



Civil Society Engagement with the GEF




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civil society includes:

Non-stake actors, including not-for-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs), farmers, women, the scientific and technological community, youth and children, Indigenous Peoples and their communities, business and industry, workers and trade unions

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Value of civil society engagement in the GEF

- Enhancing recipient country **ownership** of, and **accountability** for, project outcomes;
- Liaising with communities and other local stakeholders;
- Making use of skills, experiences, and knowledge, in the design, implementation and evaluation of project activities.
- Facilitators, conveners and advocates;
- Leveraging co-financing



CSOs Roles

- Project executors/co-executors
- Leverage co-financing
- Provide expert local knowledge to project design and implementation
- Participate in monitoring of project impacts and outcomes
- Influencing policy and advocating for the GEF's mission and in replenishment processes
- CSOs as GEF Project Agencies (WWF, IUCN, CI)

The GEF-CSO Network

Established in 1995 as an independent Network of member organizations whose work in environment and sustainable development is aligned with the GEF mandate.

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Updated Vision Statement

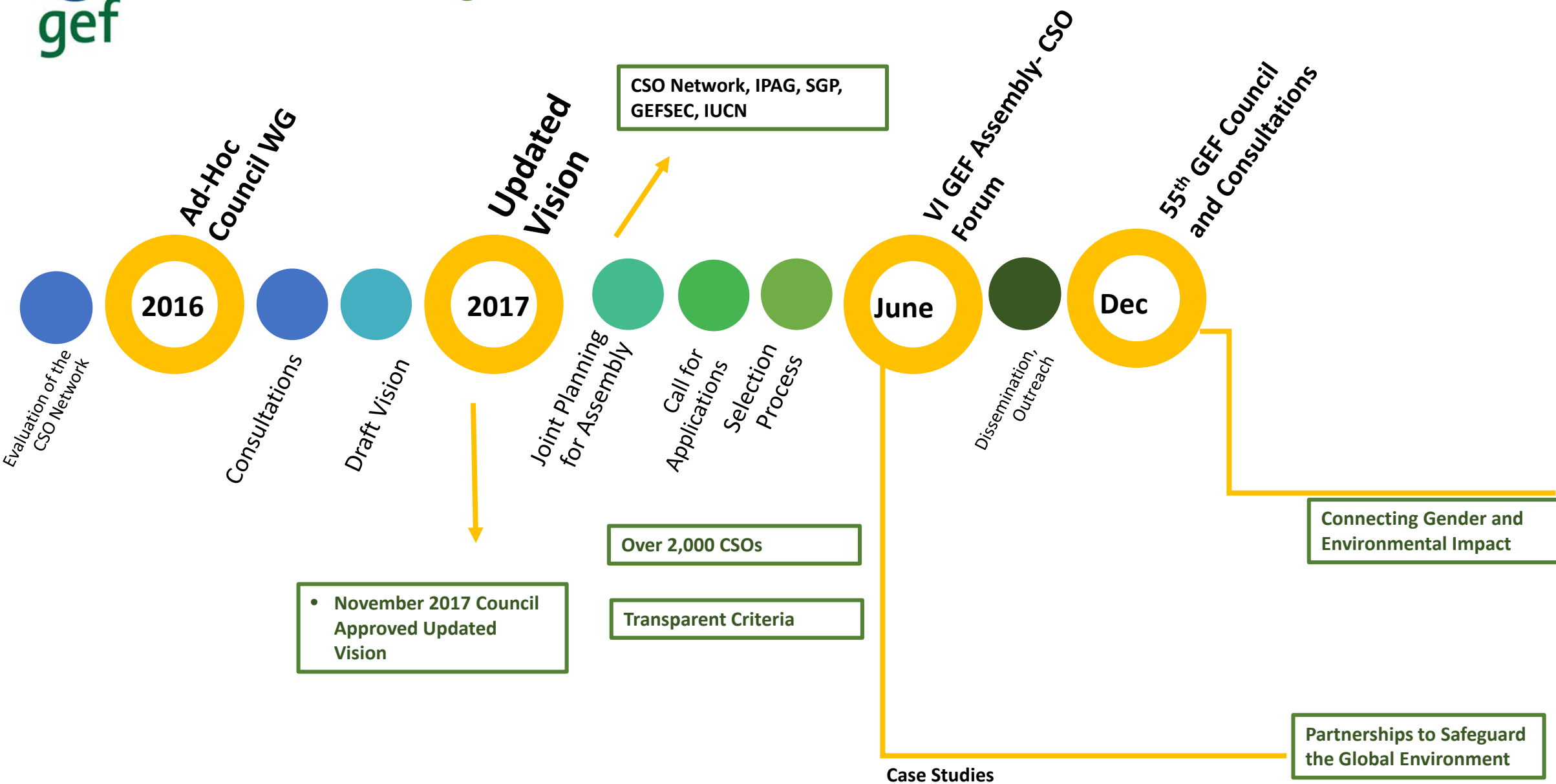
- *Greater results and impact through collaboration with CSOs*
- *projects on the ground, building awareness, engagement with recipient country governments and participation with Council members.*
- *advisory role for the GEF Council on institutional policies and guidelines and helps formulate strategies effectively.*
- *CSO Network role in advocacy and outreach to civil society at the global level, supporting dissemination of information and contributing to policy and strategy development.*

Areas of Enhanced Engagement

- Continued support of civil society engagement at the national and regional levels
- Continued strengthening of civil society to engage with the GEF
- Selection of CSO Representation at Council Consultations and Meetings
- Structure of Council- CSO Consultations and at Council Meetings
- CSO engagement in other Activities – Assembly, Policy Development, etc.



Timeline & Progress





Going forward

Continue building
Strong Database of
CSOs

Dissemination and
Capacity Building

Engagement
Activities of CSP (ECWs)

Monitoring
Implementation of
Policies on SE and
Gender

56th Council Meeting
and GEF Consultations
with CSOs



Thank you
Gracias
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