GEF Support for Programmatic Approach in West Africa

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The Energy Component of the GEF Strategic Program for West Africa

• Objective
  ✓ to promote practical, action-oriented projects
  ✓ to scale up investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency in the region.
• All West Africa countries + Burundi and Chad
• 27 projects selected
• 22 projects developed and approved
• $40 million of GEF funding + $468 million of co-financing
Strategic Program for West Africa

- All projects approved (March 2009 - June 2010)
- Implementation started late (Jan 2011 - Nov 2012)
- World Bank projects started earlier

The SPWA projects by GEF Agency

- UNDP
- UNEP
- UNIDO
- World Bank
GEF support to sustainable energy programs in West Africa

• Over the last 20 years the GEF funded:
  ✓ 44 projects
  ✓ $148 million GEF funding + $1.13 billion co-financing

• Wide range of technologies and processes supported
An increasing support to sustainable energy in the ECOWAS region

Total GEF funding on Sustainable Energy project in ECOWAS

Total Co-financing of GEF projects on Sustainable Energy project in ECOWAS
The key role of programs

• GEF4: a jump in GEF funding for Energy in the region
  ✅ the Strategic Programme for West Africa
  ✅ = 90% of GEF4 sustainable energy funding for ECOWAS

• First half of GEF5:
  ✅ all GEF5 energy related projects for ECOWAS are regional projects or programs.

• Bundling projects in the region
  ✅ attract agencies
  ✅ attract private sector investments
To go further

• Experience gained in SPWA:
  ✓ Working faster in implementing projects and programs?
  ✓ Lessons learned for future programs/projects?

• Concrete implementation of the proposed ECOWAS policies
  ✓ Ideas of programs for the future GEF6 strategy?
  ✓ Propositions to use remaining GEF5 allocations ($15-20 million)
Suggestions for future projects and programs

• Going beyond demonstration and pilot projects
  ✓ Transformational projects
  ✓ Financially and economically sustainable mechanisms
  ✓ Lasting impact beyond the project life time
Suggestions for future projects and programs

• Attracting more private investments (reducing risks)
  ✓ Stable and standardized contractual and regulatory arrangement (e.g. PPA, IPP…)
  ✓ Informing investors on the investing environment status
  ✓ Guaranteeing schemes

• Scaling up firewood efficiency (comprehensive Regional approach)
  ✓ The emergence of various local manufacturers
  ✓ Innovative financing schemes for consumers
  ✓ The development of local based retailing
  ✓ The development of local reparation networks
  ✓ Locally adapted dissemination campaigns

• Regional strategies for the development of West African manufacturing capacities of sustainable energy technologies