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Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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A Universal, Integrated and Transformative Agenda for Sustainable Development

RECENT MILESTONES

• Addis Ababa Action Agenda
  July 2015

• Sustainable Development Goals universally adopted by the UN GA - September 2015

The GEF has an important role as a delivery mechanism for environmentally sustainable development
Outline of Report

- STAP Observations of the GEF Work Program
- Integrated Approach Pilots (IAPs)
- Knowledge Management (KM)
- Completed and Upcoming Work
- Engagement with Conventions
Observations on the October Work Program

• The majority of projects were focused on climate change mitigation

• GHG accounting methods have improved in project implementation

• Agencies beginning to pay more attention to KM issues

• STAP continues to stress the importance of proposing a clear theory of change

• Need to incorporate resilience
Integrated Approach Pilots (IAPs)

STAP continues to be actively engaged in each IAP to ensure that:

1. assessments are undertaken on how best to measure resilience

2. clear learning and knowledge-management strategies are embedded in planning

3. indicators of success (and failure) are clearly identified
Fostering Sustainability and Resilience for Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa

- STAP is contributing to this IAP through the RAPTA (Resilience, Adaptation Pathways and Transformation Assessment” Framework)

- The RAPTA will be used to guide users through planning processes that lead to resilience of food production and supply

- STAP is working with CSIRO and the GEF to develop an Advisory Document for applying the RAPTA in the FSIAP at each stage
Taking Deforestation out of the Commodities Supply Chain

- STAP is examining how best to measure progress in the complex commodity domain given multiple tradeoffs.

- A STAP-led assessment of scientific studies indicates a profusion of indicators to categorize sustainability in commodity production.

- STAP is providing guidance on key research areas.
Sustainable Cities – Harnessing Local Action for Global Commons

- STAP urged that the ISO work of the World Council on Cities Data and the U of Toronto be included in the IAP discussions

- STAP is encouraging collaboration with other groups that have developed city-related indicators

- The concept of resilience is still nascent
Knowledge Management

STAP is working to strengthen both project level and corporate KM:

• a practitioner guidance document for projects

• a proposed Open Data Policy

• participating in GEF Sec and IEO interagency discussions on KM.

*The IAPs are an important vehicle for advancing a coherent approach on KM*
Black Carbon Mitigation

- Mainstream black carbon mitigation measures
- Measure, account for, and report
- Integrate into projects, including Sustainable Cities IAP
- Support awareness and engage with stakeholders

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Updates on Ongoing Work

• Green Chemistry

• Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)

• Socio-economic Impacts of Protected Areas (PAs)
## Engagement with Conventions

### September / October 2015
- SAICM Fourth Session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM4)
- Geneva, Switzerland

### October 2015
- UNCCD CoP 12
- Ankara, Turkey

### November 2015
- CBD SBSTTA
- Montreal, Canada

### December 2015
- UNFCCC
- Paris, France

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SDGs and GEF 2020

• Learning from the IAPs

• Mainstreaming resilience of socio-ecological systems in the GEF programs

• Knowledge Management

• Align GEF indicators and resilience measures with the SDGs
Thank you