



stakeholder engagement and gender mainstreaming

Expanded Constituency Workshop 2017



this session

- overview of global commitments & GEF policies & standards

- breakout session to share lessons learned, reflect on current practices & discuss opportunities to strengthen or clarify GEF policy, guidelines or procedures



stakeholder engagement and gender equality

participation matters

- ownership, partnerships and accountability
- social and economic needs of individuals and stakeholder groups
- diverse skills, experiences and knowledge

gender equality matters

- men and women use natural resources differently
- men and women are affected differently by changes to natural resources
- men and women have different rights or access to resources, and decision-making power

agents of change



global commitments and processes

- RIO (1992), CEDAW (1997), Beijing Platform for Action (1995), MDGs (2000)
- Crosscutting priority in Multilateral Environmental Agreements
 - CBD, UNCCD, UNFCCC, (Paris Agreement)
- SDGs and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- GEF 2020 strategy, GEF-6 policy recommendations and programme directions



Public involvement and stakeholder engagement

GEF Policy (1996)

Outlining principles for Public Involvement

- contributes to environmental and financial sustainability
- needs to address social, cultural and economic needs of people
- responsibility rests with government and GEF Agencies
- needs to be flexible, broad-based and transparent

GEF Guidelines (2014)

Providing steps and mechanisms across the GEF project cycle

- information dissemination
- consultation for setting priorities
- consultation for project/program design and implementation
- reporting, monitoring and evaluation
- conflict Resolution and grievance function



Working Group on Public Involvement (2014)

Activities

- review Agency policies and procedures
- compile Agency best practices
- review GEF monitoring practices of public involvement
- provide recommendations to enhance PIP

Findings

Develop a plan to revise PIP

- *Lacks clarity and consistency of operational policy (e.g. unclear mix of aspirational principles and affirmative policy mandates)*
- *Should align and reflect policies and advances in past 20 years*
- *Need to agree on clearer mandates to support better stakeholder engagement across increasingly diverse GEF partnership*

MOVING FORWARD

Council Decision: present an updated policy on stakeholder engagement and access to information for consideration in December 2017



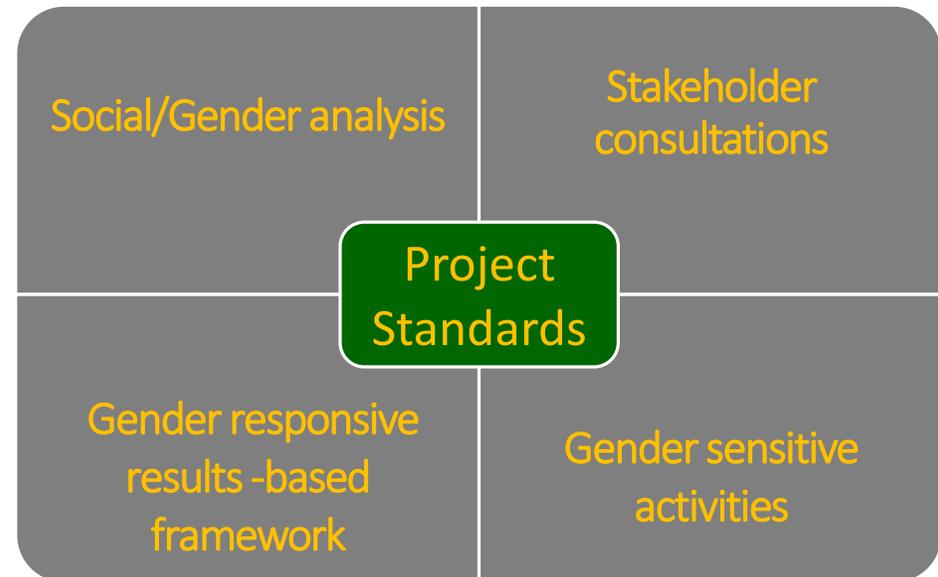
policy on gender mainstreaming (2011)

Institutional level

Agency accreditation requirements & compliance

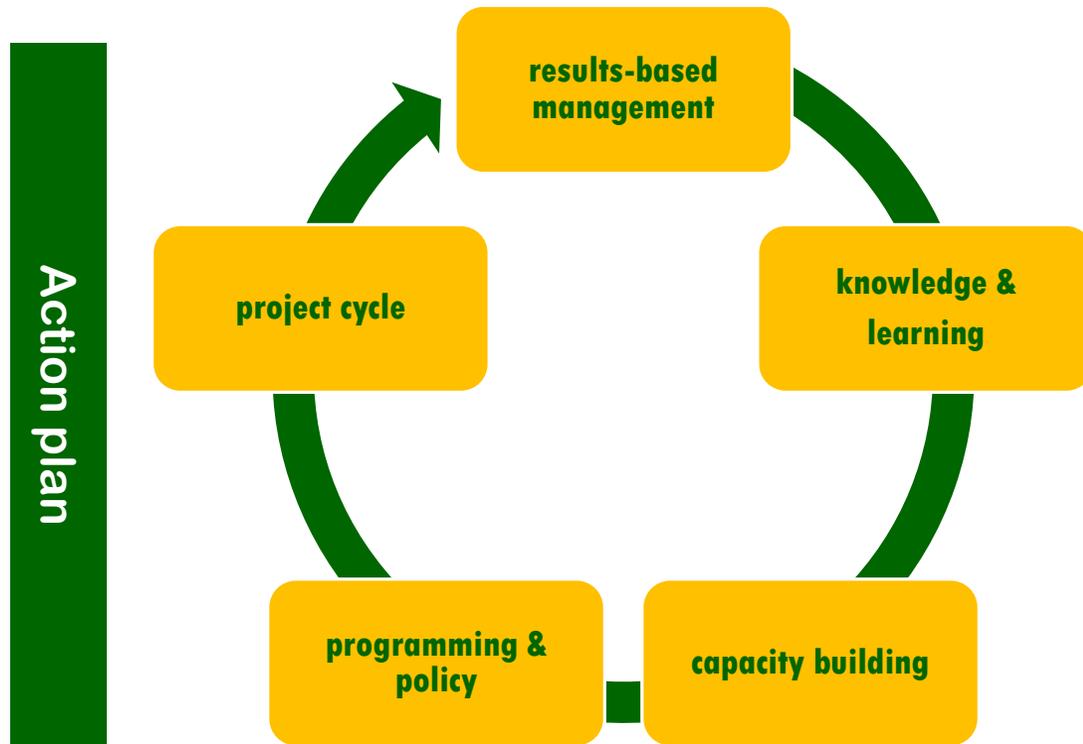
- Competency
- Capacity
- Processes

Project level





The Gender Equality Action Plan (2015 – 2018)



- Consolidated the GEF Gender Partnership
- Increased monitoring and reporting on gender
- Conducted portfolio review
- Supported capacity building efforts and platforms for learning

MOVING FORWARD

- **Update GEF's Policy on Gender**
- **Develop Guidelines and Tools**



Project implications (1)

Information dissemination
& programming

Best practices
& standards

- Information easily accessible and effectively disseminated to relevant stakeholders
- Regular meetings of the OFPs and relevant stakeholders to discuss GEF programming
- Stakeholders identification:
 - Mechanisms for stakeholder consultation and engagement in setting priorities;
 - Adequate representation of relevant stakeholder groups, such as civil society in National Steering Committees.



Project implications (2)

Project design

Best practices
& standards

- **Stakeholder identification** and mapping (incl. civil society, indigenous peoples, and women's' groups) - gender responsive stakeholder and consultation
- **Mechanisms for gender responsive stakeholder consultation** and engagement
- **Applying a standard of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)**, or other relevant system for consultation (Indigenous Peoples)
- **Social assessments including gender analysis** (baseline data collection);
- **Develop results frameworks that are gender responsive** (e.g. linking findings of gender analysis to project theory of change, outcomes, outputs and activities identifying sex-disaggregated indicators)



Project implications (3)

Project implementation

Best practices
& standards

- Implementation of stakeholder engagement plans and/or gender action plans;
- Applying a standard of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), or other relevant system for consultation with Indigenous Peoples;
- Partner with relevant CSOs to execute projects;
- Cultivate gender sensitive project teams;
- Mechanisms to deepen engagement of key stakeholders from civil society, including gender specialist and women groups



Project implications (4)

Project monitoring and
evaluation

Best practices
& standards

- Report on stakeholder engagement;
- Report on gender dimensions and associated results;
- Adjust project activities and foster learning;
- Include women and stakeholders in monitoring and evaluation activities.

THANK YOU

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