GEF RFS IAP Emerging Lessons
Going backward vis-a-vis the programmatic approach

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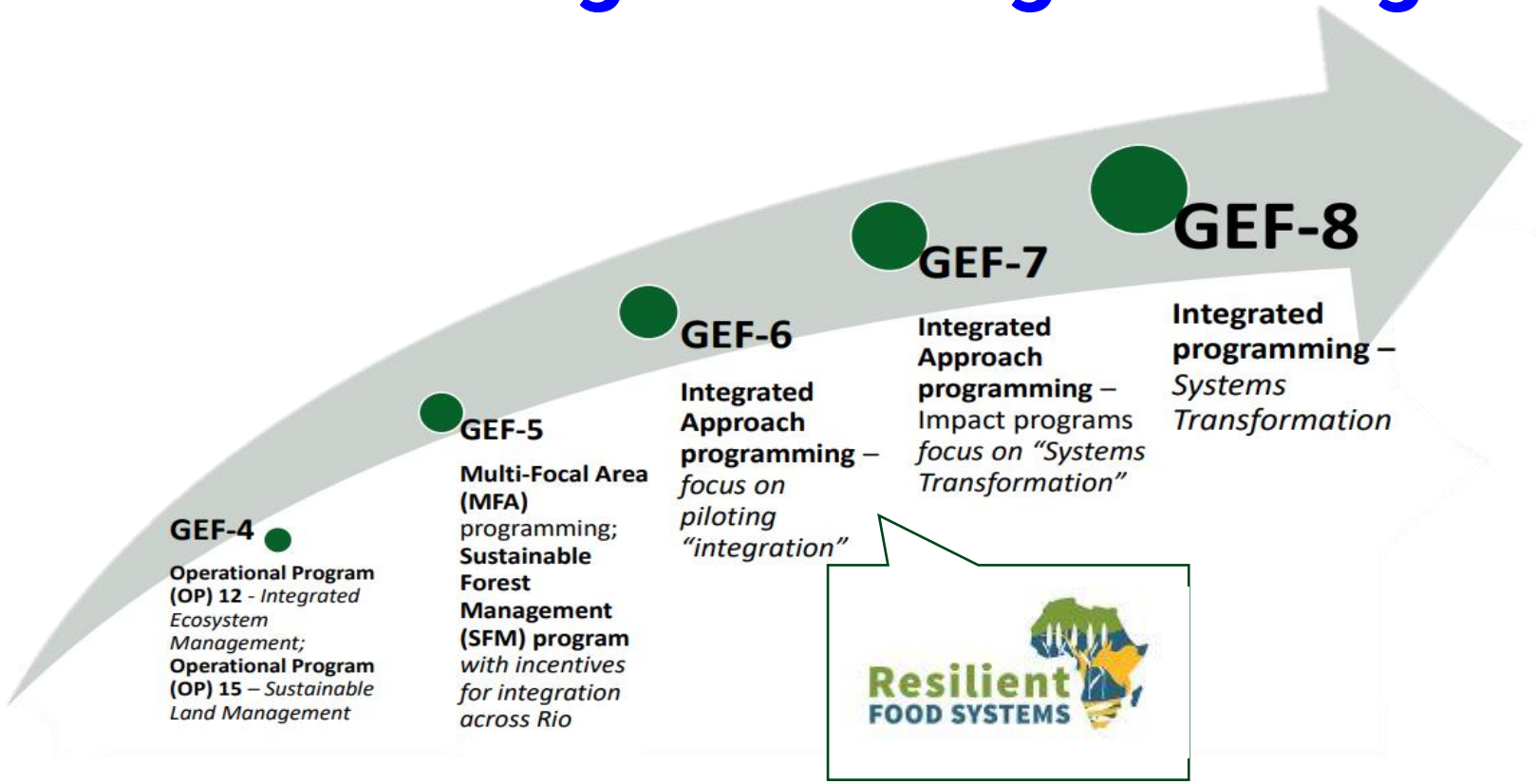
Evolution of GEF's Integrated Programming



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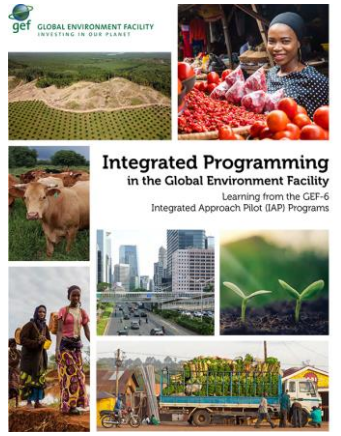
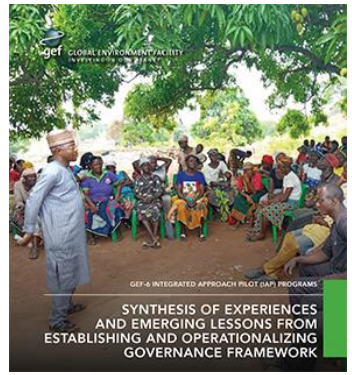
Learnings from GEF-6 RFS IAP

- In September 2021, the GEF Secretariat with participating agencies, published emerging lessons papers on
  - Emerging lessons from the RFS program
  - Overall approach to program governance
  - Experience with key cross-cutting priorities
- GEF-7 Impact Programs are already harnessing the lessons experiences to further advance the integrated approach for transformative change
- GEF-8 Programing Direction includes 11 Integrated Programs in design phase, which will further utilize learnings to achieve systems transformation





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RFS, Assumptions & Pilot for Integration

- **The RFS program was conceived to generate multiple global environment benefits (GEBs),** for long-term sustainability and resilience of food production in view of reducing land degradation and biodiversity loss, recovering vegetation cover and increasing soil carbon.
- **The targeted agroecological systems include the Sahel, Horn of Africa, Eastern African highlands, and Southern Africa.**
- **The Theory of Change of the RFS program was anchored in three principles: *(i) Engage, (ii) Act, and (iii) Track***, and reflected in the 12 country projects to tackle specific landscapes and the regional hub for coordination and specific assistance.
- Formulation of questions: based on initial assumptions + programmatic approach

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Following survey will be

- **Utilized as a learning** from the RFS IAP for GEF-7 Impact Programs implementation and GEF-8 Integrated Programs design
  - what has been useful for country child projects, which approach has been most impactful…
- **It is not an evaluation** of the program nor the country projects

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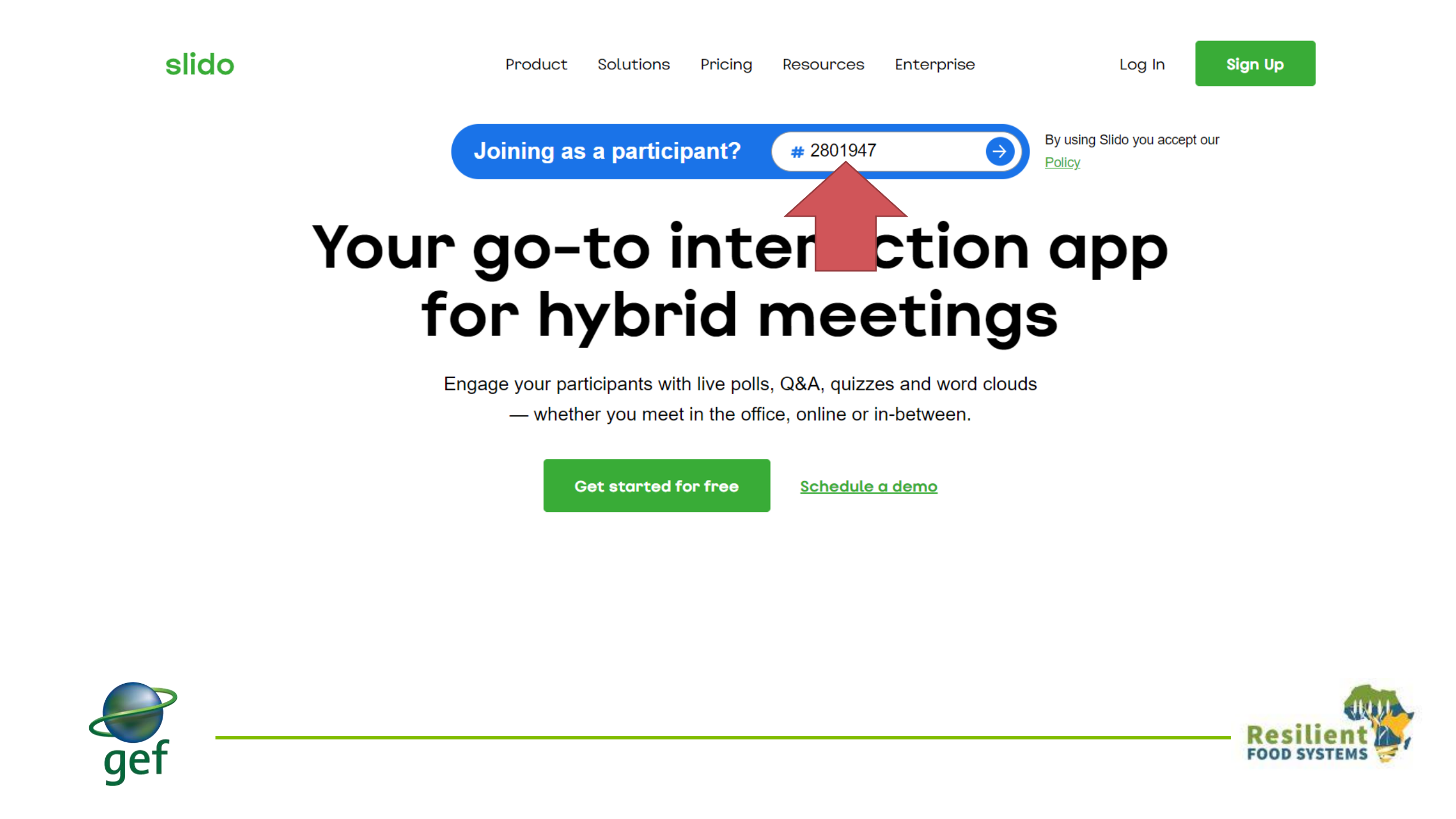

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Transformational Change: By applying the integrated approach, my project could address complex environmental challenges related to biodiversity, climate change, and land and water resources.

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Theory of Change: Was the use of the same Theory of Change, common to the whole IAP, useful? As a reminder, the proposed Theory of change was based on a Engage, Act, Track approach.

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Structures and Institutions: Did the child project have any influence on existing or new structures (multi-stakeholder platforms) and institutions?

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Scaling: Were there any mechanisms inside the RFS project to tackle scaling, or through co-financing, or through empowerment of stakeholders?

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Can you name some the mechanisms/institutions you used?

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Innovation and Technologies: Was any innovative technology promoted through the RFS child project?

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Can you name some of these technologies?

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Gender Mainstreaming: are you satisfied with the way gender issues were mainstreamed?

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Systems Resilience: are you satisfied with the way resilience issues were addressed?

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Can you name a specific result/method obtained in addressing resilience?

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Stakeholder Engagement: are you satisfied with the way stakeholders were engaged?

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Can you name a specific result/method obtained in stakeholder engagement?

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Private Sector Engagement: are you satisfied with the way the private sector was engaged?

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Can you name a specific result/method obtained in private sector engagement?

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Monitoring, Evaluation & Assessment: are you satisfied with the M&E system in place in your project?

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Can you name a result, a method, a tool largely used/deployed in your project?

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Knowledge Management: are you satisfied with the way Knowledge Management (KM) was addressed in your project?

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Can you name a specific result/method obtained in KM?

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Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN): Was your project aligned with LDN targets?

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Are there any documents or publications related to knowledge and lessons about LDN? Can you name them here?

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Programmatic Approach: Do you think that the programmatic approach (with a regional hub and several child project) was worth it?

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Programmatic Approach: Do you think there were significant differences of needs and approaches between the different agro-ecological systems (Sahel, Eastern Africa, Southern Africa)?

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Programmatic Approach: Do you think your project delivered better because it was part of a programmatic approach?

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Programmatic Approach: Do you think you would have obtained the same results in a stand-alone project (out of a programmatic approach, without the support of the hub)?

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Programmatic Approach: Do you agree that the integrated approach is a better way to generate multiple environmental, social, and economic benefits? (rather than a sectoral approach, or a single focal area project in the GEF context)

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Programmatic Approach: The country project would continue after the GEF project period ends because of (choose all answers that are relevant).

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If you were a GEF Operational Focal Point: would you candidate for the GEF-8 Integrated Programs?

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Any request for the future to improve the programmatic approach?

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