GEF BBL Series

Learning from GEF investments: Good Practices of Private Sector Engagement and Multi-stakeholder dialogues

Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 12:00 – 13:30 EST

Program: (moderated by Matthew Reddy, Senior Private Sector Specialist, GEF)

- Opening remarks: Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson, GEF
- Presentation:
  - Experience from “Circular Economy Approaches for the Electronics Sector in Nigeria”: Eloise Touni, GEF Chemicals and Waste Unit, UNEP; Feng Wang, Consumption and Production Unit, UNEP
    - Comment: Miranda Amachree, Director, Inspection and Enforcement, Nigeria’s National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency; Ibukun Faluyi, Executive Secretary, E-waste Producer Responsibility Organization of Nigeria
- Discussion and Q&A: Relevance of lessons learned to GEF Partnership and beyond Discussants:
  - Filippo Berardi, Senior Environmental Specialist and Coordinator of Climate Change Focal Area, GEF
- Closing remarks: Francoise Clottes, Director, Policy, Partnership & Operations Unit, GEF

Informal pickers in Nigeria can integrate into a formal recycling system under the new E-waste management system led by private sector actors and the Government of Nigeria @ Irene Galan, UNEP
About BBL:
The COVID-19 pandemic and the movement to “build back better” fundamentally requires durable solutions for global environmental crisis including changes in the economic systems, which require the collaboration of all stakeholders, with the private sector at the forefront. Private sector engagement will be essential to advance innovation and transformational change across land-use, conservation, restoration, climate change mitigation and adaptation, reduction of hazardous wastes and sustainable livelihoods. Private sector engagement is also critical to foster innovative and technical solutions, build capacity, pool finance, improve collaboration in value chains, and scale up. Enduring transformational change will require consideration of new stakeholders, new partnerships, and multi-stakeholder platforms to build coalitions for change at the scale required. Multi-stakeholder dialogues will be considered on two dimensions: a) national level involving relevant line ministries within countries, and b) multi-stakeholders (governments, private sector, civil society) across different scales.

This GEF BBL will introduce two projects supported by GEF, which initiated effective private sector engagement and multi-stakeholder dialogues to advance at scale development of policy frameworks to reduce GHG emissions, enhancement of capacity and technologies of GHG emissions, reduction of pollution from E-waste such as mercury and persistent organic pollutants (POPs), and establishment of sustainable E-waste management system. The BBL will introduce key lessons learned and challenges on private sector engagement and multi-stakeholder dialogues from these projects and discuss the relevance of lessons from the projects specific to the ongoing and future work of the GEF and the larger partnership.

GEF Good Practice Briefs available here, and the two examples highlighted at this GEF BBL can be found via the two below links: