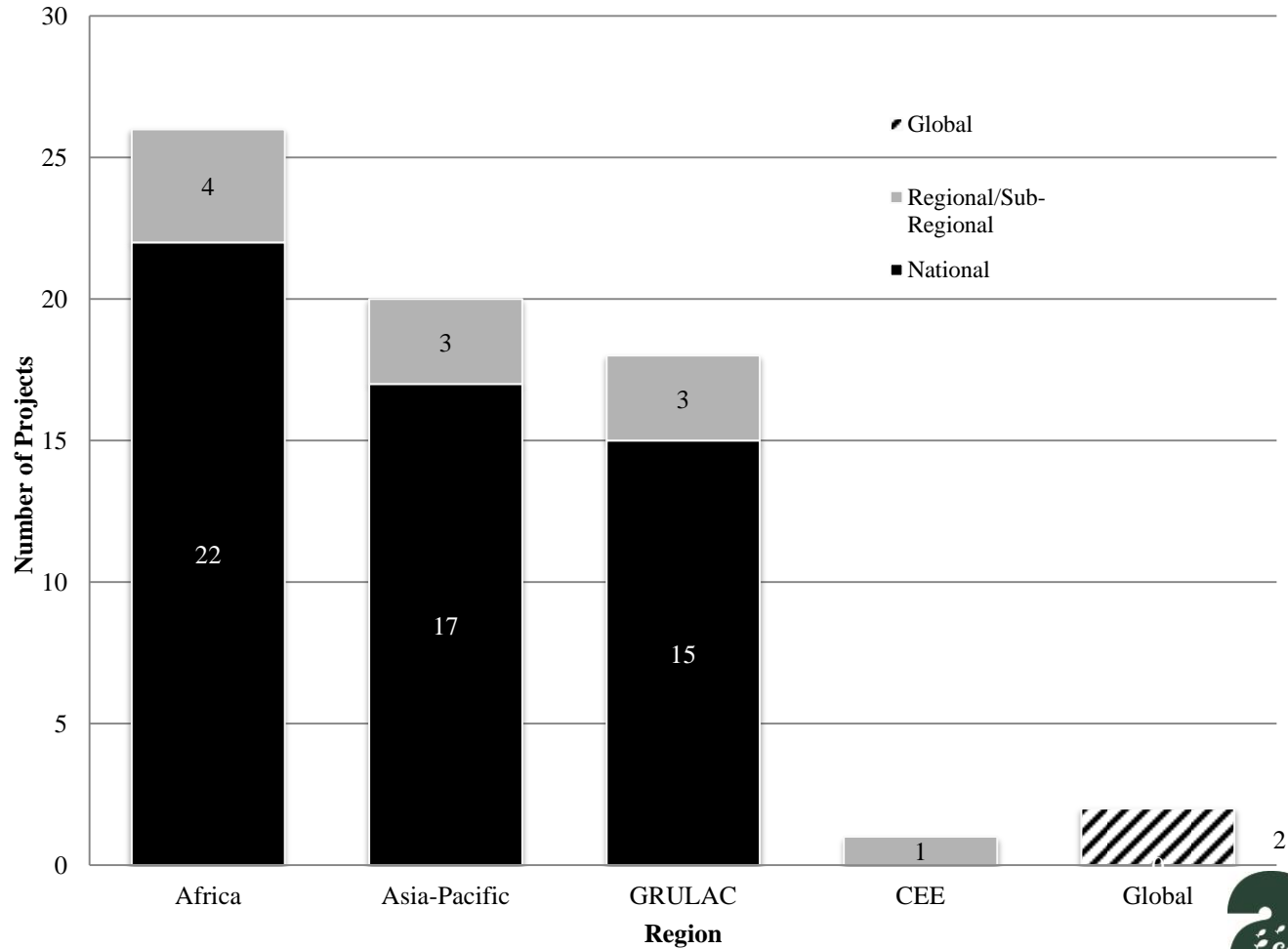
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# Number of Projects per Region

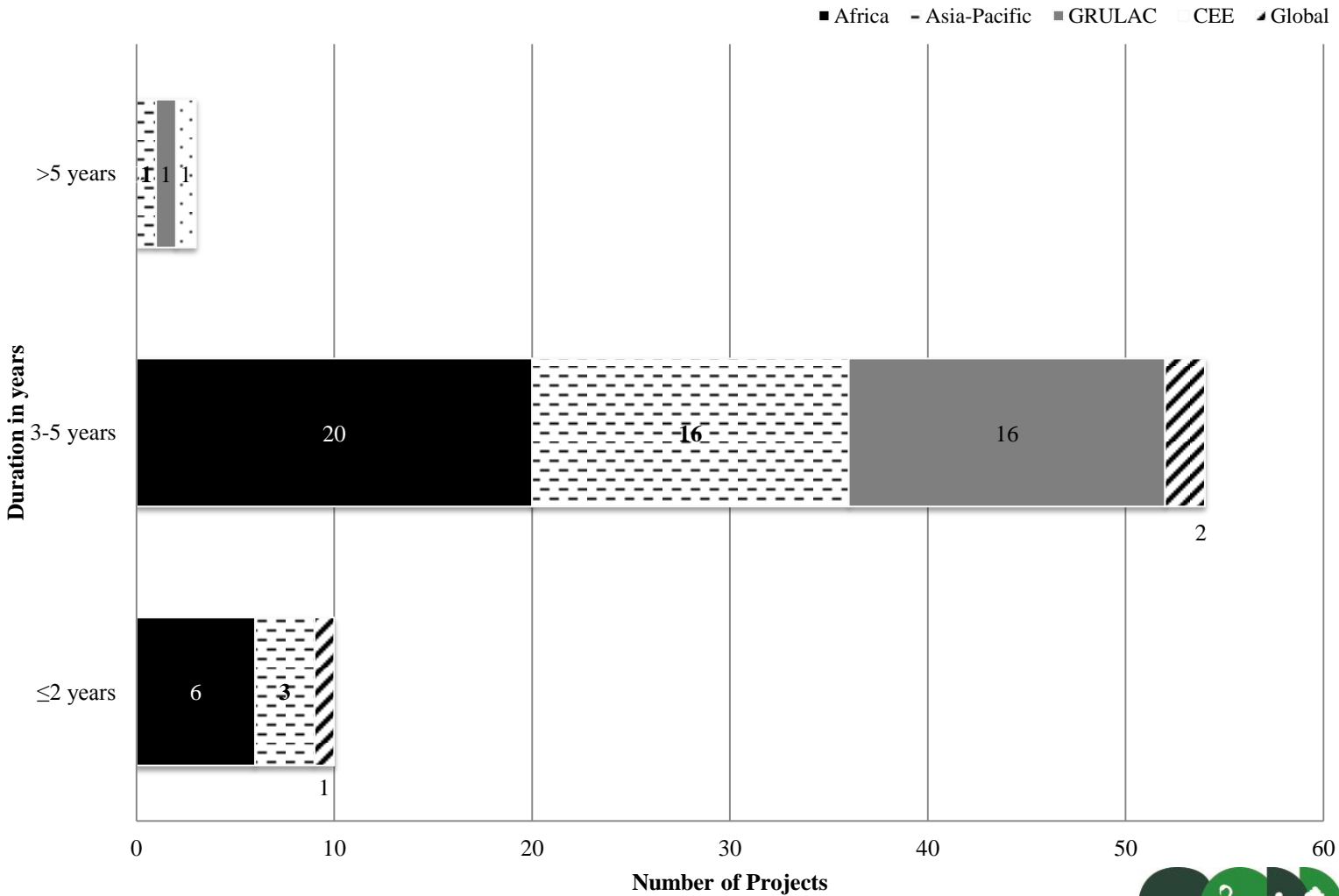
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# Duration of the Projects

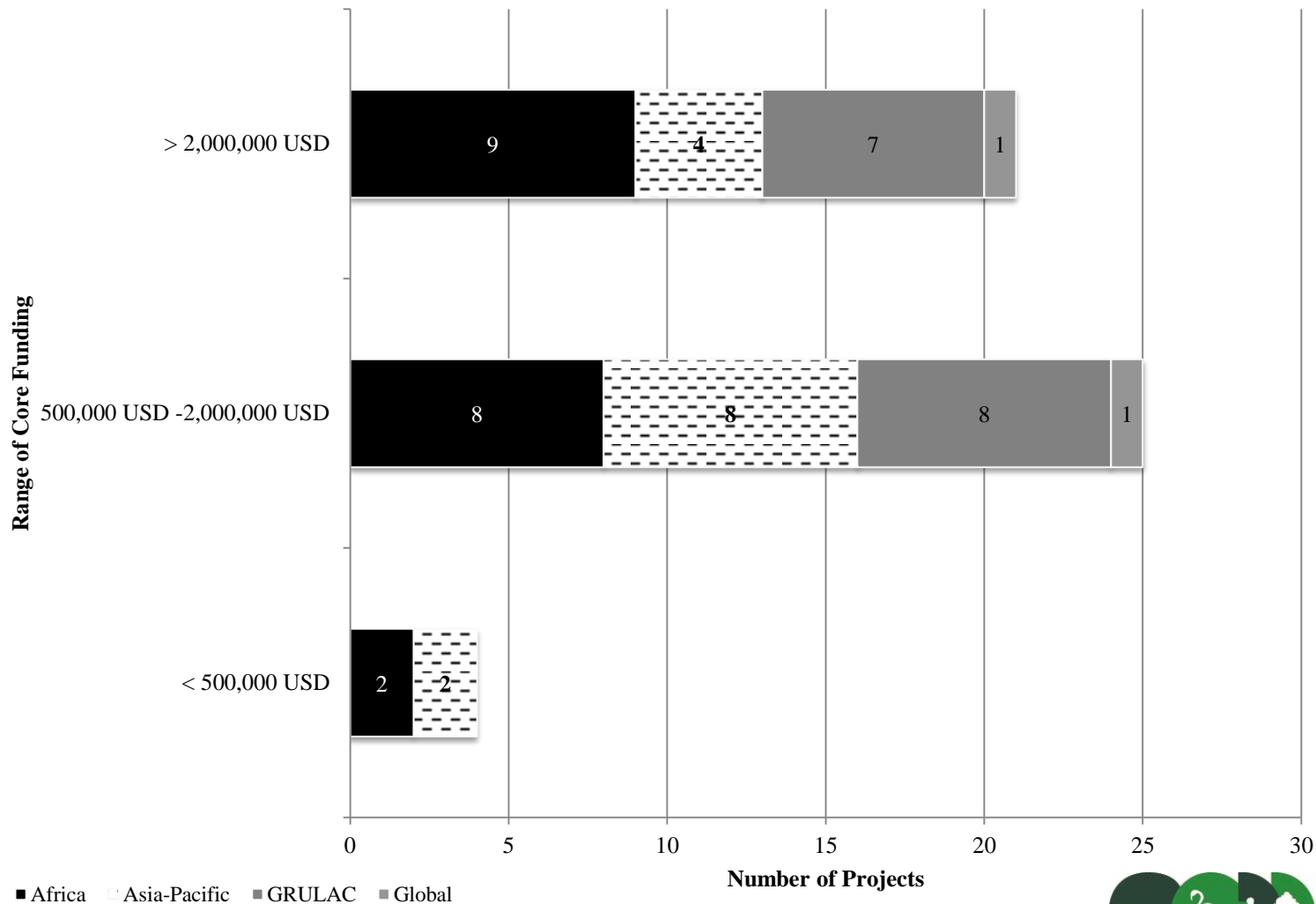
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# Core Funding Levels

(50 projects for which budget info was available)



■ Africa □ Asia-Pacific ■ GRULAC ■ Global

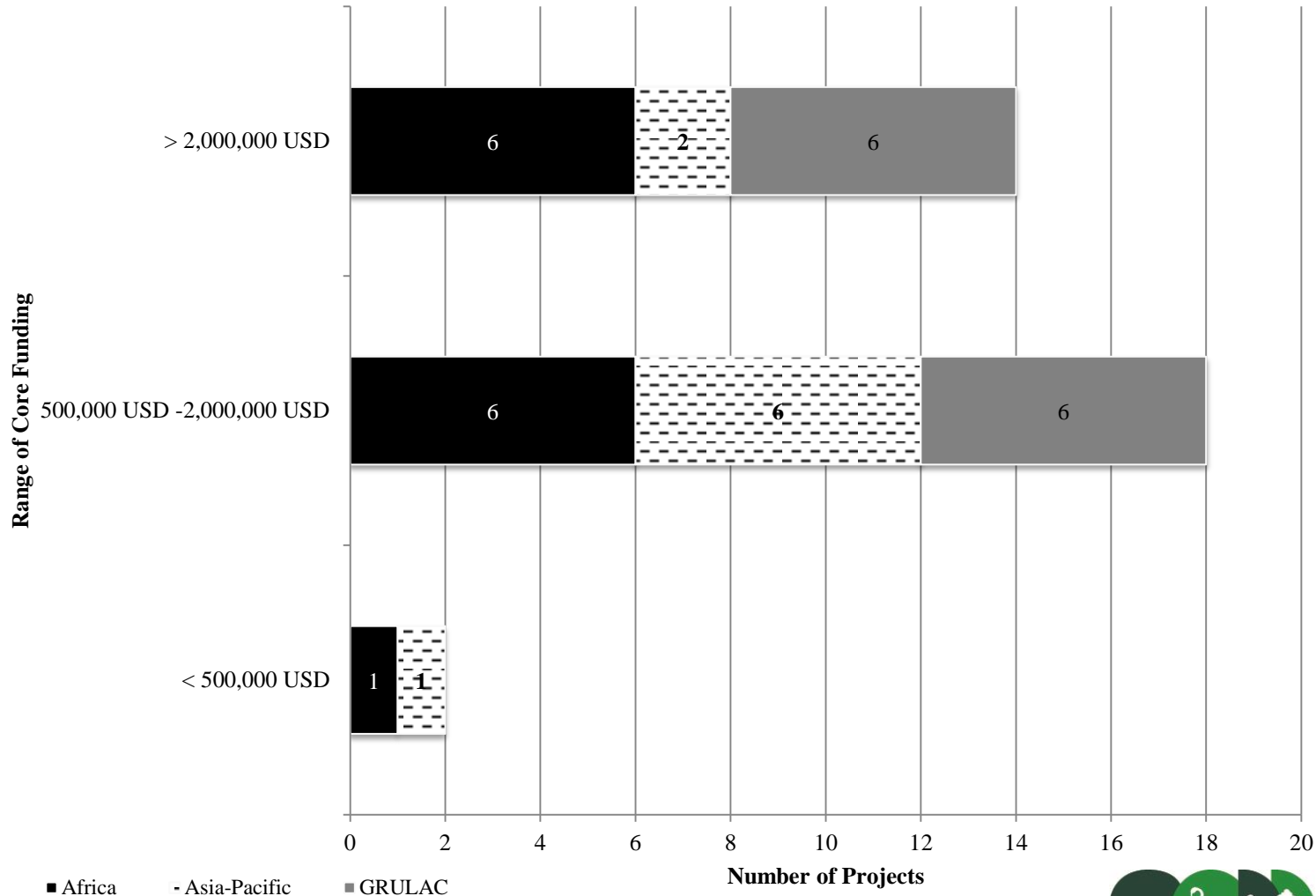






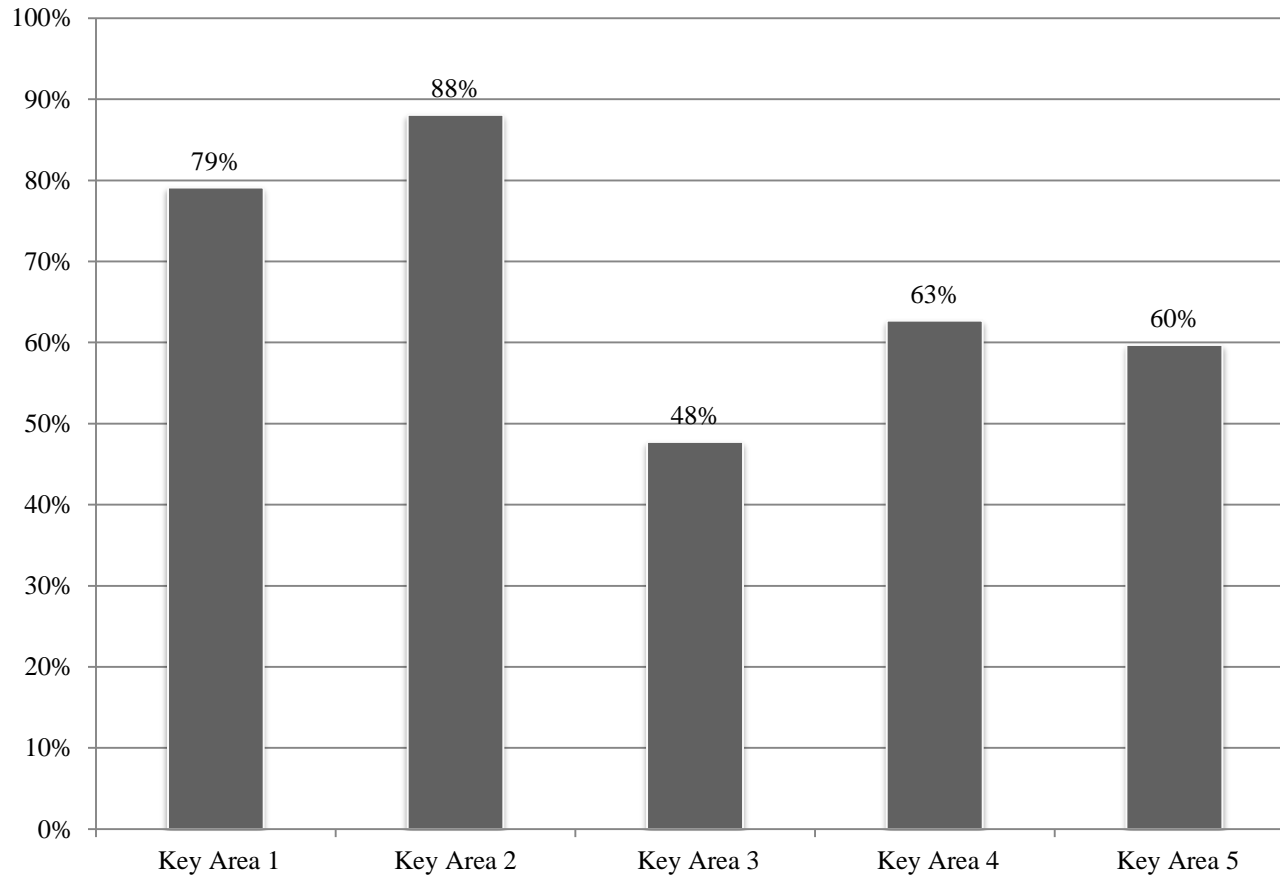
# Core Funding Levels (for National Projects)

(34 projects for which funding figures were available)





# Coverage of the Key Areas of the Strategic Framework (Total number: 67)





# Number and Percentage Projects Supporting Specific Measures under Key Areas (1)

Key Area and the associated measures	No. of projects	Percentage (%)
<b>Key Area 1: Capacity to implement, and to comply with the obligations of, the Protocol</b>		
• Ratification and accession	9	25%
• Awareness raising	26	72%
• Information sharing (including participation in ABS Clearing-House)	17	47%
• Resource mobilization for the implementation of the Protocol	4	11%
<b>Key Area 2: Capacity to develop, implement and enforce domestic legislative, administrative or policy measures on ABS</b>		
• Developing a policy framework on ABS	12	33%
• Developing or amending ABS legal / regulatory framework	27	75%
• Establishing institutional arrangements and administrative systems	24	67%
• Implementation and enforcement (compliance)	20	56%
<b>Key Area 3: Capacity to negotiate mutually agreed terms (MAT)</b>	18	50%
• Developing capacity to negotiate / implement ABS agreements	14	39%
• Developing/providing tools to facilitate negotiation of MAT	8	22%
• Promoting understanding of business models regarding utilization of GR	5	14%



# Number and Percentage Projects Supporting Specific Measures under Key Areas (2)

Key Area and the associated measures	No. of projects	Percentage (%)
<b>Key Area 4: Capacity needs and priorities of indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders, including the business sector and the research community</b>		
• Strengthening general capacity of ILC and stakeholders in relation to ABS	13	36%
• Strengthening capacities of ILCs and stakeholders to participate in ABS processes	10	28%
• Strengthening capacities of ILCs and stakeholders to negotiate MAT	12	33%
• Developing/providing tools to support ILCs MAT negotiation	7	19%
• Managing TK/developing strategies and systems for recording, inventorying and protecting of TK	11	31%
<b>Key Area 5: Capacity of countries to develop their endogenous research capabilities to add value to their own genetic resources (GR)</b>		
• Developing capacity for valuation of GR and TK	2	6%
• Undertaking research and development (bioprospecting)	20	56%
• Technology transfer (including equipment, know-how, training, etc.)	6	17%
• Development of infrastructure for research (e.g. databases)	15	42%



# Number of Projects implemented/executed by Various Organization in Each Region

Organization	Africa	Asia-Pacific	GRULAC	CEE	Global	No. of Projects	Percentage
UNDP	7	2	3	-	1	13	16%
UNEP (1)	2	6	6	-	1	15	23%
UNEP/IUCN	-	1	2	-	-	3	4%
UNEP/ACB	-	2	-	-	-	2	3%
UNEP/SPREP	-	1	-	-	-	1	1%
UNEP/ABS Initiative	1	-	-	-	-	1	1%
Inter-American Development Bank	-	-	1	-	-	1	1%
ABS Initiative	7	5	2	-	-	14	21%
ABS Initiative/GIZ	7	-	-	-	-	7	10%
Bioversity International/ ABS Initiative	1	-	-	-	-	1	1%
GIZ	-	3	4	1	0	8	12%
KfW	1	-	-	-	-	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>

(1) This refers only to projects implemented by UNEP and directly executed by national government agencies.



## Gaps in geographic coverage

- **CEE region least covered: 17 of the 23 CEE countries (74%) have no direct ABS project support**
- **Asia-Pacific region also generally under-covered: 20 of the 56 countries (36%) have no direct project support; especially West Asian countries**
- **Africa region generally well covered: only 13 of the 56 countries (24%) have no direct ABS project support**
- **GRULAC region generally well covered: only 8 of the 33 countries (24%) have no direct ABS project support**



## Overlaps in geographic coverage

**A few countries have support from multiple projects**

- **In Africa, 7 countries have direct support from at least 3 or more ABS projects; focus in COMIFAC subregion**
- **In Asia-Pacific, 7 countries have direct support from at least 3 or more ABS projects; focus in ASEAN subregion**
- **In GRULAC, 7 countries have direct support from at least 3 or more ABS projects**

**Qn: In the Protocol's formative stage should coverage of support be diversified or focus first on a few countries?**



## Gaps in thematic coverage

- All the key areas of the strategic framework evenly covered in general; Key area 3 currently least covered

The following may need further attention:

- Valuation of genetic resources and associated TK
- Understanding of business models
- Mobilization of resources for NP implementation





## Some of the issues for discussion

The last section highlights some issues/questions that may need to be discussed:

- How to address the gaps and overlaps in the geographic and thematic coverage
- How to improve exchange of information on ABS capacity-building initiatives and tools
- How to improve coordination and collaboration during the design of capacity-building



## Some of the issues for discussion

- **How to improve coordination and sharing of experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of capacity-building projects**
- **How to engage more capacity-building providers**
- **How to further foster regional approaches and initiatives**



# Thank you

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