



UNDERSTANDING THE GEF CSO NETWORK

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GEF-CSO Network

- Established in 1995 to facilitate CSO input to GEF Governance
- At present there are 549 active members in 16 regions across the globe
- Facilitate Civil society input to GEF policy making and implementation
- Organise Civil Society consultations and provide input on each agenda item during GEF Council meetings
- Monitor and build capacity at regional and national level for CSO engagement in GEF activities



Governance

- Governed by a **Coordination Committee** composed of representatives of -
 - ❑ Elected Regional Focal Point (RFPs) from 16 geographic regions
 - ❑ 3 Indigenous Peoples Focal Points from Asia, Africa and Latin America.
- Overseen by a Management Team comprising of a Chair, Vice Chair, Heads of 4 Sub-committees drawn from the Coordination Committee members and the Secretariat.

Operations

- Guided by the Revised Network Strategic Plan (2018-2022)
- Currently there are 24 Country Contact Points
- The Secretariat :
 - Society For Environment & Development (SED)**
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Membership

- Open to all non profit CSOs working in the focal areas of GEF
- Application form can be downloaded from the website www.gefcso.org and submitted to the Secretariat by mail.
- Membership is equivalent to accreditation to GEF.



Involvement in GEF-related processes

- GEF-7 Replenishment
- WG for Review of GEF Public Involvement Policy/Stakeholder Engagement Policy
- Gender Working Group
- Knowledge Management Working Group
- IP Advisory Group
- Updated Vision to enhance civil society engagement with GEF



Key activities

- Has been participating and contributing in the GEF Assemblies, Council meetings and ECWs
- Has been working in the Working Groups (WG) of the GEF
- Has been adding value to the GEF-7 Programming directions and replenishment.
- Participated in 4 GEF working groups
- Country Focal Points and Regional Focal Points have been supporting/propagating GEF programmes and policies in their respective regions



Highlights

- Supports GEF Sec in selection of the CSOs to participate in the GEF events.
- Advocated to facilitate the engagement of Indigenous People in the GEF architecture
- Enhancing support for CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and the SDG framework.
- Building strong mechanisms for Network member engagement at national, regional and global level such as through incorporation of CSO representatives in GEF monitoring and evaluation teams
- Exploring ways to strengthen the relationship between GEF, agencies, implementing partners and civil society



Updated Vision to enhance Civil Society engagement with GEF



Civil Society Engagement within the GEF Partnership

For more meaningful engagement in the GEF policy making and implementation, the GEF CSO Network (GCN) likes to partner with GEF SEC, Governments, GEF Agencies and CSOs.



The GEF SEC and GCN

The GCN, a member of the GEF family,

- represents more than 540 CSOs globally
- Understands the GEF Systems and contributes to the GEF policy environments and its implementation processes
- comes up with diverse global experiences and capabilities from grass root levels



The Governments, GEF Agencies & GCN

GCN as the accredited CSO network of the GEF,

- ⦿ Governments/GEF Agencies may consider as their most reliable partner
- ⦿ GCN has pool of technical resources to add value to facilitate the Governments/GEF Agencies in project development implementations processes
- ⦿ GCN understands better the GEF architecture and it can contribute significantly.



CSOs and the GCN

Becoming the member of the GCN, the CSOs

- Are accredited to the GEF,
- Can access to updated GEF policy, program and projects regularly
- can avail the opportunity to contribute in the GEF policy formulation and project implementation by the governments
- Can participate in the GEF Assemblies, Council Meetings, ECWs and National Govt. & CSO Dialogues



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