



# Update on the UNEP Support to GEF Eligible Parties for the Revision of the NBSAPs and Development of Fifth National Report to the CBD

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## "Support to GEF Eligible Parties for the Revision of the NBSAPs and Development of Fifth National Report to the CBD."



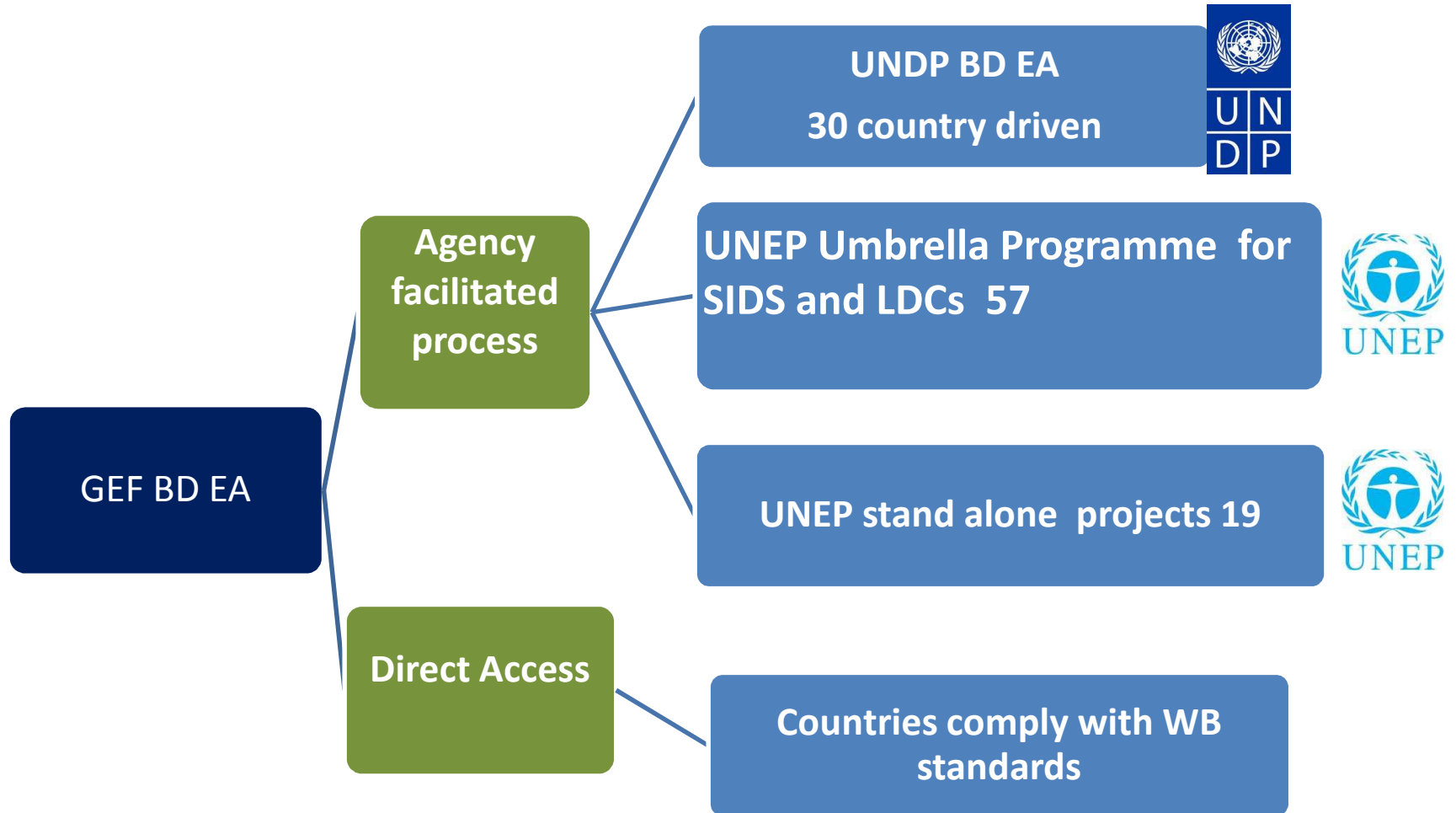
The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) [Conference of the Parties \(COP\) 10 decision X/2](#), requested UNEP and other international organizations to support the implementation of the [Biodiversity Strategic Plan 2011-2020](#) beginning with the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) revision process, and to commence its implementation by 2014.



# Modalities of GEF support Implementing agencies for NBSAP Enabling Activities GEF projects



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# How Does UNEP support the CBD's NBSAP revision process



- 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
- **Programme of Work POW**
- **Bali strategic plan**



## The CBD Enabling Activities for NBSAP Updating UNEP Umbrella Programme LDCs and SIDS

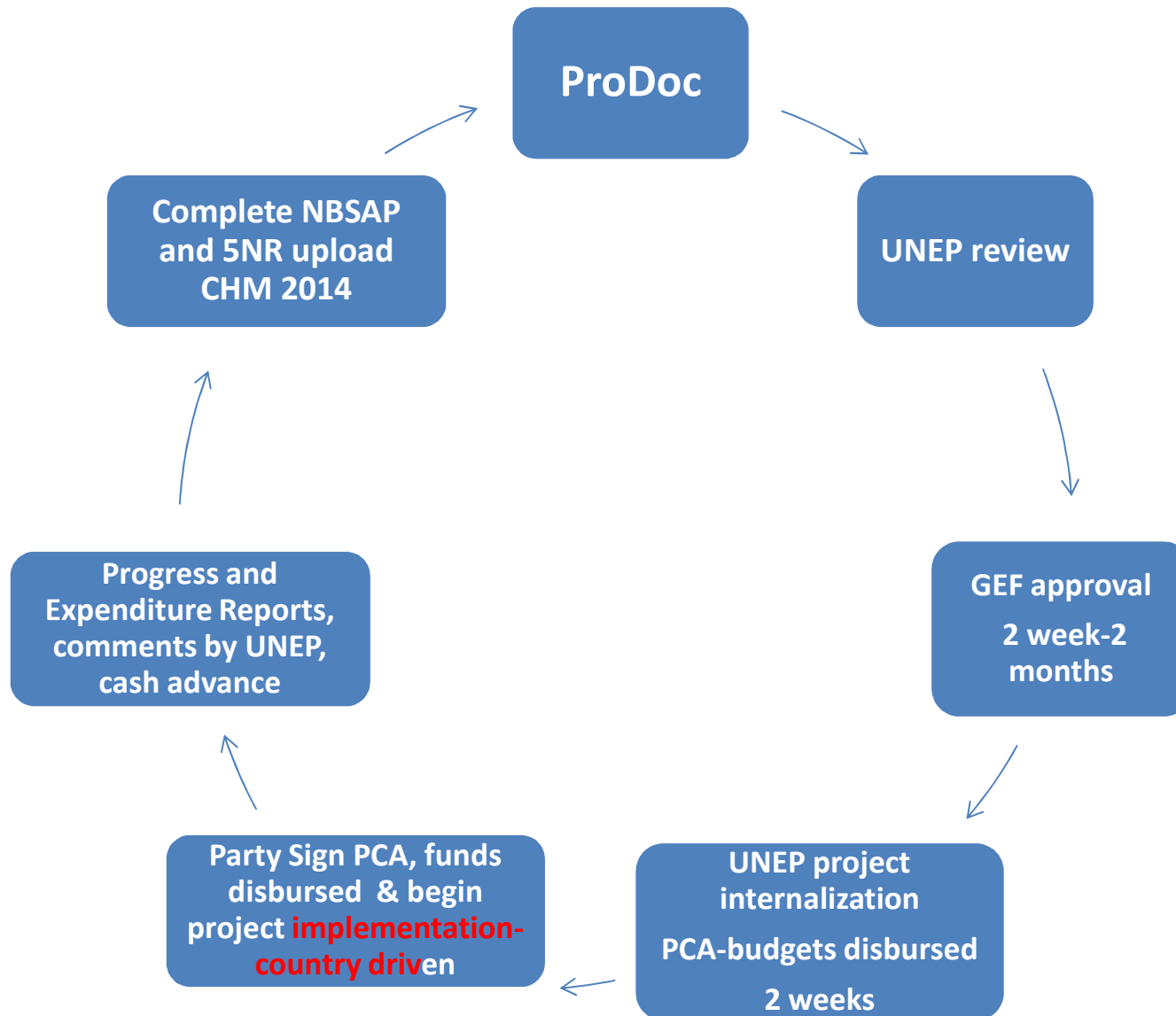


**UNEP provides technical support as well as supervision for the project, through the assigned Task Manager, Fund Manager and other technical staff in the UNEP Regional Office for Western Asia.**

- basis for the development of communication tools
- facilitating the mainstreaming of biodiversity into broader national and global agendas.
- Integration of biodiversity into poverty eradication and development



# The NBSAP Project Cycle: What happens from GEF Project Approval to Disbursement of Initial Funds to project Monitoring?





GEF provided a cost-benchmark of how the expected activities for those projects could be funded.

This is important because countries could know how to prioritize activity development in terms of budgeting and project implementation



# Checklist of Important issues addressed in NBSAP updating projects



1. Establishing coordination structures and committees
2. Stocktaking and assessments
3. Stakeholder ID, awareness and consultations
4. Setting national targets, principles, & priorities of the strategy (sub-national consultations)
5. Development of Action plans
6. Biodiversity Indicators (WCMC/BIP)
7. Integration and sectoral mainstreaming
8. NBSAP Implementation plans for : capacity development, technology needs, resource mobilization, Communications.
9. Mainstreaming gender (guidelines, CBD website)
10. Mainstreaming Synergies with biodiversity-related MEAs
11. CHM
12. Monitoring mechanisms
13. Fifth National Report , deadline March 2014





## UNEP Regional MEA FOCAL POINTS support services



- 1. provision of regionally-specific technical advice and support**
- 2. regional (and possibly national) rollout of central/global activities**
- 3. liaison with country focal points**
- 4. liaison with other biodiversity-related Convention secretariats on synergistic approaches at the regional level**
- 5. liaison with UNDP offices and other entities supporting NBSAPs: IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, LAS, ROPME, FAO...etc**



# Countries supported by UNEP

- UNEP is supporting **76 countries in total**
- **57 countries** in the umbrella set up – Phases I & II
- UNEP is also supporting 19 stand alone countries
- All countries getting \$220,000 (except a few)

## **Arab region:**

**Bahrain, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria,  
Djibouti, Mauritania**

## **Arab region:**

**SIDS: Bahrain,**

**Comoros**

**LDCs: Yemen,**

**Somalia, Ethiopia,**

**Djibouti**



## Umbrella Phase I: LDC/SIDs (30 countries)

Benin, Bhutan, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, **Djibouti**, Dominica, DR Congo, quatorial, Guinea, Gambia, Grenada, Guyana, Lao PDR, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritania, Nepal, Niue, Palau, Rwanda, Solomon Islands, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Vincent & Grenadines, Togo, Tonga, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia.

## Umbrella PHASE 2 countries LDC/SIDs (27 countries )

Afghanistan, Angola, Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lesotho, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nauru, Niger, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, *Timore-Leste*





# UNEP support to NBSAP GEF projects



## STAND ALONE COUNTRIES

Kenya,  
Namibia,  
Gabon,  
Swaziland,  
Nigeria,  
Cote d' Ivoire,  
Kyrgyzstan,  
Mongolia,  
Tajikistan (re-submitted to  
GEFSEC),  
Bosnia and Herzegovina,  
Cameroon,  
Macedonia,  
Ghana,  
Pakistan,  
DPR Korea,

Iraq  
Bahrain  
Lebanon  
Syria  
Mauritania



# UNEP and UNDP GEF NBSAPs Projects Update

## UNEP (Umbrella stand alone)

- **Iraq (+UNEP-ROWA) 1<sup>st</sup> Cash**  
Advance of \$25,000 on 14-June-2012
- **Bahrain** PCA revision
- **Lebanon (+UNDP) 1<sup>st</sup> Cash**  
Advance being processed
- **Oman** (request letter)
- **Syria** temporarily suspended activities due to the ongoing instability
- **Mauritania** 1<sup>st</sup> Cash Advance of \$22,000 on 04-April-2012.
- **Djibouti** 1<sup>st</sup> Cash Advance of \$50,000 on 31-July-2012

## UNDP

### approved GEF proposals

- **Yemen**
- **16/02/2012**
- **Egypt**
- **24/05/2012**
- **Algeria**
- **29/05/2012**
- **Sudan**
- **31/07/2012**
- **Tunisia**
- **Morocco**
- **24/05/2012**

## No info

- **Libya**
- **Jordan)**  
**(direct access**



# Non eligible countries to GEF funding NBSAP update process



- **Qatar** (commenced)
- **Saudi Arabia**  
(commenced)
- **UAE** (commenced)  
seeking international  
technical support
- **Kuwait** (commenced)



# Some country updates NBSAPs Enabling Activities GEF project

## Iraq

- 1<sup>st</sup> NBSAP, 5<sup>th</sup> NR. (GEF funding \$368K, cofunding \$405K)
- UNEP stand alone project, legal instruments PCA (UNEP-MOEI) signed June 2012.
- First planning meeting Amman July 2012, draft operational work plan awaiting budget approval.
- Activities focus on: stocktaking & assessments, gap analysis, BD indicators, awareness, capacity building (need assessment), international experts, CHM, sectoral mainstreaming and integration into poverty strategies and CC and other emerging issues (invasive species, dust storms, desiccation of river basin), ratification and synergies with other MEAs..etc.
- Implementation plans
- ROWA: Co-Executing agency, in kind technical guidance and advisory support to MOEI.



# Some country updates on NBSAPs Enabling Activities GEF projects

## Bahrain

1. National Biodiversity Indicators workshop and report completed (Dec 2011)
2. Stand alone project although SIDS
3. PCA under final discussions
4. Recently ratified CITES and Cartagena Protocol, Dugong MOU **and due to limited resources is placing high priority on MEA synergies in targets.**
5. Arab regional WHC center established in Bahrain





• Thank you!

