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GEF: Investing in Robust MRV Systems for Mitigation

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GEF and Climate Change Finance

To support developing countries and economies in transition toward a low-carbon development path.

- Invested over \$4 billion in climate change in 157 countries since 1991
 - ✓ Over 600 mitigation projects and programs
 - ✓ Leveraged more than \$27 billion co-financing
 - ✓ 2.6 billion tonnes of CO₂ avoided, catalyzing 6.8 billion tonnes through market transformation
 - ✓ Grant financing for climate mitigation in GEF-5 (2010-2014): \$1.26 billion
- Catalytic, innovative, and cost-effective
 - ✓ Leader in financing new, emerging low-carbon technologies
 - ✓ Pioneered market-based approaches, innovative instruments



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GEF is an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Guidance to the GEF

- **National Communications (NCs):**
 - All Parties must report on the steps they are taking or envisage undertaking to implement the Convention (Articles 4.1 and 12).
 - GEF was requested to support non-annex I Parties to meet the Convention requirements on National communications
- **Biennial Update Reports (BURs):**
 - COP 17-the GEF was requested to make available support to non-Annex I Parties preparing their first biennial update reports as early as possible in 2012 and on the basis of agreed full cost funding
 - LDCs and SIDS to submit BURs at their discretion



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GEF support to NCs and BURs

- Provides full cost funding for NCs and BURs.
- Financial Support (in addition to country allocations)
 - Up to \$500,000 for NCs
 - Up to US\$352,000 for BURs
- Four Options
 - Countries work with the GEF Agency
 - Be a part of the UNEP Umbrella project for NCs
 - Direct access from the GEF Secretariat.
 - Countries that wish to do full size projects and require additional resources, country allocation available.



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GEF support to NCs and BURs

- National Communications Support Program (NCSP)
 - *Co-implemented by UNDP and UNEP*
 - *Recently approved 'second phase' of NCSP which will also provide countries with technical support with BURs*
- *3 Global Umbrella support programs recently approved –Approx US\$ 24million for 48 LDCs and SIDS*



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NCs in Asia

Total number of submitted national communications from non-Annex I Parties

- Initial national communications: **144** (as at 26 December 2012)
- Second national communications: **89** (as at 6 June 2013)
- Third national communications: **3** (as at 20 March 2012)
- Fourth national communications: **1** (as at 14 December 2009)
- Fifth national communications: **1** (as at 6 December 2012)

10 most recent submissions

- Yemen (6 June 2013)
- Chad (4 June 2013)
- Seychelles (14 April 2013)
- **Afghanistan (12 March 2013)**
- Zimbabwe (31 January 2013)
- Gambia (28 January 2013)
- San Marino (28 January 2013)
- Botswana (8 January 2013)
- **Bangladesh (26 December 2012)**
- **Myanmar (26 December 2012)**



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BURs Update

- No BURs have been submitted to UNFCCC yet.
- GEF provided finance for 6 countries China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, and Uruguay .
- Azerbaijan, **Thailand**, Lebanon, **Malaysia** and Brazil are in the final approval phase
- Countries are encouraged to apply for resources



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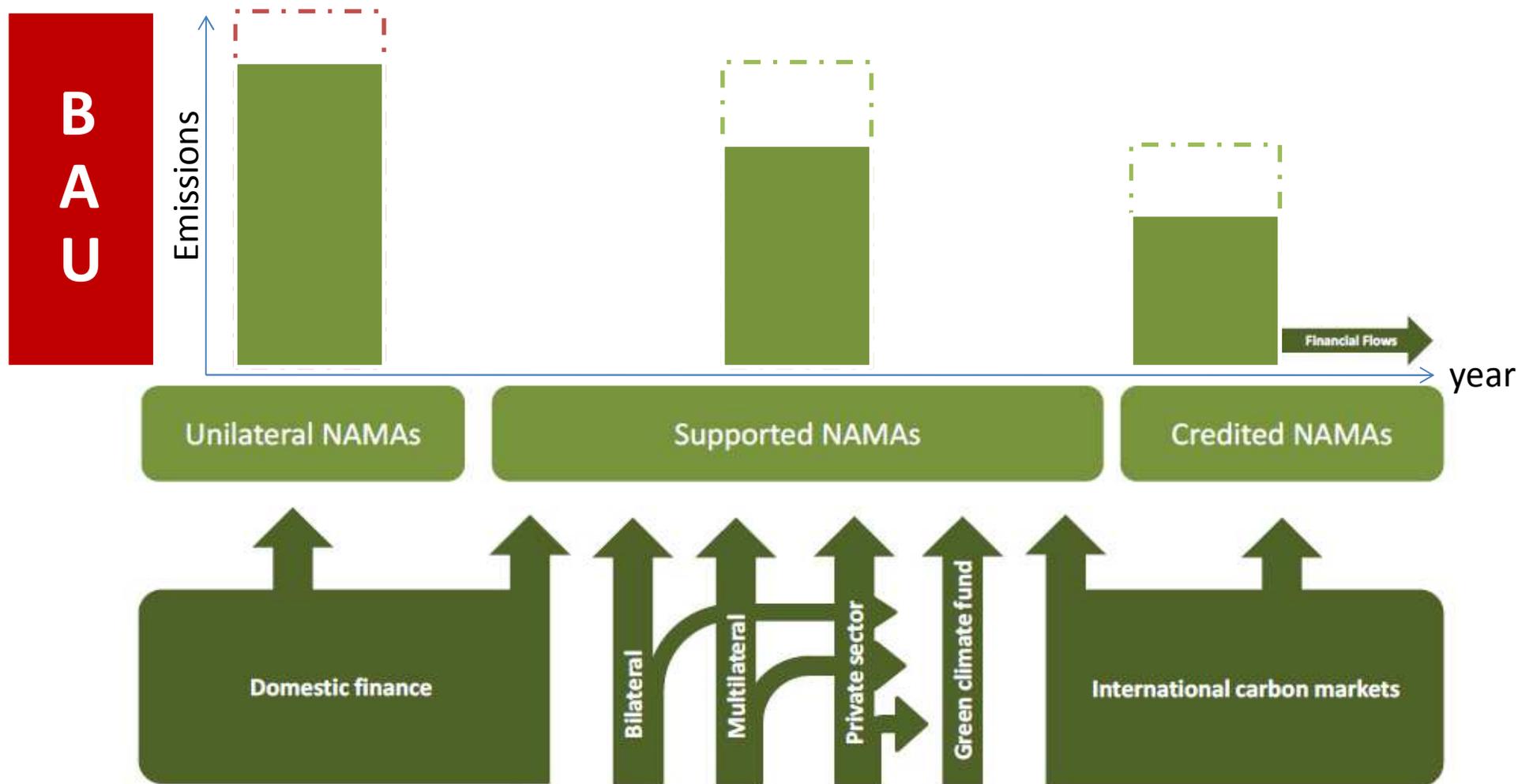
Introduction-NAMAs

- Broad Definition: Nationally appropriate mitigation actions by developing country Parties in the context of sustainable development, supported and enabled by technology, financing and capacity-building, in measureable, reportable and verifiable manner (CP 13 Bali Action Plan, 2007)
- Collective effort to operationalize the concept.
- Leverage climate finance through bilateral and multilateral support, and through carbon markets.
- Concept is still in discussions and evolving
- Key elements
 - Voluntary Commitments to reduce emissions relative to business-as-usual (BAU)
 - Embedded in national sustainable development priorities
 - Linked to low carbon development strategies
 - Range of approaches (strategies, sectoral, projects/programs)
 - Transformative impacts



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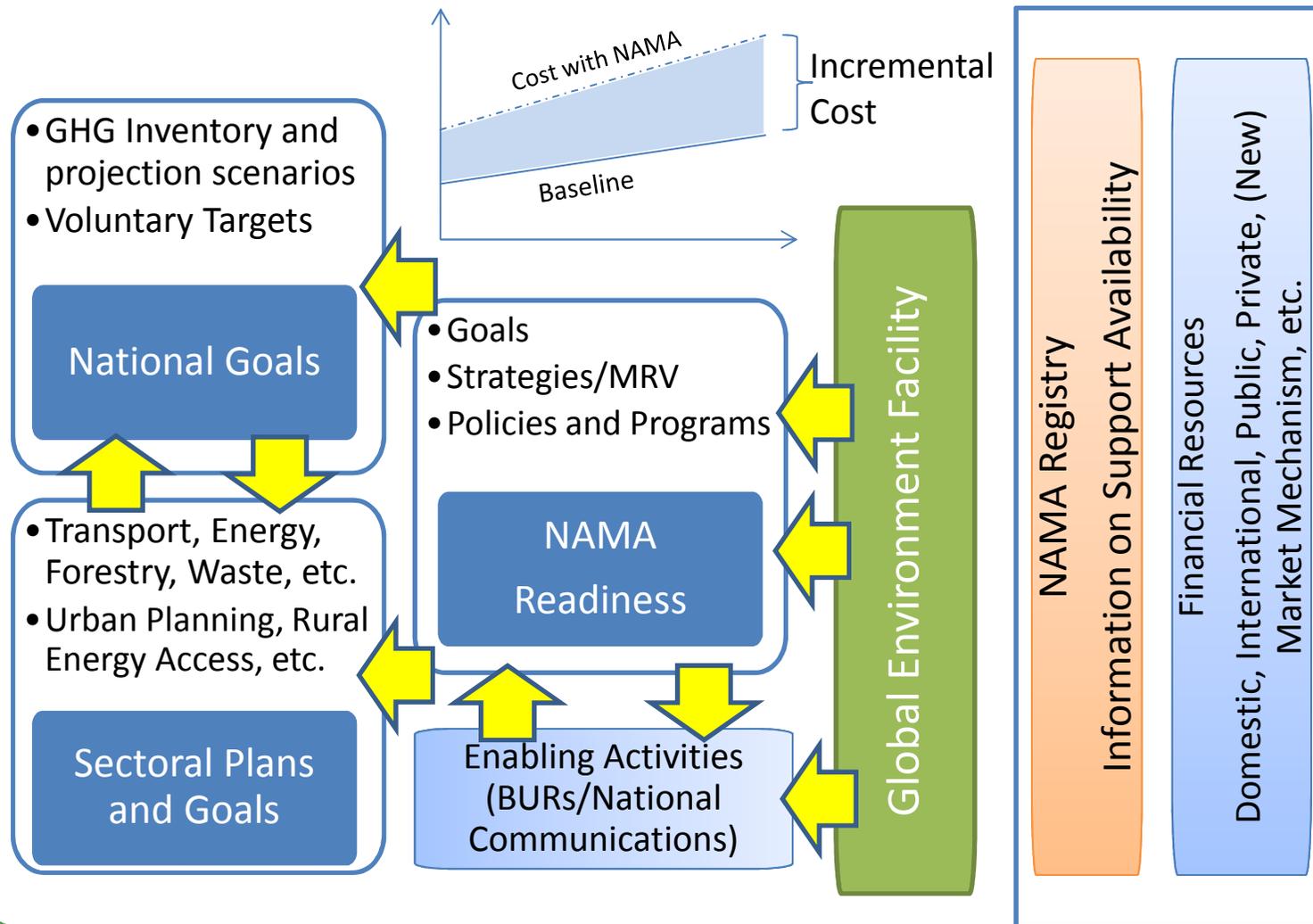
Types of NAMAs by Funding Sources



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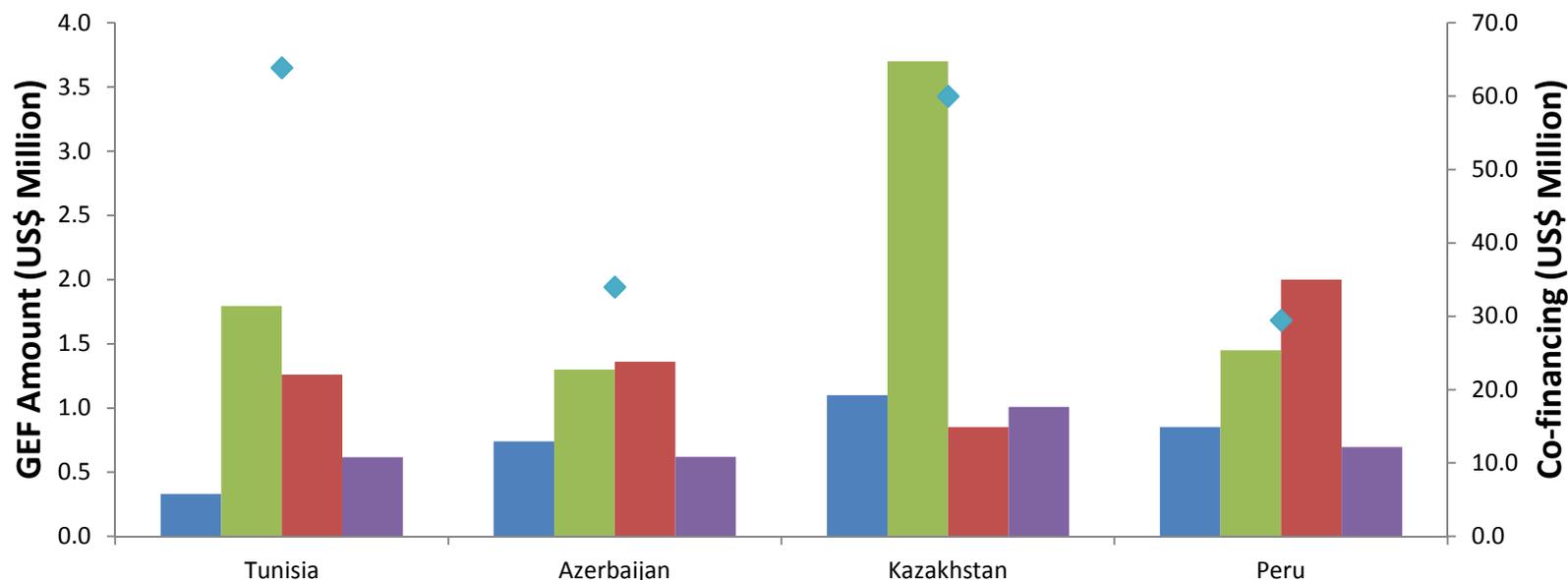
(Source: Developing Financeable NAMAs, IISD, 2013)

NAMA Classifications and GEF



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GEF Investments in NAMA



- Enabling Conditions (policy, legal and regulatory frameworks)
- Financial Support
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Development
- Project Management Costs
- ◆ Project Co-financing

GEF Grant Amount: \$17,902,968
Co-financing: \$187,336,025



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In Conclusion...

- GEF finances NCs, BURs and NAMAs
- There are a number of challenges
 - Capacity and Institutional Strength
 - Coordination among players
 - Robust and standardized MRV
 - Functional Financial Markets
- GEF has provided significant support towards building capacity and technical capabilities in developing countries
- Assisting Parties to articulate their low carbon development goals.



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Thank you!!

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June 2012

- Global (Antigua and Barbuda, Burkina Faso, Dominica, Fiji, Grenada, St. Kitts And Nevis, Myanmar, Niue, Rwanda, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Suriname, Tuvalu, St. Vincent and Grenadines) : Umbrella Programme for National Communication to the UNFCCC (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,210,000)
- Indonesia : Third National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,500,000)

November 2012

- In response to guidance from the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), this work program features four projects that address the Convention obligations of National Communications and Biennial Update Reporting (BUR).
- Global : Global Support Programme for Preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports for non-Annex I Parties under the UNFCCC (UNDP/UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,500,000).
- Global (Bahrain, Benin, Bhutan, Cook Islands, Eritrea, Lao PDR, Mali, Mauritius, Nauru, Seychelles, Sao Tome and Principe, Tanzania) : Umbrella Programme for National Communication to the UNFCCC (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,180,000)
- China : Enabling China to Prepare Its Third National Communication (3NC) and Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,280,000)
- Mexico : Sixth National Communication to the UNFCCC (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,636,364)

April 2013

- South Africa UNEP Enabling South Africa to Prepare Its Third National Communication (3NC) and Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC GEF Project Grant \$4,006,650

June 2013

- Brazil : Fourth National Communication and Biennial Update Reports to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,528,500)



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