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CONSULTATION ON PROGRAMMING DIRECTIONS FOR GEF-7

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Introduction

The GEF Secretariat is gathering information from various sources to determine how best to program the financial resources that would become available during GEF-7 (2018-2022). As part of this process, the GEF will use the ECWs in calendar year 2016 to initiate consultations with key stakeholders in GEF recipient countries. Together with input from contributing participants, GEF Agencies, the GEF CSO Network, STAP, Parties to the Conventions that the GEF serves, and other stakeholders, these early consultations will contribute towards the first drafts of the programming directions for GEF-7. In 2017 stakeholders in recipient countries will have additional opportunities to engage in and contribute towards the replenishment process.

During the first ECW for the countries of Southern Africa, the GEF wants to ask the participants a series of questions and use their answers as the basis for a 1-hr discussion session on this topic. Since the current interest of the GEF is on programming directions, the questions and discussion will be about the themes the countries are most interested in. While the topics will be the driving force of the discussion, geographic settings will be considered to properly target investments at the national level or promote international cooperation. Questions regarding policy and procedures will be considered later in the preparatory process of GEF-7.

The Questions

The GEF Secretariat has developed 3 questions for the participants to the ECWs. The answers to the questions will be used as input for a discussion in plenary. The questions have been crafted for the answers to fall within the mandate and means of the GEF as the financial mechanism of the various international conventions and protocol it serves.

For each of the 3 questions below, there is a list of potential answers for the participants to consider. These options will vary from regional to region in order to accommodate the exercise to the different geographic, ecological and cultural settings around the world.

The Exercise**Part I** (Estimated Time: 20 minutes)

1. The GEF Secretariat will describe the exercise and distribute the questions to the participants. Every participant will receive 4 sheets of paper, one for each question.
2. Each participant will answer the 4 questions by ticking the boxes in front of the three most important or relevant answers suggested. New answers can be added if the ones provided do not suffice.
3. Once the participants have completed answering the questions, they are encourage to compare answers but not to change their responses as a result of the deliberations that will take among the participants sitting around the table.
4. The participants will hand over their answers to the GEF Secretariat for analysis.

Part II (Estimated time: 10 minutes) – During a separate session to allow time for analysis after Part I.

1. The GEF Secretariat will compile the answers from all the participants and present the results in plenary.
2. The GEF Secretariat will encourage a debate, if time permits, by asking some of the following questions:
 - a. If the GEF Secretariat were to use the results of this consultation to determine the programming of financial resources in GEF-7, would the countries feel comfortable investing their GEF-7 financial resources? That is, that the answers with the most “votes” truly represent the regional expectations.
 - b. Would the top three answers for questions 1 to 3, call for action at the regional level, or on the contrary, these priorities could be tackled with country-based projects?
 - c. Are there questions on thematic and geographic issues that should have been asked to better inform the GEF Secretariat on the views of the participants to the ECWs?

QUESTION NO. 1 - Environmental Pressures -

What are the most important environmental pressures (i.e. activities and factors that cause environmental degradation) requiring immediate attention at the National and regional Level? Please tick only a total of three of the suggested answers for National and Regional. If there are other environmental factors that are listed in National Planning documents (i.e. NBSAPs, Nat Comms, BURs, TNAs, NAPs, NAPAs, and NIPs), or emerging as part of the national discussions on the SDGs and you consider them important, please write them down in the cells below.

National	Regional	Environmental Pressures
		Land clearing for slash and burn agriculture
		Land clearing for low-input large scale agriculture
		Increasing herd size, resulting in overgrazing
		Deforestation for fuelwood and charcoal production
		Deforestation for mining, particularly ASGM
		Overharvesting of bush-meat
		Overharvesting of freshwater Fish
		Overharvesting of marine fish
		Overharvesting of timber and non-timber forest products)
		Encroachment of protected areas
		Overuse of surface and groundwater systems (rivers and aquifers),
		Climate change induced variability (temperature, wind and rainfall)
		Invasive alien species
		Poaching and illegal wildlife trade –IWT (species and parts)
		Increased air pollution including POPS and Hg from heavy industrial sources
		Disruption from endocrine disruptors, waste pharmaceuticals, micro plastics
		Increased marine debris from poor waste management practices and non-availability of alternative materials.
		Other:
		Other:
		Other:

What are the biomes where the GEF should work to address these environmental pressures?

	Tropical lowland rain forests
	Tropical montane forests
	Tropical dry forests
	Arid scrublands
	Lake and river basins (Freshwater ecosystems)
	Coastal and Large Marine Ecosystems
	Urban and peri-urban Ecosystems
	Coral reefs
	Coastal forests (including mangroves
	Sea grass beds

QUESTION NO. 2 - Potential Solutions -

Please select the most important ways in which the GEF can best contribute towards addressing the aforementioned pressures

- Please tick only a total of three of the suggested answers for National and Regional-

Note: If there are other potential solutions that you consider important, please write them down in the cells below. But please keep the selection of factors to three.

National	Regional	Potential Solutions
		The creation and effective management of protected Areas
		Prevention, control and management of Invasive Alien Species
		Enforcement of law towards protecting threatened species
		Climate Smart Agriculture to address degradation in agricultural and rangeland systems
		Forest and landscape restoration to address forest loss and degradation
		Sustainable use of plant and animal genetic resources
		Integrating biodiversity into the productive sectors (i.e. forestry, fisheries, mining, etc.)
		Integrating Biodiversity and ecosystem services into development and finance planning (Including Natural Capital Accounting)
		Promote innovation & transfer of low-carbon technologies,
		Apply low-carbon technologies at scale
		Sustainable Management of Surface & Groundwater systems (freshwater)
		Rebuilding Marine Fisheries
		Restore and Protect Coastal Habitats
		Reduce transboundary pollution of Coasts and Large Marine Ecosystems
		Develop the enabling conditions, tools and environment for the sound management of harmful chemicals and wastes
		Reduce the prevalence of harmful chemicals and waste and support the implementation of clean alternative technologies/substances.
		Other:
		Other:
		Other:

QUESTION No. 3 - GEF programming modalities -

What are the three GEF programming modalities that have been particular effective in addressing the drivers of environmental pressures that the GEF should build on and expand on in GEF 7?

- Please tick only three of the suggested answers –

Note: If there are other potential modalities that you consider important, please write them down in the cells below. Please also consider what modalities offer the best chances for integration and synergies among focal areas. Please keep the selection of factors to three

- ☐ Integrated Approach Programs (i.e. Food Security, Commodities)
- ☐ Programmatic Approaches using PFD and Child Projects (i.e. Illegal Wildlife Trade)
- ☐ Regional Multifocal Area Projects
- ☐ National Multifocal Area Projects
- ☐ Single Focal Area Projects
- ☐ Global projects
- ☐ Other: _____
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QUESTION NO. 4 - Potential Solutions

Please provide any additional comments or suggestions on the themes and geographies that the GEF Secretariat should be consider when developing the GEF programming strategy for GEF-7. This is another way and opportunity to express your opinions as part of the consultation process the GEF is carrying out with a wide range of stakeholders. Thank you.