



Extended Constituency Workshop

Report of the Civil Society Organizations to the GEF

This report is to be written based on input from all participants in the meeting. The following sections are here to guide you in terms of the contents of the report, but please feel free to summarize the participation of civil society in the ECW in your own words.

- Extended Constituency Meeting:
- Location: Antalya ,Turkey
- Dates: 11 to 13 December 2012
- Please attach a list of civil society participants, with emails and organization

Suggested Contents:

- Main expectations and objectives of the CSOs participation in the meeting
 - To broaden our knowledge and have clearer understanding of the GEF strategies ,policies ,communications mechanisms ,..
 - To achieve self development and improve individual skills concerning communication as well as networking with GEF partners ,focal points ,agencies ,etc
 - To come in contact with the governmental GEF representatives
 - To share knowledge and experiences with other CSOs from all over the world
- Agenda (usefulness; relevance to Rio and other conventions implementation concerns and issues in the region/country; other comments and suggestions if any)

The Agenda was very interesting : all the topics were clear still, some of the participants needed further clarification concerning some issues among these matters were the GEF criteria of grants allocation ,why did STAR treat some the GEF issues while it didn't give many others (POPs,..)the same interest .Some participants asked about the possibility to benefit from STAR and the newly created funds namely Least developed country fund (LDCF),in addition some of CSOs asked about the chance of the NGOs to be accredited as an eligible agency while competition with regional and foreign rivals seems to be unfair since the NGOs resources are limited.Furthermore ,many questions were raised about the way the agencies deal with the governments and vice versa. -some of the CSOs wanted more clarification about the frameworks ,strategies and mechanisms governing the GEF relationship with different international conventions.

- Main topic(s) of interest of the CSOs:
 - The workshop included two very useful practical exercises

The first one presented the importance of Results Based Management which was presented together with a presentation which outlined the results at the project level, results at the portfolio level, management effectiveness and efficiency, and the way of reporting to the council. The practical exercise then applied the project annual report and the ratings of project during the implementation, and other development objective issues during this phase etc which provided a great understanding on the type of information which could be retrieved from the project documents as well as role of different agencies and partnerships and engagement of focal points during the life cycle of project to achieve expected results.

The presentation on RBM and the practical exercise could be extended to the CSOs and be applied to the SGP programme; which helps the CSO 's project for better achievements of the expected results and apply the lesson learnt in to the decision making process.

The second presentation was on the elaboration of project proposal for submission for GEF funding. The presentation was followed by a practical exercise, which has allowed a better understanding of the specificity of the GEF, its objectives and its key concepts. This exercise is essential , it notably ensure the CSO involvment and proactivity in GEF project Implementation. Therefore, this kind of exercise has to be reinforced into the ECW workshop and session or specific workshop could be dedicated to the CSO.

-the field visit was very intresting and enjoyable .In fact , evry body felt relaxed ,to witness the accomplishment of one of the GEF projects at the Koprulu Canyon National Park.

- added to that ,every body found the presentation entitled : Gef-2 Biological Diversity And Natural Resource Management Project ,conducted by Mr Osman YÖNTEM,the Provincial Director of Nature Conservation and National Parks very intresting .

- Summary of CSO interventions and suggestions:

- The SGP allocation should represent at least 10% of the whole budget granted to the target country
- A GEF SGP is to be created in Lybia
- In all GEF projects ,CSOs should be involved in all the processes of the project from definition to evaluation ,this recommendation should be one of the GEF eligibility criteria .
- One NGO per region should be member in the GEF council to actively participate in the GEF council meeting .
 - Develop specific program and budget in SGP on capacity bulding of NGO.
 - The NGO should be offered the opportunity to electronically exchange and share their experiences , suggestions, ideas (NGO e-Network ,NGOs News letters,...)
 - Develop exchange programs between CSOs to foster collaboration and experiences sharing through study tours, regional workShops ,...
 - Project sustainability :the project document should take into consideration creating special mechanisms that ensure and guarantee its sustainability.This requires funding as well as introducing sustainability measured indicators to help with monitoring, follow-up and evaluation

- Additional comments and/or suggestions: (how can these ECW be improved)

- Some of the participants appreciated the meeting and said :“ I am delighted to note here that this meeting brought us together for one purpose and aim which is the better Environment, and believe that, this Workshop will increase our personal, professional as well as institutional association”

- Each national NGO should submit to GEF secretariat a separate report about the meeting.

-Specific Template and guidelines could be provided by GEF secretariat NGOs to help them in reporting

The following suggestions are made to urge the CSOs to be more involved in the meeting and guarantee a high degree of engagement so that you make sure every body profited from attending such meetings

The following is the comment of Mr Tanveer/

The meeting was no doubt very well organized and the workshop format was excellent. This format helped participant to learn about the system and mechanism of GEF. The participation of CSOs was also active during the workshop, however there were not enough chances for CSOs to make presentations on their issues, such as public involvement policy.