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## GEF and the Water Convention

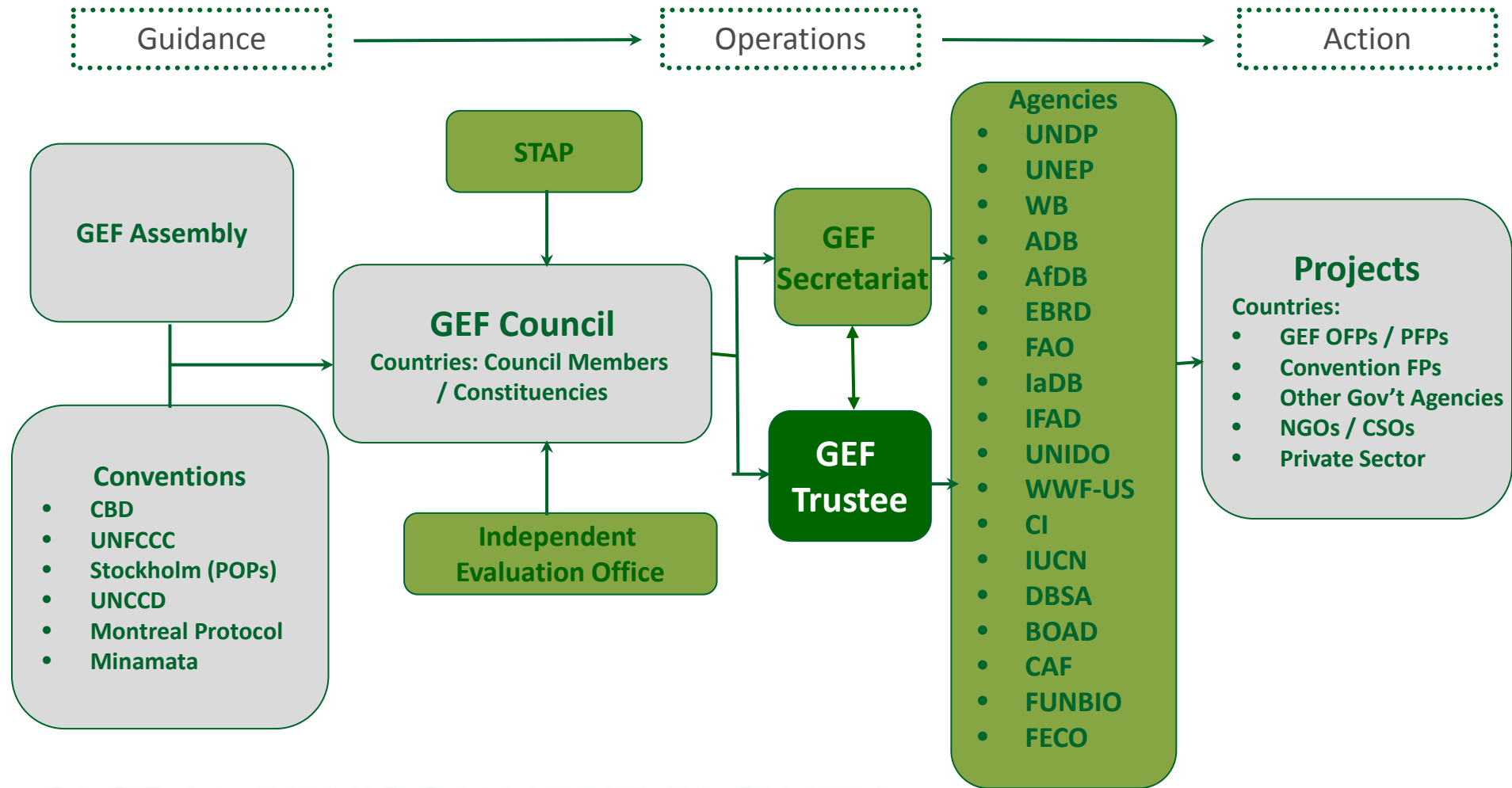
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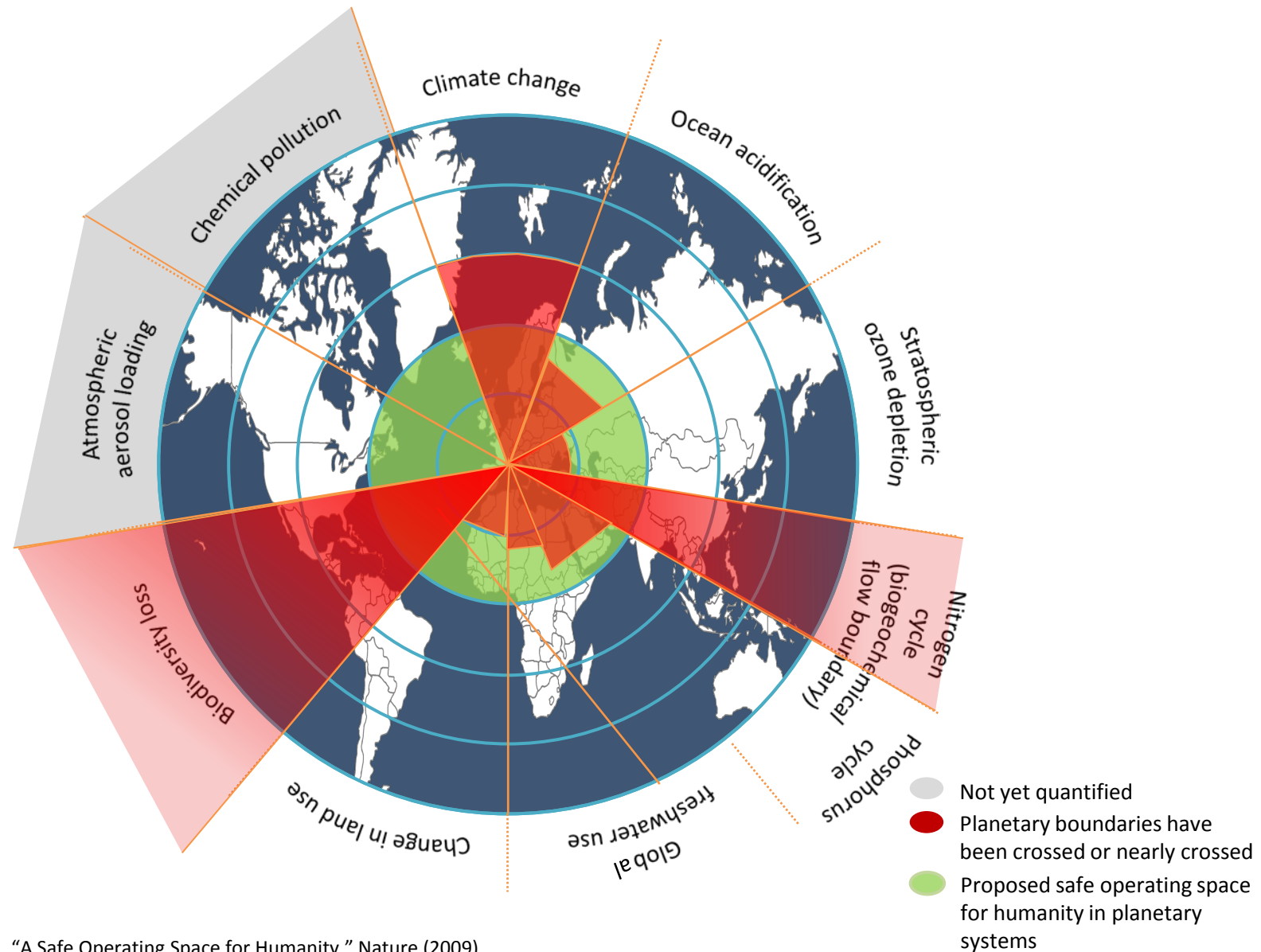
# GEF Trust Fund

## *Institutional Framework*



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# Key Earth systems are near or beyond “tipping points”

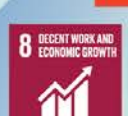
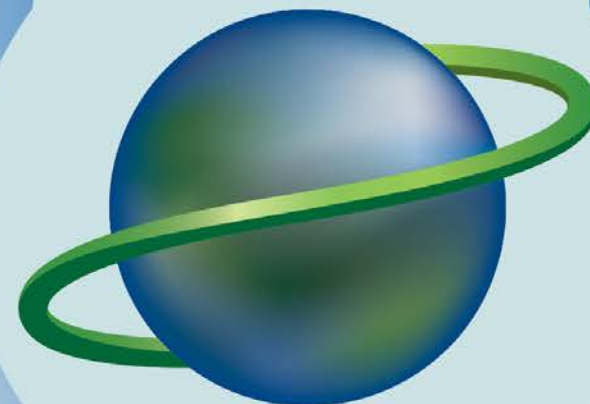


Source: Rockstrom et al, “A Safe Operating Space for Humanity,” Nature (2009)

GEF PURPOSE—  
EARTH'S LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS

GEF INVESTMENTS—  
CATALYZING TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

THE GEF—  
ADDITIONAL IMPACTS



# The GEF and the SDGs

# GEF 6 – International Waters

Goal: To promote collective management of transboundary water systems and implementation of the full range of policy, legal and institutional reforms and investments contributing to sustainable use and maintenance of ecosystem services

**Objective 1: Catalyze Sustainable Management of Transboundary Waters**

**Objective 2: Balance Competing Water-uses in the Management of Transboundary Surface and Groundwater**

**Objective 3: Foster Sustainable Fisheries, Restore and Protect Coastal Habitats, and Reduce Pollution of Coasts and LMEs**

1. Foster Cooperation for Sustainable use of Transboundary Water Systems & Economic Growth

2. Increase Resilience & Flow of Ecosystems Services in Context of Melting High Altitude Glaciers

3. Advance Conjunctive Management of Surface & Groundwater systems

4. Water/Food/Energy/Ecosystem Security Nexus

5. Reduce Ocean Hypoxia

6. Prevent the Loss and Degradation of Coastal Habitat

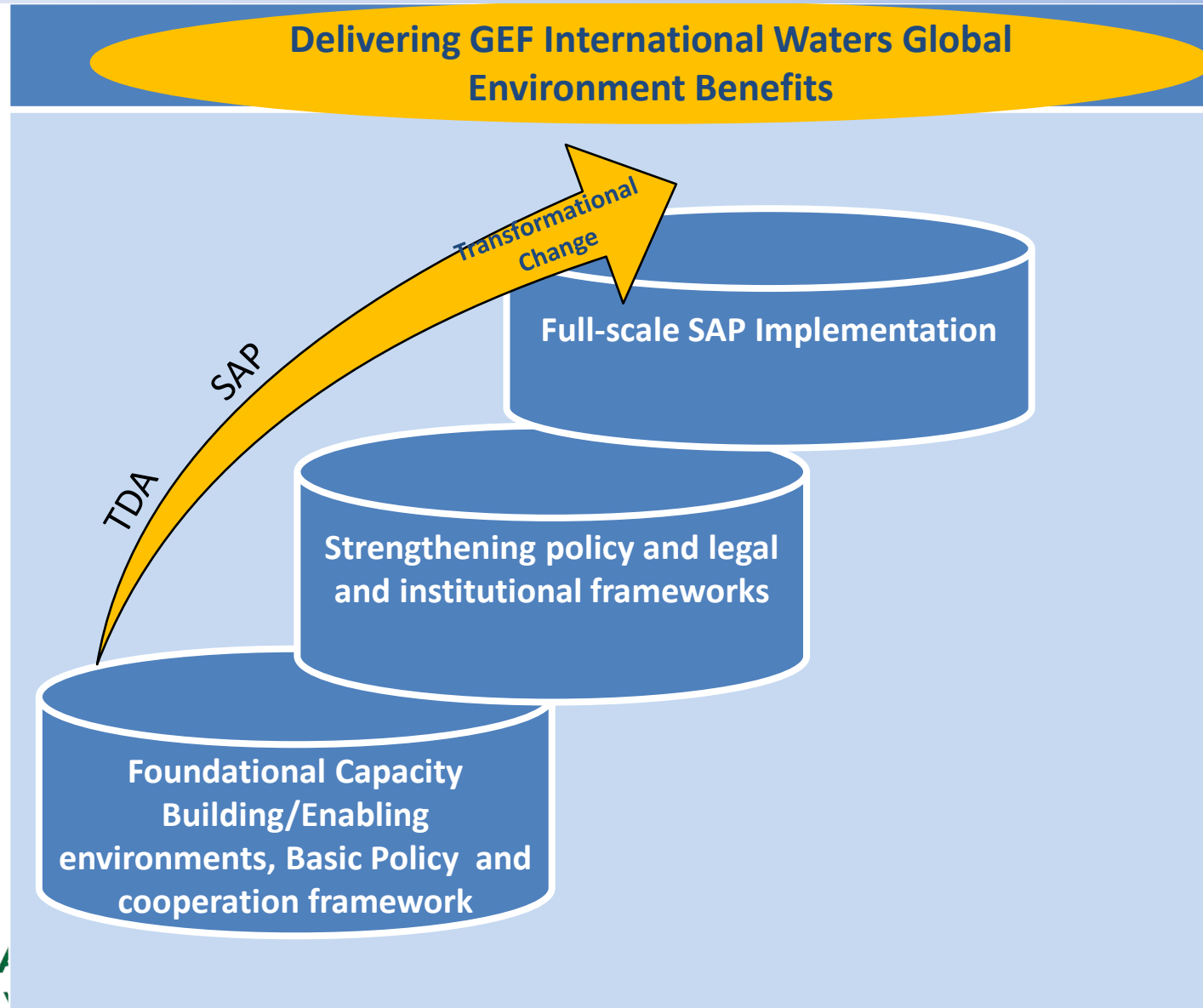
7. Foster Sustainable Fisheries



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# GEF IW investments through series of interventions





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# Advance Groundwater Governance & Conjunctive Management

Program 3

The banner features a central photograph of a woman in a red patterned dress pouring water from a yellow jerrycan into a well. The background is a collage of blue and white geometric shapes with text like 'Protection', 'Awareness', 'Participation', and 'Environment'. A semi-transparent white box in the center contains the project title.

**Global Groundwater Governance Project**

**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**

**United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**

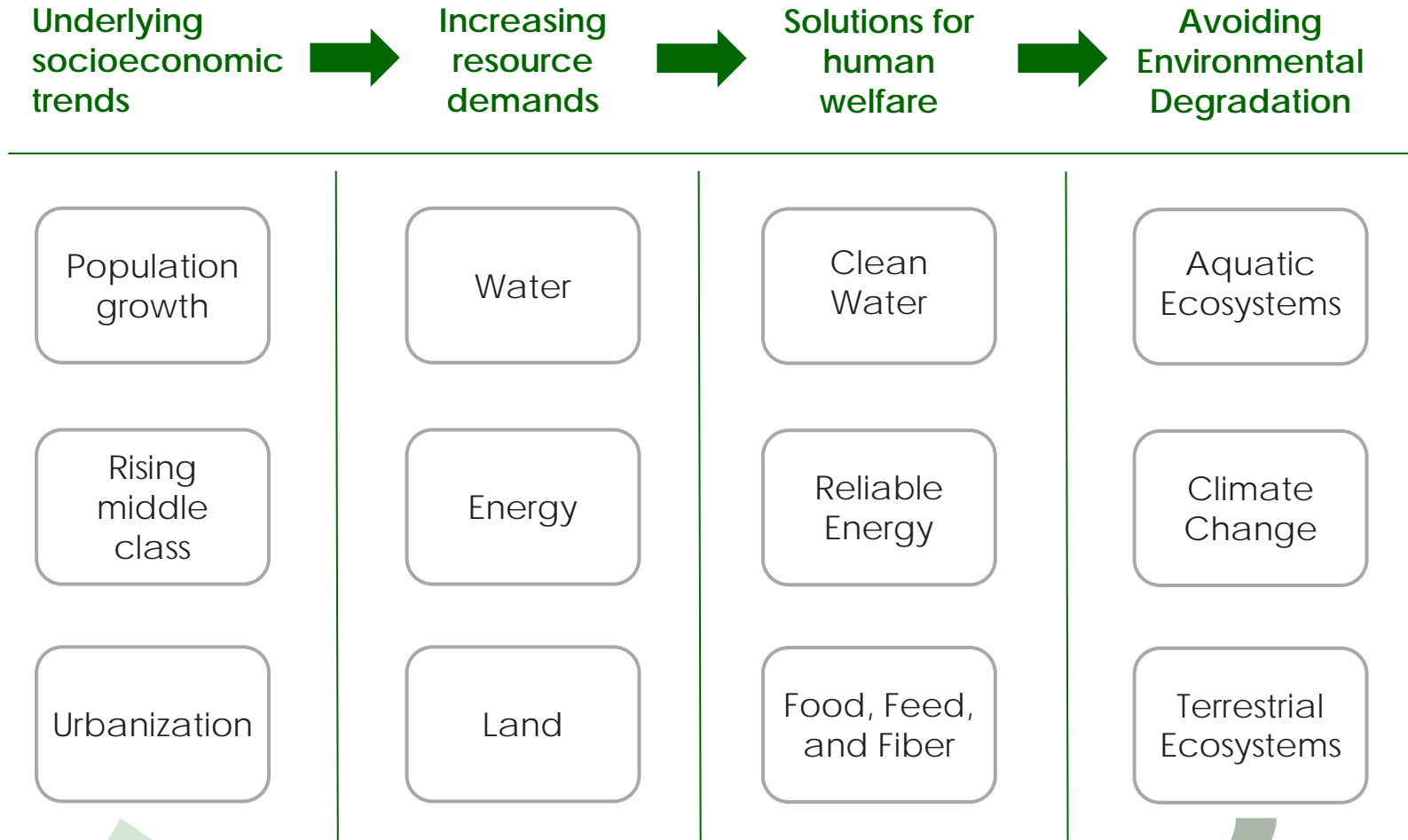
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# Nexus Challenge – Water, Food, Energy, Ecosystems

## Program 4



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Resilient nations.



# GEF IW:LEARN

- Primary knowledge management and training mechanism for GEF IW focal area

Expanded Partnerships

Tools & Guidance Materials



• Network of practitioners - a culture of learning and project experience

• Regional partnerships and partner capacity building portfolio

Capacity Building

- Climate Change
- TB institutions,....

- 2015-2019 GEF UN
- Tools providing for integrated
- Source of Regional Dialogues & Exchange of Experiences

- [www.iwlearn.net](http://www.iwlearn.net)



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# Water for our future ...



Thank You !



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