

# The GEF Small Grants Programme

COMMUNITY ACTION GLOBAL IMPACT



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**GEF EXPANDED CONSTITUENCY WORKSHOP**  
**GEF SGP CONSULTATION ON OP7 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**  
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# Consultations on possible SGP OP7 strategic directions held in ECWs hosted by:

**Botswana**

**Trinidad and Tobago**

**Montenegro**

**Thailand**

**Argentina**

**Guatemala**

**Sierra Leone**

**Senegal**



# Indicative SGP OP7 Programme Directions

*With OP6 Landscape/Seascape Conservation -- add **Enhancing Ecosystem Services for SDGs***

- Water services to urban areas – payment to rural conservation communities in watershed sources; strengthening Water-Energy-Food Security Nexus; **water as part of an integrated management system**
- **Water Harvesting** (rehab/improvement of watersheds, house/building design, change of behavior)
- **CBA related to Drought, Health and Tourism** (related to jobs)
- **Support action on Access and Benefit Sharing under the Nagoya Protocol; consider biotrade/bioventures and ethnobiology**
- CBR+ emission reduction – benefits to accrue to Forest and Blue Carbon communities





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*From OP6 Innovative Agroecology - **transform to Holistic Agroecology; expand Sustainable Production to include Entrepreneurship***

- Food Security, Sovereignty and Nutrition in rural and urban communities (seed banking, post-harvest support – i.e. drying of vegetables/fruits)
- Scaling up of indigenous knowledge and practices
- Agriculture Zero Deforestation
- Farmers-rights and land-rights advocacy
- Water resources management and efficiency
- Community risk insurance management
- Entrepreneurships by communities on farm-gate products (explore partnerships with private sector); promote mechanisms for fair prices
- Expanding networks of “farmer leaders”
- Climate justice and support to community-based and ecosystems-based adaptation



# Indicative SGP OP7 Programme Directions

*From OP6 Energy Access and Co-Benefits – **add Community Action at National Level; expand to Urban Areas** (along “sustainable cities” or “green cities” concept)*

- Consolidation of SGP outcomes, networking of communities and CSOs to more strongly contribute to meeting INDC and other climate strategy priorities
- Supporting climate action by youth from local to national levels
- Expanding clean energy access to include urban communities in need
- Urban Forestry or **Green Space development** (as appropriate)
- **Renewable/Wind Energy** (possible partnership with private sector)
- **Note:** Consultation hosted in Argentina suggested expansion instead to most vulnerable areas.



# Indicative SGP OP7 Programme Directions

*From OP6 Local to Global Chemical Management Coalitions – **expand to Urban Areas; support Planning and Policy Development***

- Management of plastics and other wastes, develop models for action at national level; hazardous waste stream management; chemicals in products
- Deal with obsolete pesticides; soil pollution
- Networking for awareness raising and policy advocacy
- Partnerships with the Private Sector





# Indicative SGP OP7 Programme Directions



*From OP6 Grantmakers+ - **expand SGP role to be “Grants Access Convenor”***

- Support coordination of community and CSO grantmaking programs and organizations (country and global levels)
- Support capacity development of communities and CSOs to access a variety of donors for project scaling up (i.e. to access GEF’s MSP modality, use of SGP Strategic Projects with partner co-financing, use of microfinance)
- SGP to serve as “delivery mechanism” to improve access of communities and CSOs to funds from larger projects (e.g. GEF FSPs, also by government) and fund facilities (i.e. Green Climate Fund, other donors); SGP as “access mechanism” to other international funders (ECW Guatemala)
- Strengthen synergy of community/CSO projects with larger national projects and programs; take advantage of other relevant expertise; demonstrate to larger projects what can be done, filling gaps that gov’t cannot do
- Pilot CSO engagement in SDG-related local as well as national budget planning and fund allocations
- Support activities of the GEF CSO Network Country Contact Point related to enhancing capacities of CSOs in GEF focal areas and their networking to scale up community project impacts; develop CSO network at national level to involve CSOs in GEF7 priorities and dissemination



# Indicative SGP OP7 Programme Directions

*From Citizen-Practice Based Knowledge – **explore full utilization of developments in ICT; expand knowledge and technology transfers across sectors and countries***

- Strengthen Digital Tech/ICT utilization – for Community Radio; smart phones for ecosystem monitoring and protection; drones, GPS and GIS for mapping, resource assessment
- Effective use of social media for networking, advocacy and “EcoWatch”
- Strengthen connectivity of community-based and CSO projects (within country and across countries)
- Sharing of successful, mature technologies across countries (expand South-South Technology and Knowledge Transfer; knowledge sharing of best practices, at very least, at regional level)
- Promotion of knowledge sharing between CSOs and Government with **SGP as “broker”** (to include print and video materials, study tours, training manuals, and peer-reviewed technical publications); **recognize role of CSOs as communicators of needs of society**





# Other key ideas:

- Policy consistency – not to shift initiatives too much (*Montenegro*)
- Strengthen role of CSOs
- Capacity development and networking
- Involve research institutes and universities for technical backstopping (*Thailand*); provide more technical support to access funds (*Guatemala*)
- SGP to support scaling up – to MSP, CSO involvement in FSP (*Botswana, Montenegro*) and access funds from other funding windows including PES (*Thailand + Guatemala*); to transboundary/regional work (*Botswana, Thailand*)
- Other GEF projects to scale up innovative SGP projects (*Argentina*)



# Other key ideas

**Link SGP projects to SDGs; SGP to influence country development programs (*Botswana, Guatemala*)**

**Integration of cross-cutting themes of gender, youth, community empowerment, food security and health (*Guatemala*)**

**For IPs – critical importance of biocultural landscapes and heritage, of traditional knowledge, defense of territories (*Guatemala*)**

**Sustain Country-Driven Approach (*Trinidad and Tobago*) – i.e. landscapes/seascapes/biocorridors defined and selected based on country context (*Argentina*)**

**SGP Flexibility to be maintained (*Montenegro, Thailand*); less bureaucracy (*Guatemala*)**

**Review Upgrading (*Argentina*)**

**SGP should be expanded (*Guatemala +*)**



# What's Next?

- **Further ECW Consultations**
- **Further synthesis into manageable set of OP7 initiatives with all stakeholders considering:**
  - *level of funding available*
  - *building on foundations*
  - *prioritization of needs (strategic, balance of needs of communities/CBOs vis-à-vis national CSOs)*
- **Identification of SGP niche**
- **Multi-Stakeholders Visioning Workshop**
- **SGP OP7 Paper – synergy with GEF 7 strategic initiatives**





# Consultation Approach

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- **Organize into 3 groups**
- **Each group to select a Chair (to guide the discussion) and Rapporteur (to record and report the discussion results)**
- **Each group will discuss:**
  1. What is the projected scenario for your countries in the GEF7 period (2018 – 2021) in terms of environment and sustainable development needs?
  2. What should be the role of communities and CSOs to meet these needs in the GEF7 period?
  3. Based on SGP's foundational work including its OP6 initiatives and additional ideas from the ECW consultations for Western Africa, what should SGP prioritize (noting its strengths and also its limitations) in its work to strengthen the role of communities and CSOs in GEF7?
    - 3.1 *Please put checks on those indicative ideas presented your group decide as most relevant.*
    - 3.2 *Add new ideas that your group also decide as important for SGP in GEF7.*

**THANK YOU!**

Questions and Suggestions Welcome