

OVERVIEW

The [GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop](#) (ECW) for the South Asia, East Asia and China constituencies took place in Da Nang, Vietnam from 4 to 7 April 2017. Over 140 participants, including GEF and Convention focal points, representatives from Civil Society Organizations, GEF Staff and GEF Agency colleagues from ADB, FAO, FECO, UNDP, IUCN, WB and WWF as well as representatives from the Stockholm Convention, the UNFCCC Secretariat and the GCF participated in the workshop. ([Agenda](#) | [Participants](#))



GEF ECW Vietnam Group Photo

CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS

Monday, 3 April

Prior to the Start of the ECW, the South and East Asia Constituencies held half day constituency meetings and received a briefing from Dr. Do Nam Thang, Vietnam OFP and GEF replenishment representative for Asia and the Pacific, on the outcomes first GEF 7 Replenishment meeting (Paris 28-30 March 2017) ([S. Asia Agenda](#) | [E. Asia Agenda](#))

CSO MEETING

Tuesday Morning, 4 April

The first morning was dedicated to a half-day CSO meeting, led by the CSO Regional Focal Point, Sano Akhteruzzaman. About 17 CSOs from China, and the South and East Asia constituencies and representatives from UNDP, UNEP, WWF and the GEF Secretariat attended the meeting where they discussed ways to enhance the level of Network activities at the country and regional level. Items in the agenda also included informing the CSOs on GEF-7 processes and obtaining feedback on the current level of engagement of civil society in GEF projects and how to move forward. (Final Report, [Agenda](#) and [Participants](#))

SGP CONSULTATION

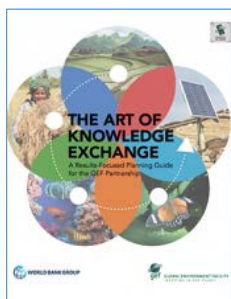
Tuesday Afternoon, 4 April

In the afternoon GEF OFPs and PFPs joined with the CSOs to participate in the GEF SGP Consultation. The Consultation was led by Ana Maria Currea and Terence Hay-Edie from SGP. The discussion and presentations focused on key strategic initiatives of the proposed GEF7 SGP Impact Program including: how can SGP's GEF7 initiatives align with countries' priorities in GEF7 in terms of environment and sustainable development needs; what modalities and approaches can best leverage the potential of communities and CSOs to meet these needs in GEF7 and; how can SGP promote broader adoption and scalability including through CSO-government-private sector dialogues. ([Agenda](#))

GEF ECW

Wednesday – Thursday, 5-6 April

The ECW began with interactive exercises and discussions regarding updates on the GEF-7 Replenishment process, and on the initial findings from the GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) OPS6 Report. In the afternoon there were discussions and exercises on Facilitating Synergies in implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements towards sustainable development, the Elements of Transformative Programs and an interactive Multi-stakeholder/Ecosystem Scorecard Simulation Game developed by WWF-US.



The second day of the ECW began with a training course on “[The Art of Knowledge Exchange](#)”. Using GEF projects as examples, this hands-on activity shows best practices, key ideas and methods behind successful knowledge exchange. After the Knowledge Exchange course, there were presentations and discussions on Stakeholder Engagement and Gender Mainstreaming, Cross-Cutting Capacity Development (CCCD) and [Green Finance](#).



Participants from Mongolia discuss the merits of stakeholder collaboration and sub-basin management during the WWF eco systems game.

GEF KNOWLEDGE DAY

Friday, 7 April

The last day of the ECW was a GEF Knowledge Day where participants were exposed to GEF Full size project and SGP projects as a basis for learning and knowledge exchange. ([Agenda](#))

Participants arrived at the site they were welcomed by more than twenty members of the local community. Participants received a project briefing from Nguyen Thi Thu Huyen, SGP Vietnam and Nancy Bemas, Sr. Country Program Manager, PEMSEA. Participants then divided into 5 groups and proceeded to visit the 5 “Learning stations”. (Learning Stations are a tool developed by the GEF to support experiential knowledge exchange.) Each Learning Station showcased a distinct aspect of the project and allowed participants to interact with project staff and stakeholders discussing results, lessons learned and challenges faced throughout the implementation of the project. Participants were also provided with a “Knowledge Passport” which they used to answer questions and note results from each Learning Station. After interacting at the learning stations, participants participated in a debriefing session sharing what they had learned and experienced and then enjoyed local entertainment and lunch with the community.

Further details of the 5 learning stations are included here:

Learning Station 1 : [SGP Sustainable Harvesting of Cu Lao Cham Land Crab](#)

Learning Station 2 : [SGP Biodiversity conservation - Nya Palm conservation and ecotourism](#)

Learning Station 3 : [SGP Waste management and women’s empowerment](#)

Learning Station 4 : [PEMSEA Engaging fisher communities in sustainable coastal resource management](#)

Learning Station 5 : [PEMSEA Coastal tourism and livelihood development](#)