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## Climate Change Negotiations and Carbon Finance

- The Durban Platform for Enhanced Action calls for a global climate regime, agreed by 2015, starting by 2020
- Opportune time for governments to solicit new ideas
  - Leverage public and private finance
  - Employ market mechanisms to deepen emission reductions



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#### Carbon Finance Modality (1)

"Baseline" investment in developing countries ~\$ 10,000 billion
10,000
7,500
5,000

Climate finance covers additional costs and serves as a catalyst to leverage development investments & enhance development policy and finance

Source: World Bank, 2012



2,500

#### **Carbon Finance Modality (2)**



#### Global Environment Facility (GEF) The GEF:

- is an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- has dispersed US\$10 billion to developing and transition countries over the last 20 years
- demonstrates, deploys and transfers innovative low-carbon technologies and policies





## Principles for GEF Projects to include Carbon Finance





- GEF resources finance incremental costs
- Address country needs and priorities
- Avoid double-counting of credits generated by GEF investments



## **Complementary GEF - Carbon Finance Roles**

Option	GEF Role	Carbon Finance Role
1	Support enabling legal and regulatory environments	Support specific project
2	Demonstrate technical and financial viability of environmentally sound technologies	Replicate technologies
3	Provide partial risk guarantees and contingent financing	Innovative project structures to blend funding types
4	Co-finance for innovative projects (with credits to countries)	Earn credits from emission reductions and replicate
5	Innovative programmatic carbon finance activities post 2012	TBD



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# **India Chiller Project**

- Energy Efficiency Chiller Project in India
  - GEF: \$6.3m (142 chillers)
  - Multilateral Fund: \$1m (18 chillers)
  - Carbon Finance: \$15m (280 chiller owners opted for carbon finance option)
  - Other: \$77m
- Replace 440 chillers in 3 years
- The project is under implementation



### New Tools for GEF-5

- Expand Public-Private Partnership in GEF-5
- Work with multilateral development banks, the GEF can make financial investments (e.g., loans, equity investments)
- GEF resources can provide concessional finance to address risk and complement carbon finance
- Seek innovative PPP approaches, including biodiversity and adaptation ideas welcome!





# GEF's Support for the Green Climate Fund (GCF)

- The GEF Secretariat, in response to guidance from the convention, is supporting the Interim Secretariat of the GCF jointly with the UNFCCC Secretariat
- The first GCF Board meeting was successfully held in Geneva, Switzerland
- The second GCF Board meeting is scheduled in Songdo, Korea





## **GEF Now and in the Future**



CEO and Chairperson Naoko Ishii vision for the GEF

- The GEF is and must remain an innovator
- The GEF is and must remain a champion of the Global Commons
- The GEF is and must remain the partner of choice for environmental benefits
- The GEF is and must remain a catalyst in the evolving architecture of environmental finance



### Thank You!

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