



Stakeholder Engagement

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Approach

Gender Equality

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GEF 's Approach to Stakeholder Engagement



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GEF's operational policies "shall provide for full disclosure of all non-confidential information, and consultation with, and participation as appropriate of, major groups and local communities, throughout the project cycle."

(Paragraph 5 of GEF Instrument)

GEF's Evolving approach to Stakeholder Engagement

*provide for **full disclosure** of all non-confidential information, and **consultation with, and participation** as appropriate*

1996 Policy: effective public involvement "is critical to the success of GEF-financed projects", and improves project performance and impact.

Guidelines: Practical Steps to implement the principles of the 1996 Policy

Minimum Requirements for Agencies to engage stakeholders and clear responsibilities for GEF Secretariat



Process for an Updated Policy on Stakeholder Engagement

1994 GEF Instrument
(Full disclosure, consultation and participation)

1996 Policy on Public Involvement
(Public Involvement is crucial to success of GEF Projects)

August 2014 – CSO Network review/
October - GEF Sec formulates Guidelines

October 2015 -June 2017
Working Group Review of Policy-
Draft Policy and Consultations

September-October 2017
Internal and External Consultations –
Website (public)

November 2017
Council Approval of Updated Policy on Stakeholder Engagement



Updated Policy on Stakeholder Engagement

Objective

Promote the **inclusive and meaningful participation** of Stakeholders in GEF's governance and operations in support of the GEF's mandate to protect the global environment.



GEF's Policy on Stakeholder Engagement

Core Principles

- Constructive, responsive, accountable and transparent**
- Fair, balanced, and inclusive** participation
- It applies to **all GEF-financed activities**
- Sustained commitment and action**, including allocation of resources
- Supported by appropriate documentation and **easy and timely access to information**

Overview of Policy Requirements

Project and Program Cycle Requirements



- ✓ Description of any consultations conducted during project development*
- ✓ Information on how Stakeholders will be engaged and means of engagement throughout the project cycle

* (preparation of the PIF)

- ✓ Provide Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEP) * or equivalent documentation

* SEP

- Stakeholders who have been and will be engaged,
- means of engagement
- dissemination of information
- roles and responsibilities
- resource requirements
- timing of engagement

- ✓ Include information in PIRs, MTRs, TEs on progress, challenges and outcomes of the implementation of stakeholder engagement



Overview of GEF Secretariat's Responsibilities

Review & Monitoring

- **Report annually to the Council** on stakeholder engagement across GEF-financed activities
- **Assess whether adequate measures** have been proposed to ensure effective stakeholder engagement
- Update and maintain **project and program templates**

Secretariat-led Activities

- Engage with stakeholders in a **transparent and inclusive manner** aimed at **fair representation**
- Provide for appropriate stakeholder engagement in the **development of GEF policies, guidelines and strategy**



Guidelines for the Implementation of the Policy

Guidelines provide guidance and information on how to implement the Policy, including best practices and useful tools that can be used to conduct meaningful stakeholder engagement throughout the GEF program and project cycles.



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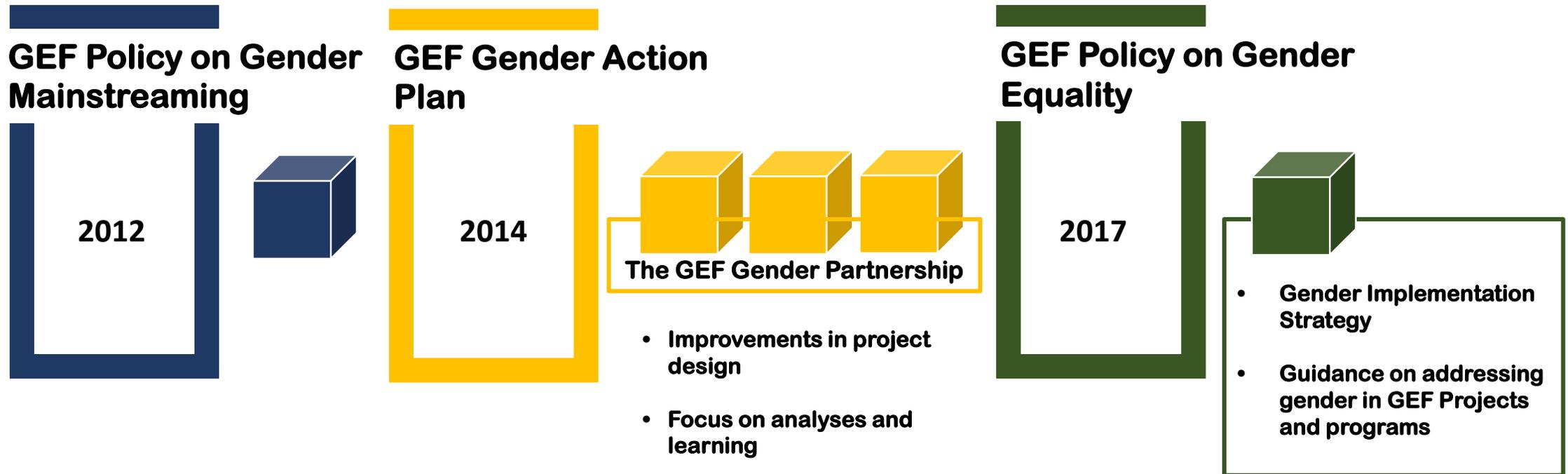
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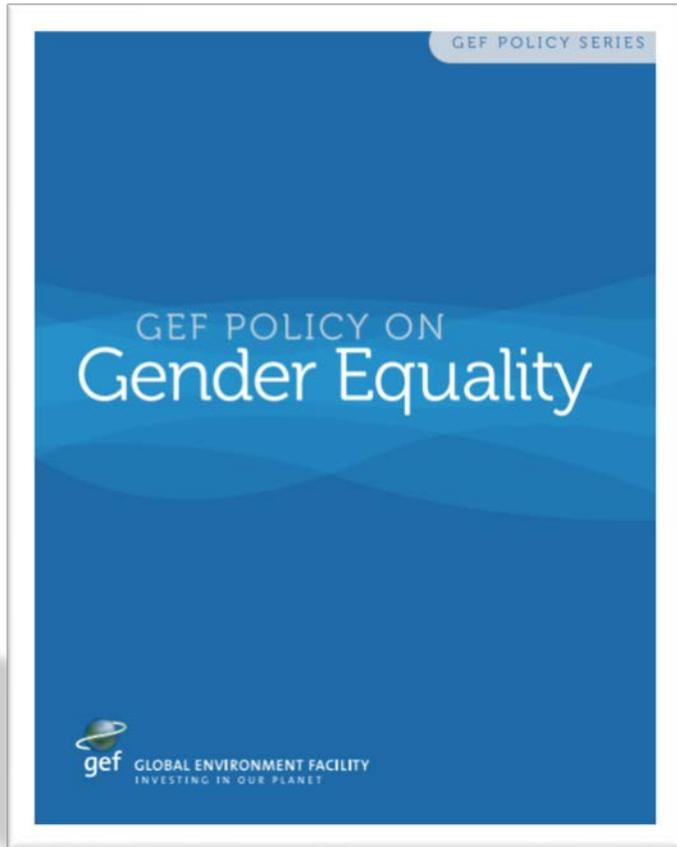
GEF 's Approach to Gender Equality

GEF's Evolving Approach on Gender

Moving from a “do no harm” to a “do good” gender responsive approach



GEF's Policy on Gender Equality



Responds to the increased attention to gender equality and women's empowerment by the multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) that the GEF serves

Recognizes that efforts to combat environmental degradation and those to address gender inequality can be mutually supportive

Aims to catalyze projects that have the potential to materialize greater environmental impact through gender-responsive approaches and results

Seeks to ensure equal opportunities for women and men to participate in, contribute to and benefit from GEF-Financed Activities

Outlines clear GEF project and program cycle requirements



GEF's Strategy on Gender Equality

Address gender gaps...

Access to and control
of natural resources

Environmental decision-
making and leadership

Access to socioeconomic
benefits and services

through strategic entry points...

- Support women's improved access, use, and control of natural resources
- Enhance women's participation and role in natural resources decision-making processes, with women as agents of change
- Target women as specific beneficiaries, and invest in women's skills and capacity

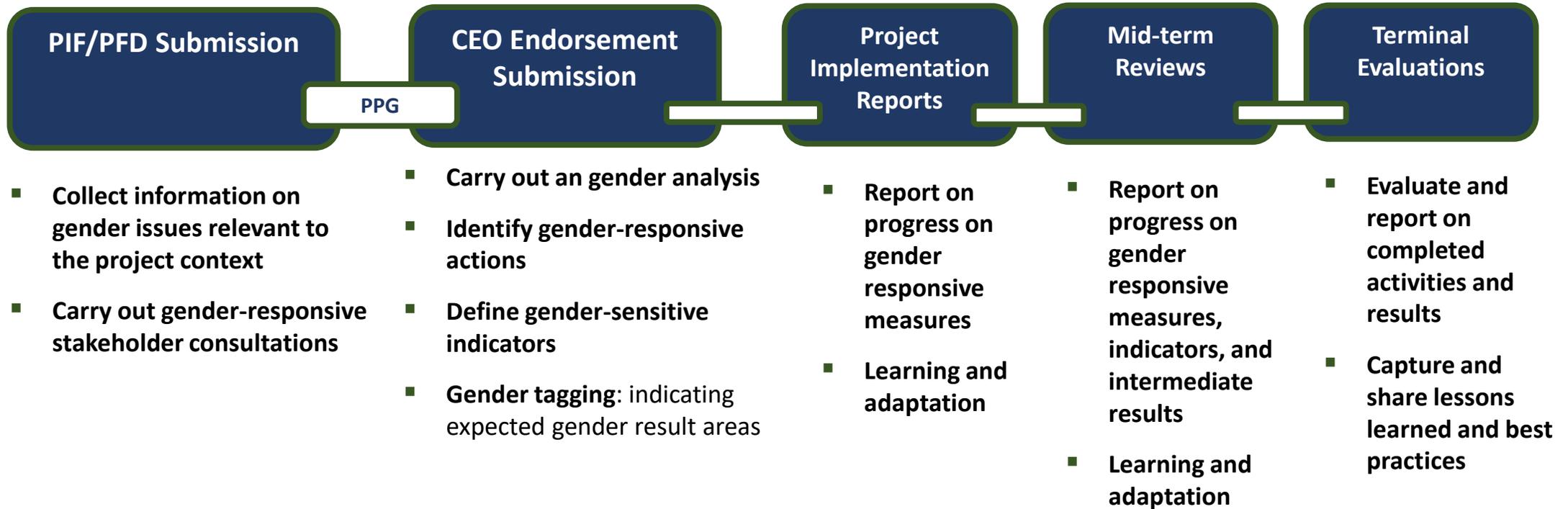
to generate greater

**Global
Environment
Benefits**

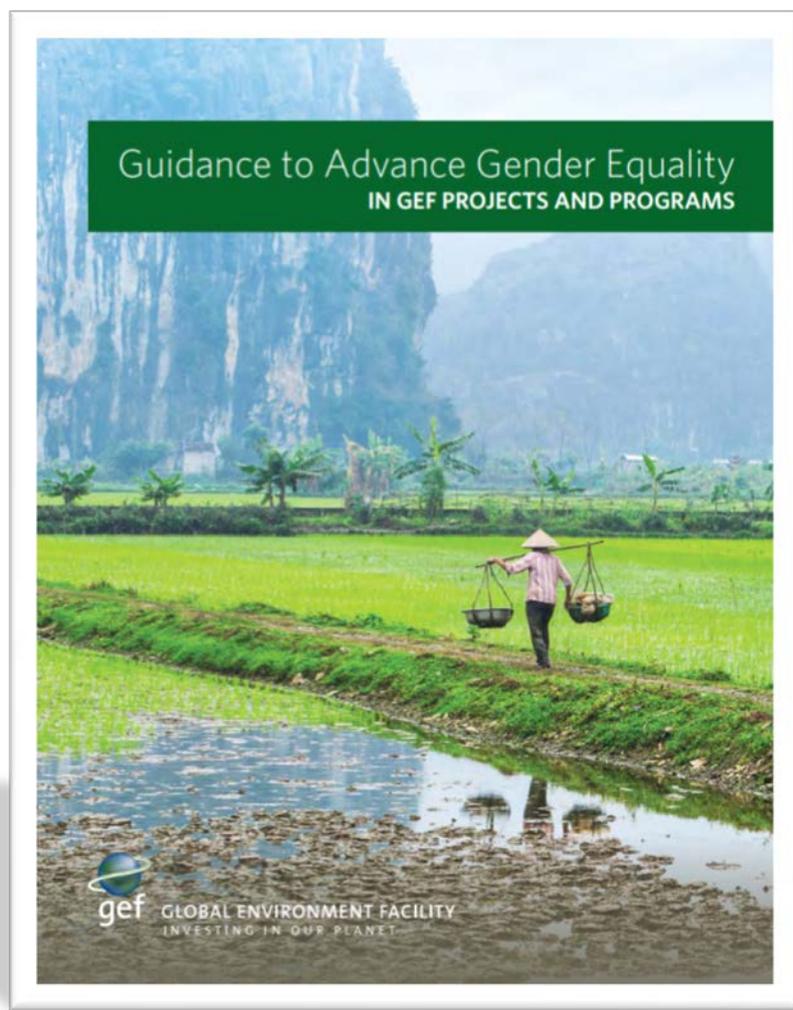
Gender-responsive project identification and development

Project Identification and Development

Project Implementation and Monitoring



Additional Resources



<https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF%20Guidance%20on%20Gender.pdf>

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Open Online Course on Gender and Environment

Do you want to find out why promoting gender equality and women's empowerment can help deliver better environmental outcome, and to figure out how you can do it?

The course will give you facts and figures and the knowledge and tools to mainstream gender, and to be an effective change-maker for sustainable development.

It is a "one-stop-shop" for information on gender dimensions linked to biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, international waters, and chemicals and waste.

IUCN **UN WOMEN** **UN CC:Learn**

Convention on Biological Diversity United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity Stakeholder Consultation

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