



Drivers of Sustainability

- ▶ 3:15 PM to 4:45 PM
- ▶ Amsterdam Room
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Understanding Sustainability of Intervention



- ▶ Sustainable Development
- ▶ Sustainability of intervention, projects and programs
 - ▶ **Activities sustain** after completion of activity and continue to provide benefits - **durability**
 - ▶ **Achieves long term objectives** expected to be achieved during post completion period
- ▶ Difficulties in assess actual sustainability - assessment of risks at completion more feasible

GEF IEO's experience in addressing sustainability



- ▶ Interest in the topic within GEF
- ▶ Assessment of sustainability
 - ▶ Do activities sustain?
 - ▶ Determinants?
- ▶ Assessment covered
 - ▶ 1358 completed projects, 1299 rated for sustainability - information based on completion reports
 - ▶ 53 projects covered through post completion assessment: field verified 3 to 10 yrs later - reviews and field visit reports.

Key findings



- ▶ At completion risks to sustainability affected by:
 - ▶ project design quality, country context, government support, the quality of implementation, materialization of co-financing.
- ▶ Post completion actual sustainability affected by:
 - ▶ Stakeholder buy-in, political support, financing for follow up, institutional capacities, continued support by national partners, flaws in theory of change

Why this introduction



- ▶ Because two of the presentations are a direct follow up on this post completion review
 - ▶ Conducted through GEF IEO support
 - ▶ Conducted by independent researchers

Presentations



- ▶ Assessing Sustainable Development
 - ▶ Ellen Fitzpatrick, Lauren Remedios, Illeana Resendez
- ▶ Incentive design for results-based financing - rather art than science?
 - ▶ Martina Greib, Christine Woerlen, Lisa Keppler
- ▶ Sustainability and relevance of GEF projects in Small Island Developing States
 - ▶ Trond Norheim
- ▶ Sustaining Climate Actions - Issues in verifying post-project impacts in climate change mitigation projects
 - ▶ Susan Legro, Jindra Cekan

- ▶ Question and Answer