

# Mainstreaming Grassroots Innovations



Community Action, Global Impact

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## GEF/UNDP SGP India Meet

UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme is a global corporate programme implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on behalf of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The SGP became fully operational in India in September 1995 and works in partnership with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India.

**With the Small Grants Programme completing 25 years of presence in India, the 3 day SGP India Meet aims to discuss and define strategies for mainstreaming, replicating and scaling-up innovations piloted and supported under the SGP India Programme for over 20 years now.**

## Thematic Workshops

### Experiences of piloting and scaling-up innovations

Sharing of experiences, innovations, findings and ideas in the SGP thematic areas such as Maintaining globally significant Biodiversity and the Ecosystem Goods and Services; Sustainable Land Management in production systems; Climate friendly and Low emission Technologies and Systems; International Waters; Sustainable Forest Management and Chemicals and Waste Resource Management

## Plenaries and Panel Discussions

### Informing policies, connecting with them

The GEF/UNDP Small Grants Programme was envisaged as a global initiative which moves beyond the purpose of a 'grant making' Programme to one which also builds and creates newer local level networks, knowledge institutions and engages them in policy advocacy as well. The plenaries and panel discussions, with participation from government officials, GEF/UNDP officials, scientists, social scientists, conservation practitioners as well as barefoot consultants would explore how SGP experiences have informed policies and mainstreamed good practices.

## Outcomes

- **Strategies for mainstreaming and scaling-up development innovations**
- **Launching of the Virtual SGP India Shop: an e-platform for SGP products**
- **Strengthening the connect between CSOs, Governments, Development Researchers, Practitioners and Businesses**
- **Showcasing Grassroots Innovations and providing strategies for scaling up and replication**
- **Establishing 'SGP Grassroots Reach'—a clearing house mechanism for innovations in sustainability**

## Innovations Bazaar

### Green Haat and the Innovations Market Place

With over 150 innovative products piloted under the SGP India Programme, the Green Haat would be a place for government institutes, CSOs and green corporates to show case green products, and explore newer business opportunities. Aligned with the spirit of Make in India and Skill India initiatives, the Green Haat, Innovations Bazaar would act as the meeting place for innovations incubators, neo-engineers, neo-architects, innovators and investors, and many more, engaged in creating and mainstreaming green products.



## Dignitaries and Participants

- Community Practitioners, Professionals from the CSOs, NGOs
- Government Representatives, Policy Makers
- Officials from the UNDP and other UN Organizations
- Heads and Representatives from Business Houses
- Development and Sustainability Practitioners
- Subject Experts and Researchers
- Innovations incubation Agencies

## The SGP India Programme

Aligned to the needs and priorities of India, the SGP India Programme, during 25 years of implementation and 5 operational phases, has supported piloting of over 400 innovations towards conserving biodiversity, preventing land degradation and facilitating climate action and climate friendly technologies.

**GEF/UNDP SGP India** The GEF Small Grants Programme

**25** years of supporting local initiatives for sustainability

Connecting **350** NGO partners

Over **430** Community-based innovative projects

- 200** towards conserving Biodiversity
- 50** for preventing Land Degradation
- 140** for combating Climate Change
- 40** in the areas of international waters, persistent organic pollutants

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With Operational Phase 6 on the anvil, the SGP India Programme is well poised to reflect on experiences, learnings, successes and failures so as to build upon the experiences and lessons learned in generating ecological, economic and social synergies, leading to long-lasting global environmental benefits, as well as increased social capital.

Through a network of over 350 local NGO partners, GEF/UNDP Small Grants Programme (SGP), India has truly demonstrated the spirit of the Programme—‘community action can maintain the fine balance between human needs and environmental imperatives.’

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