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Updates on GEF-CSO Network

GEF-CSO Network



- Established in 1995 to facilitate CSO input to GEF Governance
- More than 540 active members in 16 regions
- Facilitate Civil society input to GEF policy making and implementation.
- Organise Civil Society consultations and provide input on each agenda item of GEF Council
- Monitor and build capacity at regional and national level for CSO engagement in GEF activities

Governance



- Governed by a global **Coordination Committee** composed of representatives of
 - elected Regional Focal Point organisations from 16 geographic regions
 - 3 Indigenous Peoples Focal Points from Asia, Africa and Latin America.
- Overseen by a Management Team comprising of a Chair, Vice Chair and Heads of 4 Sub-committees drawn from the Coordination Committee members.

Current Management Team

- **Mr. Victor Kazembe Kawanga**, RFP for Southern Africa (**Chair**)
- **Mr. Akhteruzzaman Sano**, RFP for Southeast Asia (**Vice Chair**)
- **Ms. Patricia Turpin**, RFP for Caribbean (Head of Governance, Membership and Elections Sub-committee)
- **Ms. Nana Janashia**, RFP for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Head of Outreach, Communication and Capacity Development Sub-committee)
- **Dr. Priscilla Achakpa**, RFP for West Africa (Head of Technical Sub-committee)
- **Dr. Lalit Mohan**, RFP for South Asia (Head of Strategy Sub-committee)

Operation



- Guided by the Network Strategic Plan (2018-2022)
- Currently there are 24 Country Contact Points
- The Secretariat :

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Membership

- Open to all non profit CSOs working in the focal areas of GEF
- Application form can be downloaded from the website www.gefcsso.org and submitted to the Secretariat by mail.
- Membership is equivalent to accreditation to GEF – for participation in GEF related meetings

Involvement in GEF-related processes



- GEF-7 Replenishment
- WG for Review of GEF Public Involvement Policy (Now Stakeholder Engagement Policy)
- Gender Working Group
- Knowledge Management Working Group
- IP Advisory Group
- Updated Vision to enhance civil society engagement with GEF

Key activities

- Actively participated in the GEF Council meetings and Expanded Constituency meetings.
- Provided significant input to GEF policy making with statements on many agenda items during GEF council meetings.
- Worked with Ad-Hoc Council Working Group (WG) on Civil Society to develop an updated vision to enhance civil society engagement with the GEF.
- Input to GEF-7 Programming directions and replenishment.
- Participated in 4 GEF working groups

Issues Highlighted

- Participation in the the procedures for the selection and travel arrangements for CSOs supported to attend GEF Council-CSO consultations
- Review and update of the GEF Public Involvement Policy
- Establishment of the mechanisms to enhance the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and the GEF

Issues Highlighted

- Enhancing support for CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and the SDG framework.
- Building strong mechanisms for Network member engagement at national, regional and global level such as through incorporation of CSO reps in GEF monitoring and evaluation teams
- Exploring ways to strengthen the relationship between GEF, agencies, implementing partners and civil society

Recommendations

- Recommendation 3: GEF should continue work to fully put in place the mechanisms to support the implementation of the GEF Principles and Guidelines on the Engagement of Indigenous Peoples. In addition, adequate financial resources need to be allocated to fund the workplan of the IPAG and establish a dedicated financing mechanism for Indigenous peoples under GEF.
- Recommendation 4: In line with the recommendation of the IEO to establish a sustaining financing mechanism for the GEF CSO Network – the Council should make a specific allocation of resources for the Voluntary Fund as well as establish other mechanisms to support the Network.

Recommendations

- Recommendation 5: GEF Secretariat and GEF-CSO Network should continue to work together to enhance CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) as well as support the implementation of the SDGs.
- Recommendation 6: GEF IEO and GEF CSO Network to explore further options to enhance engagement of Civil Society in Monitoring and evaluation of GEF projects and programmes.

Recommendations

- Recommendation 7: Efforts to enhance the engagement of CSOs and GEF OFP at the country level should be enhanced – through the organisation of annual meetings between OFPs and CSOs and enhanced engagement of CSOs in GEF project and programme design and implementation.
- Recommendation 8: The GEF Agencies and GEF CSO Network should undertake discussions to identify options for enhanced CSO engagement in projects and programmes developed by agencies.

Updated Vision to enhance Civil
Society engagement with GEF

Background

- The updated vision was developed in response to the recommendations of IEO's evaluation of the GEF-CSO Network
- An Ad-hoc Council WG comprising of 6 Council Members was set up to develop the vision.
- The Network set up a balanced WG to work with the Council WG.

Recommendations on the Updated Vision

- Continued support of civil society engagement at the national and regional levels as part of the Country Support Program.
- Continued strengthening of civil society to engage with the GEF (provide new training, new tools, website information)

Thank you