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# **Guidelines for the Implementation of the Public Involvement Policy**

**GEF Expanded Constituency  
Workshop**

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# GEF Policies Related to CSO and other stakeholders involvement

- The Public involvement in GEF-financed projects (1996)
- the GEF Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples;
- the Policy on Agency Minimum Standards on Environmental and Social Safeguards;
- the Policy on Gender Mainstreaming and
- the GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy
- Guidelines for the Implementation of the Public Involvement Policy (2014)



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# Public Involvement Policy

## **Policy: *Public Involvement in GEF Projects,* GEF/PL/SD/01**

<http://www.thegef.org/gef/content/public-involvement-policy>

- Effective public involvement is critical to the success of GEF-financed projects, with emphasis on local participation.
- Public involvement comprises three related and often overlapping processes: (a) information dissemination; (b) consultation; and (c) stakeholder participation.



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# Public Involvement Policy Principles

1. Social, Environmental and Financial Sustainability
2. Country Responsibility (government and GEF Agencies)
3. Flexibility
4. Broad-based and sustainable
5. Transparency



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# The Rationale for Public Involvement in GEF-financed Projects

- Enhancing recipient country ownership of, and accountability for, project outcomes
- Addressing the social and economic needs of affected people
- Building partnerships among project executing agencies and stakeholders
- Making use of skills, experiences, and knowledge in the design, implementation and evaluation of project activities.



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# Guidelines

These Guidelines aim to provide further detail on steps to achieve and implement the principles stipulated in the Public Involvement Policy



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# Guidelines

- Information Dissemination
- Consultation for Setting Priorities
- Consultation for Project/Program Design and Implementation
- Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Conflict Resolution



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# Information Dissemination

Action	Responsible
Relevant documents and information related to GEF programs and projects become publicly available on the GEF's website in a timely manner.	GEF Secretariat
Information meetings, ND. NPFE. NSC	OFPs
GEF workshops, ECWs	GEF Secretariat
Update of A-Z	GEF Secretariat
Webinars	GEF Secretariat



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# Consultation – Setting Priorities

Mechanism – Action	Responsible
NPFE – CSO rep	OFP
National Dialogue	OFP
Other consultation meetings	OFP - GEF Partner Agencies



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# Consultation – Participation- Programs and Projects

Mechanism – Action	Responsible
Consult on project and program ideas	OFP
Documentation of affected stakeholders	GEF Partner Agencies
Meaningful consultations with stakeholders	GEF Partner Agencies
FPIC	GEF Partner Agencies
Identification of Needs	GEF Partner Agencies
Identification of Partners	GEF Partner Agencies
Review of Proposed Activities – stakeholder engagement plan	GEF Partner Agencies



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# Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluation

Mechanism – Action	Responsible
Mid-Term Evaluation and Terminal Evaluation of each project account for participation of CSOs and other stakeholders	GEF Partner Agencies
Seek partnership opportunities with relevant CSOs in the monitoring and evaluation of projects and programs	GEF Partner Agencies – OFPs
Continued input from affected stakeholders and communities regarding progress	GEF Partner Agencies – OFPs



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# Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluation (cont'd)

Mechanism – Action	Responsible
The Annual Monitoring Review (AMR), will contain a section on the analysis of the participation of CSOs and other stakeholders	GEF Secretariat
Terminal Evaluations will include, where applicable, a section on the degree and manner of involvement of civil society organizations and other stakeholders	GEF Partner Agencies
Sub-study on public participation in GEF projects and programs as part of the Overall Performance Study (OPS) in every GEF cycle	Independent Evaluation Office

# Conflict Resolution

Mechanism – Action	Responsible
GEF Conflict Resolution Commissioner and the GEF Secretariat Civil Society Operations Officer are available to receive any complaints brought forward by CSOs and other stakeholders that are not satisfactorily resolved at the local level, country, or GEF Partner Agency level.	GEF Secretariat
Report annually, through the Annual Monitoring Review (AMR), on cases that have been presented to their respective resolution systems and on how they have been addressed	GEF Partner Agencies



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# Action Plan

- Information Dissemination
- Design of programs and projects
- Knowledge Management
- Monitoring
- Capacity Development
- Policy and Guidelines
- Conflict Resolution



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# Thank you for your attention

## Any questions?

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