



# stakeholder engagement and gender mainstreaming

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Expanded Constituency Workshop 2017



## stakeholder engagement and gender equality

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### participation matters

- ownership, partnerships and accountability
- social and economic needs of individuals and stakeholder groups
- diverse skills, experiences and knowledge

### gender equality matters

- men and women use natural resources differently
- men and women are affected differently by changes to natural resources
- men and women have different rights or access to resources, and decision-making power

**agents of change**



## global commitments and processes

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- RIO (1992), CEDAW (1997), Beijing Platform for Action (1995), MDGs (2000)
- Crosscutting priority in Multilateral Environmental Agreements
  - CBD, UNCCD, UNFCCC, (Paris Agreement)
- SDGs and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- GEF 2020 strategy, GEF-6 policy recommendations and programme directions



# Public involvement and stakeholder engagement

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## GEF Policy (1996)

*Outlining principles for Public Involvement*

- contributes to environmental and financial sustainability
- needs to address social, cultural and economic needs of people
- responsibility rests with government and GEF Agencies
- needs to be flexible, broad-based and transparent

## GEF Guidelines (2014)

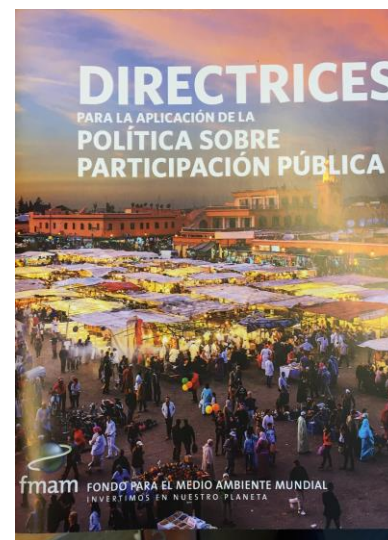
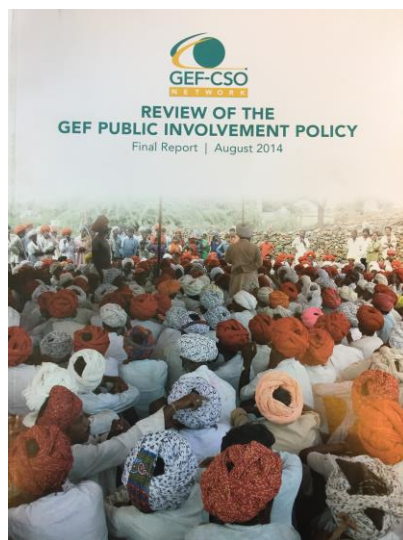
*Providing steps and mechanisms across the GEF project cycle*

- information dissemination
- consultation for setting priorities
- consultation for project/program design and implementation
- reporting, monitoring and evaluation
- conflict Resolution and grievance function

# Review of Public Involvement Policy (1996)

August 2014 – CSO Network review/  
October - GEF Sec formulates Guidelines

June 2015 - Working Group on Public  
Involvement Established



# Review GEF Stakeholder Involvement Policies, Guidelines, Practices

- A Working Group on the GEF Public Involvement Policy (PIP) was created in June 2015
- Working Group comprised of GEF Partner Agencies, GEF Secretariat, GEF Operational Focal Points, GEFCSO Network, GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group, GEF IEO
- Consultant engaged to provide background analysis and to develop recommendations for Working Group
- Working Group presented recommendations to GEF Council Meetings in October 2016

# Update of Policy on Stakeholder Engagement

## On-going process



# The Stakeholder Engagement Policy

*sets out the core principles and mandatory requirements for stakeholder engagement in GEF governance and operations, with a view to ensuring transparency, participation and inclusion*

## Principles

- Constructive, responsive and transparent engagement
- Supports fair, balanced, and inclusive participation
- Applies to all GEF-financed activities
- Sustained commitment and action
- Easy and timely access to information
- Applies to all GEF

## Agency Mandatory Requirements

- Indicative information on stakeholders to be engaged and means of engagement
- Stakeholder engagement plans or equivalent and resource requirements throughout the project/ program cycle
- Oversee the implementation of stakeholder engagement and include information on progress, challenges and outcomes

# Secretariat Responsibilities

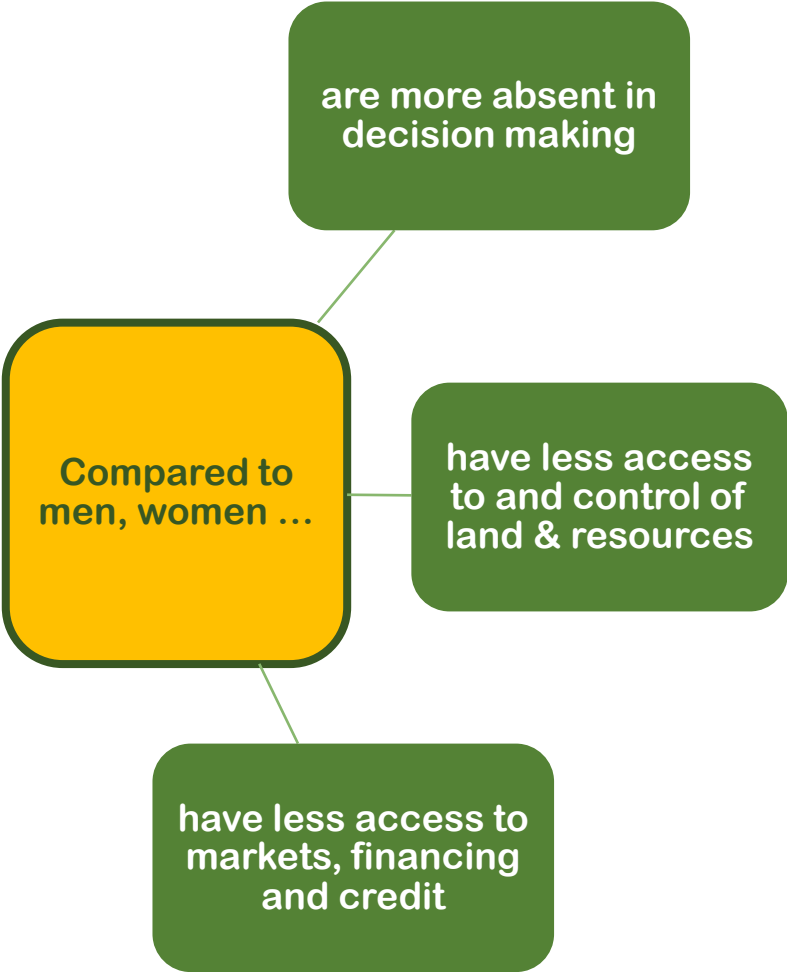
## Review and Monitoring

- Assess whether adequate measures have been proposed to ensure effective stakeholder engagement throughout the life-cycle of the activity.
- Update and maintain project and program templates to support the implementation of this Policy.
- Report annually to the Council on stakeholder engagement across GEF-financed activities

## Activities led by Secretariat

- Engage with stakeholders in a transparent and inclusive manner aimed at fair representation.
- Provide for appropriate stakeholder engagement in the development of GEF policies, guidelines and strategy.

# Gender and the Environment nexus



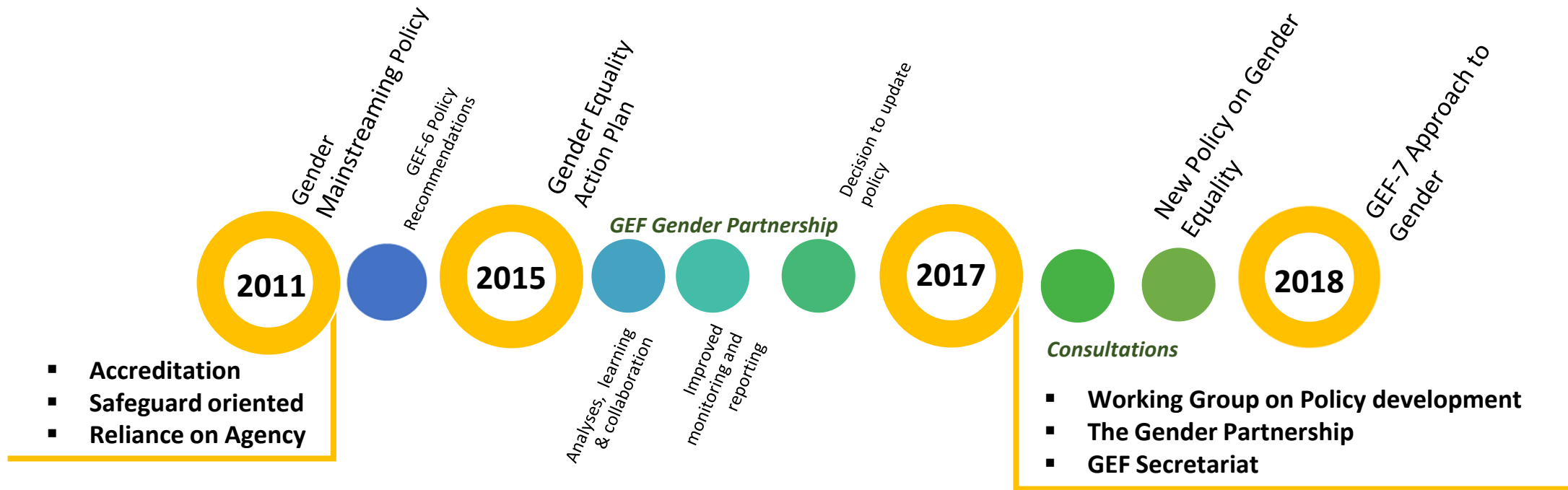
Heads of national environmental sector ministries in UN Member States (women and men)



Source: IUCN (2014)



Source: FAO, 2015



# Change in the making

## 2011 Policy

- Accreditation Pilot
- A “do no harm” approach
- Unclear requirements across the GEF project cycle (what and when)
- Weak entry points to monitor, report on implementation and results

## New Policy Intent

- Align with best practices & new MEA decisions on gender
- Shift from a “do no harm” towards a “do-good” approach
- Clarify and strengthening project cycle requirements (e.g. gender analysis)
- Leverage/incentivize strategic entry points to promote gender equality to support delivery of GEBs
- Improve collective monitoring & reporting
- Clarify responsibilities in terms of capacity development, learning and knowledge generation

# Draft Policy Outline

## Cover note

1. Introduction
2. Application
3. Purpose
4. Definitions
5. Goal
6. Principles

## 7. Mandatory requirement

A. GEF-financed activities

B. Governance & accountability

C. Learning, Capacity Development

D. Agency policies, procedures & accountability

## Key changes

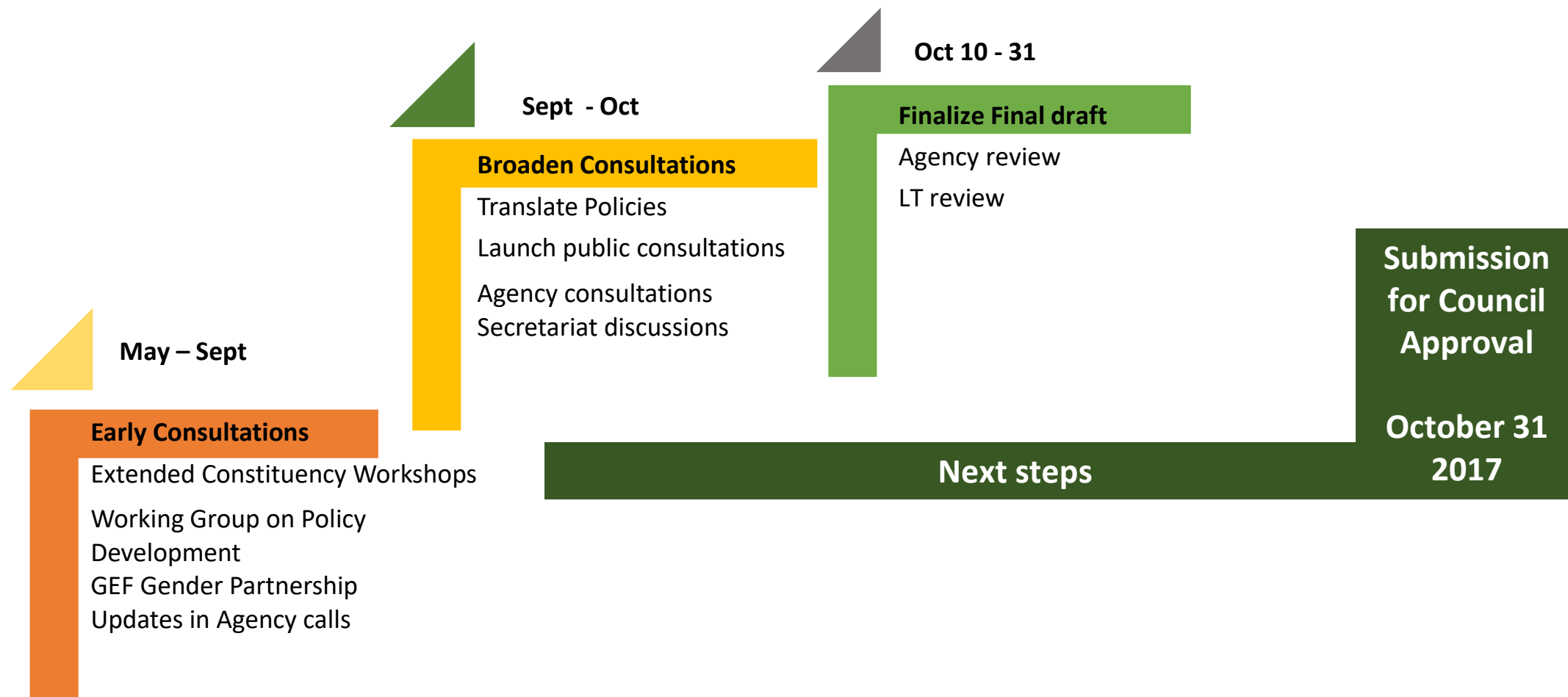
- Documentation requirements at PIF and CEO Endorsement/ Approval (gender analysis, activities and gender indicators)
- Review of PIF and CEO Endorsement/ Approval by the Secretariat
- Reporting requirement on gender (in MTRs and TEs)
- Generate and share knowledge
- Focus on capacity development

## Implementation Considerations

Guidelines

Strategy & action plan

Results framework



# THANK YOU

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