



## GEF COUNCIL CONSULTATION MEETING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

23 May 2011, IMF Building, Washington DC

### AGENDA

- 08.00 - 09.00 Registration
- 09.00- 09.15 Welcome and Introduction – **Faizal Parish**, GEF NGO Network Central Focal Point
- 09.15 – 10.15 **CSO Dialogue with Monique Barbut, GEF CEO and Chairperson**
- 10.15 – 13.00 SESSION 1: Towards Development of a GEF Policy on Indigenous Peoples**
- 10.15-11.30 **Panel 1 – GEF and Agency experience in engaging Indigenous Peoples**
- At the CBD COP10 in Nagoya commitments were made to develop a GEF Policy on Indigenous Peoples. This panel will showcase GEF Secretariat and Agency experience and lessons learned in dealing with indigenous peoples and also challenges to overcome.
- Moderator : Johnson Cerda**, *Comuna Santa Elena, Ecuador*
- Panel: Yoko Watanabe**, *Natural Resources Division, GEFSEC*, **Thomas Pesek**, *Liaison Officer, IADB, IFAD*, **Charles McNeill**, *Senior Environmental Manager, UNDP* , **Yibin Xiang**, *Programme Officer, CBD Secretariat, GEF NGO Network*
- Discussion**
- 11.30-13.00 **Panel 2 – Proposed options for inclusion in a GEF policy on indigenous peoples**
- This panel will showcase key issues, challenges and opportunities in relation to indigenous peoples and outline elements and options for inclusion in a GEF Policy on indigenous peoples.
- Moderator : Herminia Minnie Degawan**, *Int. Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests, Philippine.*
- Panel: Gustavo Fonseca**, *Head of Natural Resources Team, UNPFII*, **Jennifer Rubis**, *International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forest (IAITPTF)*, **GEF Council member (Uruguay)(tbc)**
- Discussion**
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00- 15.30 SESSION 2 : Environmental and Social Safeguards**
- Panel 3 – Environmental and Social Safeguards**
- The 40<sup>th</sup> GEF Council meeting will be finalizing a set of environmental and social safeguards standards that is proposed to be applied to all GEF agencies. This panel will discuss the value and effectiveness of the proposed standards as well as options for further strengthening.
- Moderator : Guenter Mitlacher**, *WWF-Germany*
- Panel: Ramesh Ramankutty**, *Head of Operations and Business Strategy, GEFSEC*, **Priscilla Achakpa**, *Executive Director, Women Environmental Programme, Nigeria*, **Helen Tugendhat**, *Policy Manager, Forest Peoples Programme*, **Stephen Lintner**, *World Bank*, **GEF Council member (Denmark) (tbc)**
- Discussion**
- 15.30-17.00 SESSION 3 : GEF and CSOs' 20 years of Partnership**
- Panel 4 : CSO engagement and participation in GEF : Then and Now**
- 2011 is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of GEF. How has been the CSO engagement and participation in GEF and its programme thus far? It is time to take stock and explore ways to enhance the civil society role and engagement in GEF. This panel will give the perspective and views from various relevant organizations/ groups.
- Moderator : Rex Horoi**, *Executive Director, The Foundation of the People of the South Pacific International (FPSI), Fiji*
- Panel : Brett Jenks**, *RARE President & CEO*, **Heidy Valle**, *Conservation Fellow, RARE*, **William Ehlers**, *Team Leader of External Affairs, GEFSEC*, **Ravi Sharma**, *Principal Officer, CBD Secretariat*, **Faizal Parish**, *Central Focal Point, GEF NGO Network*, **Herve Lefevre**, *WWF-US*
- Discussion**
- 17.00 -17.30 **Summary and closing**
- 18.30 **GEF 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner at the National Museum of the American Indian, 4th and Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C**