



STCU
AC / GB Meeting
Kyiv, Nov 2006





STCU – NASU Interaction

\$1m (2006)

- 1st Feb, subject categories confirmed and “call for proposals” issued
- 17th Apr. 22 F.F., with HGC, presented to 4 F.P.
- May, establish Joint Funding Committee (with all 4 FP) and mode of operation established
- 30th Sept. FP complete reviews and results given to STCU





2006 TI with NASU cont.

- 13th Oct. Out of Cycle funding decision by Joint Committee
- All funded projects must have financial support from at least 1 of the Western FP (WFP)
- On any funded project, total financial support from the Western FP cannot exceed 50% of the project cost
- Funding from WFP not restricted to grants
- 10 of 22 projects funded (\$1m);
 - 7 nanomaterials / nanotechnologies
 - 2 energy conservation & industrial safety
 - 1 information technology





2006 TI with NASU cont. Objectives & Outcomes

- Establish SOP with NASU prior to initiating new TIs with other sponsors
- Funding Parties agree to a 6-month cycle from call for proposals to funding decision linked to the June GBM
- Project reviews inserted into existing process with the WFP
- Joint Funding Committee, with participation from sponsor effective mechanism for partnering
- UA party proposes to increase its budget by 20% in 2007





STCU – Min. Env. Prot. UA 2006

- Dec, 2005 STCU & MEPU explored areas of cooperation, under TI program
- Jan. 2006 established priority research areas (UA proposes budget of \$250k for 2006)
- 5th April Statement to Cooperate signed UA 1st Dep. Minister / subsequent change in Minister delayed progress
- Sept. discussions with new Dep. Minister confirmed decision to move ahead with initiative. Funding level re-confirmed
- Ministry interested in 6-month cycle linked to June GBM
- Ministry would like to conclude process & announce call for proposals in Nov. / Dec 2006
- Provisions to implement agreement need to be established





Georgian Nat. Sci Found. 2006

- June GNSF re-confirmed intent to proceed with TI in 2006, budget of \$250k confirmed.
- Decision by STCU to develop SOP place GNSF initiative “on hold”
- ED’s expects to sign statement of intent to collaborate with GNSF in launch of TI in 2007.
- GNSF confirmed budget of \$140K for 2007
- STCU and GNSF expects to announce “call for proposals” in November, initiating a 6-month cycle linked to the June GBM





Outstanding Issues

- The NASU expects to commit \$600k to the TI in 2007
- TI with GNSF / launch in Nov. 2006, linked to June '06 GBM
- TI with GNSF / launch in Jan. 2007, linked to June '06 GBM
- Confirmation of 2007 TI budget at Nov '06 GBM
- How WFP intends to finance program need to be resolved
- Contribution (pledged amount) from each of the WFP to the 2007 program to be confirmed

