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Summary

This report provides an update on the work of the GEF CSO Network in the period July 2013-June 2014.

The GEF CSO Network (formerly the GEF NGO Network) actively participated in a range of GEF related meetings including the GEF Council meetings, 13 Expanded Constituency meetings and the GEF Assembly.

The Network provided significant input to GEF policy making with statements on many agenda items at the GEF councils as well as at GEF 6 replenishment meetings. The network also participated in the TAGs involved in the development of the GEF 6 Focal area strategies.

During the year, the Network was actively engaged in undertaking a review of the GEF Public Involvement Policy (PIP). The review concluded that the policy was out of date, poorly promoted and inadequately implemented. The network made specific recommendations for changes to the policy for consideration by the secretariat and Council as well as for the development of guidelines for implementation of the policy.

The Network has been active in promoting GEF and the engagement of civil society through its website and electronic newsletters in several languages. Membership of the network has steadily been growing and stood at 564 at the end of the year.

Good progress has been made on the recommendations made in the report for 2012-2013 and a number of additional recommendations are made as follows:

Recommendation 1: ECW meetings in GEF 6 should include a specific agenda item related to engagement of civil society. Funding should continue to be provided through the ECW mechanism for back-to-back preparatory/follow-up CSO meetings to be organized at the time of each ECW meeting.

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Recommendation 3: The GEF Council should support action to update the Public Involvement Policy and develop guidelines to enhance implementation. The Council should also support the mainstreaming of civil society engagement in other policies and procedures of GEF and ensure adequate resources are available to support civil society engagement.

Recommendation 4: GEF should support further work to fully put in place the mechanisms to support the implementation of the GEF Principles and Guidelines on the Engagement of Indigenous Peoples including the provision of adequate financial resources

Recommendation 5: GEF Secretariat and GEF-CSO network should continue to work together to enhance CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).

Recommendation 6: Efforts to enhance the engagement of CSOs and GEF OFP at the country level should be enhanced – through the organization of annual meetings between

OFPs and CSOs and enhanced engagement of CSOs in national dialogues and National Portfolio formulation exercises.

Introduction

1. This report is submitted to the GEF Council for information in line with the Council decision in November 2010. It describes the overall activities of the GEF-CSO Network, with specific sections dedicated to the work carried out by its Central Focal Point, Regional Focal Points and Indigenous Peoples Focal Points.
2. The GEF-CSO Network is an independent Network of civil society organizations (CSOs) established in 1995 to facilitate civil society inputs to GEF processes. In December 2013, the name of the network was changed From GEF NGO Network to GEF CSO Network in recognition that the organization's objectives, members, and activities relate to a broad group of Civil society organizations (CSOs) rather than just Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The GEF-CSO Network comprises more than 500 member organizations with experience and expertise in GEFs areas of work from all regions around the world. It is governed by a global Coordination Committee composed of representatives of elected Regional Focal Point organizations (RFPs) from 16 geographic regions and three Indigenous Peoples Focal Points (IPFPs) from Asia, Africa and Latin America. The day-to-day work of the Network is coordinated by a Central Focal Point (CFP) elected from among the Coordination Committee members working in partnership with the RFPs and IPFPs. It has been recognized by the GEF Council and GEF Secretariat as a key entity in the work of the GEF.
3. The following information document provides the progress made in the period July 2013-June 2014 by the GEF-CSO Network.

Network Structure and Function

4. The basic Network structure was established in the late 1990s and consolidated through development and adoption of a series of guidelines and rules and procedures the most recent of which was adopted in December 2012¹. The Regional Focal Points (RFPs) are elected for four year terms from among the members in 16 different geographical regions (see **Annex 1**). The regional focal points are responsible for stimulating interest in GEF among CSOs in their regions and facilitating engagement of CSOs in GEF programmes and activities. Indigenous Peoples Focal Points (IPFPs) are selected through consultation among members of key Indigenous Peoples networks in three regions – Asia, Africa and Latin America. They also serve four year terms. The RFPs and IPFPs elect from among their number one organization to serve as the Central Focal Point (CFP) to act as secretariat and coordinate the day to day global coordination of the operations of the Network. The RFPs/IPFPs undertake the coordination of activities in their respective regions. The current list of RFPs, IPFPs and CFP is in **Annex 2**. In response to the GEF5 reforms the Network is in the process of enhancing its presence at the country level through the designation of country contact points – especially in countries with significant numbers of members as well

¹ <http://gefngo.org/index.cfm?&menuid=154&lang=EN>

as high GEF fund allocation. All these Network functions are undertaken primarily on a voluntary basis by the organizations and individuals involved.

5. The current Rules and Procedures of the Network set out the main procedures for Network functioning include membership, elections, representation, decision making and fund management. The network has its own complaints procedure to address any concerns from member organizations.
6. The Coordination Committee meets twice a year immediately before the GEF Council-CSO consultation meetings prior to the Council. The committee oversees the work of the Network, approves budgets, strategies and workplans for Network operations. It also explores strategies to enhance the effectiveness of the Network's work to enhance civil society input to GEF. The Committee has established four sub-committees to address Governance, membership and elections; outreach and communication; Strategy and planning; and linkage with GEF-related conventions. Task forces are established from time to time to address key issues. In the past year, task forces and working groups have been established to oversee regional elections and to develop inputs to the GEF focal area strategies respectively.

Organization and participation in GEF Related meetings

GEF Council – CSO Consultations

7. The GEF-CSO Network plays a key role in the organization of GEF Council–CSO Consultations immediately prior to the GEF Council meetings in Washington DC. These bring together representatives of member CSOs, GEF Council members, GEF Agencies, GEF-related Conventions and the GEF Secretariat. The meetings provide a forum for key issues of concern to civil society to be discussed with the GEF Council members, agency representatives and other stakeholders.
8. GEF Council-Civil Society consultations were organized by the Network prior to the 45th GEF Council meeting in November 2013. The meeting was attended by nearly 100 people from a broad range of stakeholders including council members, GEF Agencies, GEF Secretariat and CSOs. The GEF CEO participated in one hour dialogue sessions in the meeting providing an opportunity for CSOs to learn first-hand of key GEF initiatives and challenges. The focus of the consultation was on GEF6 and the vision and long term strategy for GEF2020. Summary reports on the consultations can be found at:
<http://www.gefcso.org/index.cfm?&menuid=248&parentid=49&lang=EN>

CSO Forum during GEF 5th Assembly

9. The Network organized a CSO forum on the theme “Partnerships for the Future” at the 5th GEF Assembly on May 27, 2014 in Cancun, Mexico. It was jointly organized with the GEF Secretariat, the GEF Small Grants Program and the Government of

Mexico, bringing together over 200 representatives of civil society organizations and indigenous peoples groups from more than 80 countries around the world. In the morning session, the Forum showcased the best practices and new approaches for CSO involvement in GEF processes and focal areas from eight projects. In the afternoon, four parallel breakout groups deliberated on the key issues of four targeted areas to strengthen the relationship with the GEF. The recommendations from the Forum were delivered to the GEF Assembly in the form of "*Cancun Declaration*" on 28 May 2014. The statement is in **Annex 3**.

10. A joint exhibition was undertaken with GEF SGP and the GEF Indigenous people's Advisory Group (IPAG) at the GEF Assembly. Posters and materials provided by many member organizations of the network were disseminated. A flash disk/on-line App to showcase knowledge and experience from CSOs was launched by the Network and SGP at the CSO Forum. This contained materials from more than 200 GEF and non-GEF supported projects and activities submitted by member organizations and SGP grantees in the period March-May, 2014.

GEF Expanded Constituency Workshops

11. Between July and Dec 2013, the Network RFPs and members attended ECW meetings in the Caribbean, Zambia, Sarajevo, Nigeria, Samoa, and Morocco. During the workshops, the RFPs played an important role in facilitating knowledge sharing among CSOs as well as organizing special dialogue sessions. These CSO meetings deepened members' understanding of GEF work modalities and cooperation. A list of meetings attended by Network focal points in the period is given in **Annex 4**.
12. The RFPs also helped to facilitate a special session on engagement of civil society in the work of GEF during the ECW meeting and a separate 1-day CSO meeting. The meeting was held back-to-back with the ECW meetings and involved representatives of CSOs from each country attending the ECW. A total of 98 CSO representatives from 54 countries attended these meetings.

Input to GEF Policy Making

13. The Network presented a number of position papers, briefs and made associated statements in relation to GEF Council working papers at the respective GEF Council as listed below.

Meeting	Statement/position papers
45 th Council Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note on the Organization of the Fifth General Assembly 2. Progress Report of the GEF Evaluation Office Director, including the OPS5 Progress Report and Management Response 3. Relations with the Conventions and other International Institutions

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Review of GEF Agencies on Environmental and Social Safeguards and Gender Mainstreaming 5. Update on GEF-6 Replenishment 6. GEF2020 Strategy 7. Work Program 8. LDCF/SCCF meeting
46 th Council Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Monitoring Report 2. Report on GEF-6 Replenishment 3. Co-financing policy 4. GEF2020 Strategy 5. STAR 6. SGP 7. LDCF/SCCF meeting

Copies of the statements are available at:

<http://www.gefngo.org/index.cfm?&menuid=126&lang=EN>.

Input to GEF 6 Focal Area Strategies and Replenishment

14. In relation to GEF 6 Strategies for the use of GEF6 resources, the Network provided inputs on the revised key documents of GEF 6, i.e.
 - GEF 6 Programming Directions
 - Draft GEF Programming Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change under the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and The Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)
15. The GEF-CSO Network contributed to the successful replenishment process of GEF6. During this reporting period, representatives of the network attended the following three replenishment meetings:
 - Second Meeting, 10-12 Sept, 2013 (Delhi, India). Represented by Faizal Parish (CFP) and Guenter Mitlacher (RFP for Europe region).
 - Third Meeting, 10-12 Dec, 2013 (Paris, France). Represented by Faizal Parish (CFP), Guenter Mitlacher (RFP for Europe region) and Essam Nada (RFP for North Africa region).
 - Fourth Meeting, 16-17, April 2014 (Geneva, Switzerland). Represented by Faizal Parish (CFP) and Guenter Mitlacher (RFP for Europe region).
16. The Network presented a number of statements at the respective replenishment meetings as listed below.

Meeting	Statement
Second Replenishment Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statement on the Progress Report of the OPS5 2. Statement on Differentiation & Resource Allocation 3. Statement on Strategic Positioning 4. Statement on Biodiversity Focal Area & Funding Needs for GEF6 5. Statement on OPS5 Policy Recommendation
Third Replenishment Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statement on the the OPS5 2. Statement on the the GEF 6 resource allocation 3. Statement on the GEF-6 Strategic Positioning
Fourth Replenishment Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CSO Statement on GEF-6 Directions and Resource Envelopes

17. Between the second and third meeting, the Network organized a meeting of CSOs in Europe on 30 Sept – 1 Oct 2013 to brief them on the replenishment process and encourage them to engage with their respective government to support a high replenishment.
18. Prior to the Fourth Replenishment meeting, the Network wrote to the donor countries of GEF to urge them to:
- Conclude a robust and ambitious GEF replenishment of at minimum the “status quo plus” option of US\$4.89 billion and preferably higher, in order to enhance the implementation of the global environmental Conventions,
 - Be flexible according to the “burden sharing framework” and not to reduce their individual shares of contribution even if other donors fall short due to their current limited capacity or political challenges,
 - Voluntarily increase their minimum contribution to GEF-6 or commit to significant additional voluntary contributions to support the agreed GEF-6 programs,
 - Agree to channel their pledged resources through an accelerated encashment framework such that it will enhance the value of the funds provided.

Review of the GEF Public Involvement Policy

18. The GEF-CSO Network has undertaken a review of the implementation of the GEF Public Involvement Policy from April 2013-May 2014. This review is part of the process of review and updating of the GEF Public Involvement Policy (PIP) and preparation of related guidelines by the GEF Secretariat and was supported through a grant to the Network from the GEF NGO Voluntary Fund. The review is undertaken to address the perceived weaknesses in the implementation of the policy, particularly on the state of CSO engagement in GEF operations.
19. Based on the findings of the review, recommendations were made for amending and enhancing implementation of the PIP. This include changes to the PIP (include amendments to the scope, title and structure of the Policy) as well as the development of supporting guidelines to be developed by the GEF Secretariat. Other recommendations include outreach and capacity building (such as mandating CSO

representation at annual national meetings, enhancing the capacity of the GEF-CSO Network: good practice sharing), mainstreaming civil society issues into GEF operations and enhancing access of CSOs to GEF resources. A summary of the report is given in Annex 5.

Outreach and communication

20. In early 2014, the Network changed its name to GEF-CSO Network. The change is made to reflect the Network's current role as a network of civil society organizations that acts as a bridge between civil society and the GEF. In recent years the number of members from Indigenous peoples organizations, community based organizations and other civil society groups have grown significantly. The network has also expanded to include outreach to all CSOs working in the GEF focal areas. As a follow-up to this, the Network had adjusted its information materials and website. The official announcement was made during the GEF 5th Assembly with dissemination of information materials prepared in English, French and Spanish.
21. The Network continued to maintain and develop its website www.gefcso.org as an interactive communication tool between the Network and the members as well as others interested in CSO activities related to GEF. Electronic mailing groups were extensively used at regional and global level to disseminate information to members.
22. The use of the GEF-CSO Network website has significantly increased over this period. It has attracted a total of 109,000 visitors (up till June, 2014). The number of visitors per month has steadily increased over the past year with the monthly average now topping 2,000 visitors increased from 1,700/month in 2012-2013.
23. To promote further outreach, during the reporting period, the Network developed and disseminated 3 issues of its quarterly e-Newsletter (Dec 2013, March 2014 and June 2014). The Dec 2013 issue is also available in Arabic version. In addition to the Network members, the newsletters were disseminated to the GEF Council Members, GEF Agencies, GEF Focal Points and others.
24. During the period July 2013 - June 2014, the GEF-CSO Network further enhanced efforts to engage civil society in the work of GEF. This was mainly concentrated at global and regional level due to existing modalities such as Council meetings and ECWs but also through organization of a range of events, dialogues and various outreach mechanisms. Some country level activities were organized such as a country level preparation meeting for the GEF assembly organized in Uganda in May 2014.

Membership Development

25. The membership of the Network is managed by the CFP and a Membership Officer was appointed on a part-time basis in the CFP office.
26. The membership of the Network has been growing steadily since the last reporting in June 2013. As of June 2014, there were 564 members in the Network compared to

523 members at the last reporting period, representing an increase of 41 members or about 8%. In accordance to the Network's rules and regulations, the membership renewal process is ongoing. This is to facilitate updating of membership status and profiles. Membership promotion was undertaken at global, regional and local levels through the RFP, international meetings, for example, during UNFCCC meeting, and through website. The current list of member organizations is given in **Annex 6**.

Work of the Network Focal Points

Regional Focal Points

27. At the regional level, activities were undertaken by the RFPs in their respective region to enhance the role of civil society in GEF activities and in promoting the Network. The key activities undertaken by RFPs in their regions were:
- a. Dissemination of information about events, meetings, updates and comment pertaining to environment and GEF activities to CSOs in their respective regions (including in respective regional languages).
 - b. Circulation of reports on achievements from GEF Council CSO consultations and the GEF Council
 - c. Soliciting and collating of inputs and comments from the constituency on Network position papers, GEF papers, etc.
 - d. Promotion of the Network through emails, website and meetings to encourage more local CSOs to be a part of the Network.
 - e. Sharing and disseminating information on funding opportunities including the SGP to CSOs.
 - f. Recommendation of participants from their region for participation in the GEF meetings, e.g. Council, Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECW) and other meetings.
 - g. Liaising with GEF Operational Focal points in selected countries in their regions.
 - h. Participation in GEF Council Consultation meetings, GEF Council meetings, GEF Assembly and providing inputs to related position papers.
 - i. Participating in meetings of the Coordination Committee and relevant sub committees.
 - j. Participation in and coordination of CSO activities and presentation on CSO issues at ECW meetings, including organization of CSO meetings at regional level back to back with ECW meetings (including meetings in Caribbean, Zambia, Sarajevo, Nigeria, Samoa, Turkey and Morocco.).
 - k. Preparing for the GEF Assembly including consultations with CSOs – for example through the preparatory meeting for the GEF Assembly held in Uganda.

Indigenous Peoples Focal Points

28. During this period, the engagement between the Network and IP organizations and networks has been enhanced. There was also some engagement of IP organizations in country dialogues but the envisaged involvement of IP organizations in ECW was

limited due to various constraints, related to the selection procedure and limitation of participation to one CSO representative per country.

29. The Network is represented in the GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group by Legborsi Saro Pyagbara, the Indigenous Peoples Focal Point for Africa.
30. The IPFPs were active in strengthening the engagement with IPs and the Networks. Their activities included:
 - a. Dissemination of information about events, meetings, updates and comments pertaining to environment and GEF activities to Indigenous peoples' organizations and Networks in their respective regions.
 - b. Circulation of reports on achievements from GEF Council CSO consultations and the GEF Council to Indigenous People's organizations and Networks
 - c. Sharing and dissemination of information on funding opportunities including the SGP to Indigenous Peoples organizations.
 - d. Recommendation of participants from indigenous peoples' organizations for participation in the GEF meetings, e.g. Council, ECW and other meetings.
 - e. Participation in GEF Council-CSO Consultation meetings and GEF Council meetings, GEF Assembly and providing inputs to position papers on CSO engagement in GEF.
 - f. Participating in meetings of the Coordination Committee and relevant sub committees.
 - g. Participation in selected convention related meetings including UNFCCC COP 19 in Poland.

Central Focal Point

31. The Central Focal Point was actively involved in coordinating of the review of Council papers, preparation of Network position papers, organizing preparatory, Council-CSO meetings, CSO Forum and other GEF-related meetings and overall administration of the Network. The key activities undertaken were :
 - a. Organizing the Coordination Committee meeting, Preparatory meeting and GEF Council – CSO Consultation meeting before the 45th Council meeting in November 2013 and Coordination Committee cum Preparatory Meeting before the 46th Council meetings in May 2014.
 - b. Represented the GEF-CSO Network at the Second Meeting (10-11 Sept 2013, New Delhi, India), Third Meeting (10-12 Dec 2014, Paris, France) and Fourth Meeting (16-17 Apr 2014, Geneva, Switzerland) of the GEF 6 Replenishment.
 - c. Co-organizing the CSO forum at the 5th GEF Assembly in May 2014.
 - d. Outreach and communication with members to share information on GEF-CSO Network and GEF activities including e-group and website operation and maintenance.
 - e. Coordinating membership administration and promotion.
 - f. Coordinating preparation of Network policy and position papers for GEF Council sessions.
 - g. Securing and managing funds and resources for the Network, including the development of PIF for a MSP on strengthening capacity and opportunities for

- active CSO engagement in synergistic implementation of global environmental conventions.
- h. Coordinating a review of the implementation of the Public Involvement Policy, including obtaining feedbacks, organizing a PIP workshop and preparing the final report.

Finance and Administration

32. Although the Network primarily works on a voluntary basis – it needs resources to cover the cost of specific activities and services including administration and governance, outreach, advocacy engagement, and participation at GEF related meetings and workshops.
33. A grant of \$50,000 was received from the GEF Secretariat for June 2013 – May 2014. In line with its procedures for financial management, Network accounts are audited on a calendar year basis and the audit reports posted on the Network website.
34. During the year, the GEF Secretariat supported the participation of 29 places for CSOs in the November 2013 Council/CSO Consultation meetings and 64 places in the GEF 5th Assembly in May 2014. This support consisted of travel, accommodation and meal expenses for the CSO participants. Funding was also provided to support the participation of members of the Network as well as RFPs in the GEF ECW meetings. Co-financing was also provided by Network members for a number of activities through significant time input as well as costs for a number of participants in various meetings.
35. The Network continued to work on drafting a PIF for a MSP on strengthening capacity and opportunities for active CSO engagement in synergistic implementation of global environmental conventions.

Key issues/concerns and recommendations

Progress in addressing issues raised in the 2012-2013 Report

36. Nine issues requiring action by the Council or Secretariat were highlighted in the Network's Report to Council for 2012-2013. They are as follows:
- a) Enhancing the procedures for the selection and travel arrangements for CSOs supported to attend GEF Council-CSO consultations
 - b) Enhancing the role of the Network in selecting participants for the ECW meetings
 - c) Contributions to the GEF NGO Voluntary Fund
 - d) Adjustment of the selection procedure for CSO Participants in the GEF Assembly
 - e) Review and update of the GEF Public Involvement Policy
 - f) Establishment of the mechanisms to enhance the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and the GEF
 - g) Enhancing support for CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)

- h) Building strong mechanisms for Network member engagement at national, regional and global level such as through incorporation of CSO reps in GEF monitoring and evaluation teams
 - i) Exploring ways of convening regular GEF National Dialogues to strengthen the relationship between GEF, agencies, implementing partners and civil society
37. Progress has been generally positive during the year with good achievements in a number of areas, as follows:

Full or partial progress

- a) Enhancing the procedures for the selection and travel arrangements for CSOs supported to attend GEF Council-CSO consultations
Improvements have continued to be made on selection and travel arrangements for GEF Council – CSO consultations – however there still remains a problem for participants from some countries to obtain visas on time and in travel arrangements. This was addressed by bringing forward the deadline for application to enable selection to be completed two months before the Council meeting. The GEF Secretariat has also continued to show flexibility on allowing additional or replacement participants when budgets permit.
- b) Enhancing the role of the Network in selecting participants for the ECW meetings.
Improvements have been made in 2013-2014 in the coordination between the GEF Secretariat and the Network in identification and selection of participants to attend the ECW meetings. This has enabled better preparations to have been made by the Network prior to the meetings and has enabled back-to-back meetings of CSOs to be organized at most ECWs in 2013. Since April 2013 CSOs also played an active role in the ECWs with special sessions organized to discuss CSO engagement in the work of the GEF and the GEF Public involvement policy. The addition of back-to-back CSO meeting and the inclusion of a significant CSO related agenda item in the ECW meeting were extremely valuable activities and are strongly encouraged to be continued when ECWs are convened in GEF6. The cost of the CSO meeting is low as the only cost is for one extra night's accommodation/subsistence and the cost of a meeting room.

Recommendation 1: ECW meetings in GEF 6 should include a specific agenda item related to engagement of civil society. Funding should continue to be provided through the ECW mechanism for back-to-back preparatory/follow-up CSO meetings to be organized at the time of each ECW meeting.

- c) Contributions to the GEF NGO Voluntary Fund
The GEF NGO Voluntary Fund was established in January 2012. Initial funds comprised the remaining funds from earlier donor grants in the 1990s as well as additional funds from the GEF secretariat. Funds have been used in 2013-2014 mainly to support a review of the GEF Public Involvement Policy. The current remaining balance in the Voluntary Fund is US\$29,693. Several options have been identified for use of the fund and additional contributions are required – especially from donor countries. No progress has been made in 2013-2014 in securing additional contributions to the fund.

Recommendation 2: The GEF Secretariat and the GEF-CSO Network should work together to encourage contributions from donors to the Voluntary Fund

- d) Adjustment of Selection procedure for CSO Participants in the GEF Assembly
It was agreed in June 2013 that the participants for the GEF Assembly would be selected jointly between the Network and the GEF Secretariat. GEF Secretariat organized the registration of applicants for funding to attend the GEF Assembly in January 2014. The GEF CSO Network led the initial selection process and selected the first batch of 50 participants based on agreed criteria. These were reviewed and endorsed by the GEF Secretariat who following consultation with the SGP and Mexican Government proposed 10 additional participants. This procedure worked smoothly and although some problems were faced in obtaining visas for some participants – the logistic arrangements were generally very smooth.
- e) Review and update the GEF Public Involvement Policy
A grant was provided from the GEF NGO Voluntary Fund to the Network to support the costs of the review of the GEF Public Involvement Policy. This review was undertaken by the Network between April 2013 and May 2014. Results were presented at the CSO Forum prior to the GEF Assembly in May 2014 and a report was prepared in June 2014. A number of specific recommendations for updating the policy and enhancing its implementation were made in the report. These are summarized in **Annex 5**. It is envisaged that the network will work with the Secretariat to contribute to a process of updating the policy and preparing guidelines for use by GEF Agencies and recipient countries to enhance implementation of the policy. In addition the GEF Evaluation Office also undertook a review of the engagement of CSOs in GEF and came to similar conclusions that the PIP must be updated and implementation enhanced. They also called for much better information to be gathered on the level of CSO engagement in GEF projects and programmes. Some progress was made by the GEF Secretariat in assessing the level of engagement of CSOs and Indigenous peoples for inclusion in the GEF Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) for 2013-14.

Recommendation 3 : The GEF Council should support action to update the Public Involvement Policy and develop guidelines to enhance implementation. The Council should also support the mainstreaming of civil society engagement in other policies and procedures of GEF and ensure adequate resources are made available to support civil society engagement.

- f) Establishment of the Mechanisms to enhance engagement of Indigenous peoples and GEF
In 2013-2014 there has been some progress on the development of the various mechanisms related to the GEF Principles and Guidelines on the Engagement of Indigenous Peoples. The Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG) was established and meetings were held in July 2013 and November 2013.

Recommendation 4: GEF should support further work to fully put in place the mechanisms to support the implementation of the GEF Principles and Guidelines

on the Engagement of Indigenous Peoples. In addition adequate financial resources need to be allocated to enable their effective implementation.

- g) Enhancing support for CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)

Little progress was made in 2013-2014 on enhancing the support of the engagement of CSOs with the GEF at the COPs of various multilateral environmental Agreements. In contrast to previous years it was not possible to organize a dialogue between the GEF CEO and CSOs attending the climate change COP. There was no COP of CBD in the year. Some progress was made by the network in working with the UNCCD to strengthen the level of CSO engagement in convention activities. A MSP is also being prepared by the Network to enhance CSO engagement in measures to strengthen synergy between GEF related conventions at national and regional levels.

Recommendation 5: GEF Secretariat and GEF-CSO network should continue to work together to enhance CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).

- h) Building strong mechanisms for Network member engagement at national, regional and global such as through incorporation of CSO reps in GEF monitoring and evaluation teams;

Limited progress has been made in relation to this issue but the matter has been looked at in the context of the Public Involvement Policy. Engagement in GEF M&E activities could be addressed in conjunction with the GEF Independent Evaluation office.

- i) Explore ways of convening regular GEF National Dialogues to strengthen the relationship between GEF, agencies, implementing partners and civil society

Little specific progress was made in relation to this issue. It is proposed that this be reviewed further with the GEF secretariat.

Recommendation 6: Efforts to enhance the engagement of CSOs and GEF OFP at the country level should be enhanced – through the organization of annual meetings between OFPs and CSOs and enhanced engagement of CSOs in national dialogues and National Portfolio formulation exercises.

Annex 1 List of Network Regions

GEF-CSO Network Regions (revised in June 2014)

Africa	Countries*
1. Western Africa	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Togo
2. Central Africa	Burundi, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe
3. Eastern Africa	Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda
4. Southern Africa	Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
5. Northern Africa	Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia

Asia Pacific	Countries
6. South Asia	Bangladesh, Bhutan India, Maldives Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
7. South East Asia	Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Timor Leste, Thailand, Viet Nam
8. North east Asia	People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Korea DPR, Japan, Mongolia
9. West Asia	Afganistan, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen
10. Pacific	Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Europe	Countries
11. Europe	Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, FYR Macedonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom,
12. Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

Americas	Countries
13. Mesoamerica	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Venezuela
14. South America	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay
15. Caribbean	Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Bahamas, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Virgin Islands
16. North America	Canada, United States

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Representative Asia Pacific
Representative Africa
Representative Americas

* NOTE: the countries in the regions as well as the regions will be adjusted from time to time.

Annex 2: Updated list of Central, Regional and Indigenous Peoples Focal Points

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ANNEX 3: Cancun Declaration of the Civil Society to The 5th Global Environment Facility (GEF) Assembly, 28-29 May 2014

The Civil Society Forum was held as part of the Fifth GEF Assembly on May 27, 2014 in Cancun, Mexico, in the Yucatan Peninsula, one of the emblematic territories of the Mayan culture. It was jointly organized by the GEF CSO Network, the GEF Secretariat, the GEF Small Grants Program, and the Government of Mexico, bringing together over 200 representatives of civil society organizations and indigenous peoples groups from more than 80 countries around the world.

The Forum expressed its gratitude to the Government of Mexico and to its people for their hospitality. The Forum welcomed the valuable contributions and voices from CSOs from Latin America and from other regions of the world.

The Forum showcased under the overall objective *Partnerships for the Future* best practices and new approaches for CSO involvement in GEF processes and focal areas. Twenty six presentations were made on key issues and discussions were held on four targeted areas to strengthen the relationship with the GEF.

The participants made the following recommendations:

1. GEF must support measures to transform the current unsustainable development approaches by addressing the drivers of environment degradation, stabilize climate, eliminate perverse incentives and shift from exploitation to re-use and recycling of resources.
2. Partnerships between GEF and Civil Society Organizations need to be strengthened and consolidated as an essential means to achieve the 5th GEF Assembly mandate including the 2020 Strategy
3. More meaningful involvement of CSOs is required through participation in national GEF committees to enable civil society contributions and experiences in the programming, implementation and evaluation of the national portfolio as well as in project steering committees and in the entire GEF operations including programmes, full size projects (FSP) and medium size projects (MSP) through to the Small Grants Program (SGP).
4. GEF must urgently complete the update of the GEF Public Involvement Policy and develop guidelines targeted to both recipient countries and GEF Agencies to ensure full and effective CSO participation
5. GEF must ensure the full and effective implementation, monitoring (including setting of indicators and targets) and evaluation of policies related to civil society including the GEF's Public Involvement Policy, Gender Mainstreaming Policy, and Indigenous Peoples' Guidelines and Principles
6. GEF should ensure compliance with its transparency and accountability standards at both agency and recipient country levels.

7. GEF should strengthen capacity of CSOs in recipient countries to engage effectively and efficiently in GEF processes and projects according to specific needs and national capacities..
8. GEF and CSOs should work together to promote CSO-government, policy and planning dialogue platforms to build more trust and collaborative approaches to address environmental issues.
9. GEF and CSOs should advance a collaborative knowledge network which includes publications, electronic media, training, and outreach activities to enable sharing of CSO expertise to support up-scaling and replication.
10. GEF is urged to fully commit to the implementation of the Indigenous Peoples' Principles and Guidelines by establishing an outreach and capacity building programme, enhancing operations of the Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG) and establishment of a dedicated financial mechanism for indigenous peoples.
11. GEF should ensure that both CSO including women's organisations are involved in the preparation of the Plan of Action for enhancing gender mainstreaming in GEF projects to be presented to the Council at its November 2014 meeting.
12. GEF should catalyze opportunities for the participation of youth in GEF programs.

In conclusion, the CSOs reiterate our commitment in partnership with the GEF and recipient countries to advance these recommendations.

The report and full recommendations of the CSO Forum are currently being finalized and will be made available to the GEF Assembly participants.

Annex 4: Participation of representatives from the GEF-CSO Network in specific GEF Related Meetings in 2012-2013.

No.	Meeting	Date	Representative
1.	ECW Caribbean, Dominican Republic (including a CSO meeting on 1 July 13)	1-3 July 13	Brian James (RFP Caribbean)
2.	ECW Livingstone, Zambia, (including a CSO meeting on 15 July 13)	15-18 July 13	Victor Kawanga (RFP Southern Africa)
3.	ECW Sarajevo (including a CSO meeting on 4 Sept 13)	4-6 Sept 13	Humfrey Legge (RFP Eastern Europe and Central Asia)
4.	Second GEF Replenishment Meeting, Delhi, India.	10-12 Sept 13	Faizal Parish (CFP) and Guenter Mitlacher (RFP for Europe region).
5.	ECW Nigeria, Abuja (including a CSO meeting on 30 Sept 13)	30 Sept – 3 Oct 13	Samuel Dotse (RFP West Africa)
6.	ECW Samoa (including a CSO meeting on 14 Oct 13)	15-17 Oct 13	Fiu Elisara (RFP Pacific)
7.	ECW Morocco, Marrakech (including a CSO meeting on 15 Dec 13)	15-17 Dec 13	Essam Nada (RFP Northern Africa), Mohammed Raouf (RFP West Asia) and Tanveer Arif (RFP South Asia)
8.	GEF-CSO Consultation Meeting and 45th GEF Council Meeting, Washington DC	1-7 Nov 13	CFP, RFP and CSO representatives
9.	Third GEF Replenishment Meeting, Paris, France.	10-12 Dec 13	Faizal Parish (CFP), Guenter Mitlacher (RFP for Europe region) and Essam Nada (RFP for North Africa region).
10.	Fourth GEF Replenishment Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland.	16-17 April 14	Faizal Parish (CFP) and Guenter Mitlacher (RFP for Europe region).
11.	46 th GEF Council Meeting, Cancun, Mexico	24-26 May 2014	CFP, RFPs/IPFPs and CSO representatives
12.	CSO Forum, GEF 5 th Assembly and its associated meetings	27-29 May 2014	CFP, RFPs/IPFPs and CSO representatives

Annex 5 : Summary Report of Review of GEF Public Involvement Policy

1. Introduction

The Report on the review of the GEF Public involvement policy (PIP) report has been prepared by the GEF CSO Network as part of the process for review and updating of the GEF PIP and preparation of related guidelines by the GEF Secretariat. The work was supported through a grant to the Network from the GEF NGO Voluntary Fund. The PIP which was endorsed by the GEF Council in 1996 remains in effect till today; however, significant concerns have been raised on the scope and effectiveness of the implementation of the policy. In order to address the perceived weaknesses in the implementation of the policy - the GEF-CSO Network pushed for a review of the implementation of the policy.

2. Methods

The bulk of the review was concentrated on primary sources of information, consisted of electronic surveys of CSOs, OFPs and GEF Agencies; face-to-face consultations and discussions with CSO representatives, GEF Agency representatives and the GEF Secretariat (mainly at time of Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECWs), regional and country assessments and a CSO/PIP Workshop); and a study on trends in CSO-led projects over the GEF cycles. The results from the GEF Evaluation Office's Fifth Overall Performance Study (OPS5) and its sub-study on CSO Engagement were also considered in this review.

3. Conclusion

The general conclusion from the review is that the current PIP has limited scope, provides inadequate guidance and that there is an urgent need to review and update it. This is because:

- a) The existing policy was adopted in 1996 at a time when there were only three GEF implementing agencies. Much has changed with the addition of seven more GEF agencies and currently four GEF project agencies. The need for updated policies and enhanced guidance is needed.
- b) The existing policy is focused only on public involvement in GEF projects – but now 45% of GEF resources are allocated in the form of programs – for which there is little or no guidance on stakeholder engagement from either from GEF the GEF partner agencies. The involvement of civil society and other stakeholders goes significantly beyond GEF projects and is relevant to the entire operations of GEF. Therefore the scope of the policy should be adjusted to cover the full GEF operations.
- c) Following the introduction of the RAF and STAR – the recipient governments play a much more important role in the selection and development of GEF projects and programmes compared to the situation in 1996. Hence the policy and related guidelines needs to be adjusted to take this into consideration.
- d) In the past 18 years there have been many additional policies and council decisions in relation to public involvement and the engagement of stakeholders in GEF – which are not considered in the current policy.

- e) There have been many advances on the nature and best practices for public involvement and stakeholder engagement in the past 18 years and these also need to be considered in the policy.

The review also found that the Policy is not well promoted or implemented in most regions and countries. The Fifth GEF Overall Performance Study (OPS5) also made it very clear that the GEF Public Involvement Policy must be revised and updated. The study on trends on CSO-led projects shows that since the implementation of RAF/STAR, the overall number of CSO-led projects decreased. This may be explained by the restrictions imposed by governments on the use of the GEF country allocation as well as the poor understanding of the requirements of the PIP.

4. Recommendations

The review has made a number of specific recommendations including:

- a) updating of the PIP (make it more authoritative and prescriptive),
- b) development of clear guidelines for Agencies and governments,
- c) enhancing access of CSOs to GEF resources,
- d) provide support to enhance CSO capacity to engage in GEF programmes and enhance experience sharing.
- e)

Changes to the GEF Public Involvement Policy

Proposed changes to the PIP include amendments to the title, scope and structure of the Policy. It is strongly suggested that the title of the Policy be amended to “Policy for the engagement of Civil Society and other stakeholders”. Adding the Rationale, Principles, and Mechanisms sections to the current Policy is important for a few reasons... Also, it is crucial for compliance mechanisms to be built in to the Policy, seeing that the current version of it has not been working largely due to a lack of effective mechanisms. It is recommended that the policy be restructured according to the following structure:

A. Definitions

The definitions section needs to be expanded in order to be more comprehensive. The main additions recommended are: civil society, Civil Society Organisation, levels of engagement, Major groups, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, and Recipient Governments

B. Preamble/Rationale

The scope of the policy, whilst originally being really broad, could be appended with references to specific groups that are particularly vulnerable. It is also recommended that this Policy be re-conceptualized as an umbrella policy that unifies the other Policies of the GEF on related issues. Therefore, the scope of application could be specified to include women (gender mainstreaming), indigenous peoples, etc.

C. Objectives

Changes are proposed to the current objectives as follows:

1. Effective **stakeholder engagement** ~~public involvement~~ is critical to the success of GEF-financed **operations** ~~projects~~. When done appropriately, ~~public involvement~~

stakeholder engagement improves the performance and impact of projects *and programs* by:

- (a) Enhancing recipient country ownership of, and accountability for, project *and program* outcomes;
- (b) Addressing the social and economic needs of affected people;
- (c) Building partnerships among project executing agencies and stakeholders *to support implementation and sustainability of projects and programs*; and
- (d) Making use of skills, experiences, and knowledge, in particular, of CSOs, community and local groups, and the private sector in the design, implementation, and evaluation of project *and program activities*.

D. Principles

The following are proposed as key principles which should apply to the engagement of civil society and other stakeholders in GEF Operations:

Principle 1: There will be effective collaboration and partnerships with stakeholders in all GEF operations

Principle 2: All GEF operations shall be conducted in an open and transparent manner

Principle 3: GEF Operations will respect the rights, diversity and gender of civil society and other stakeholders

Principle 4: There will be full accountability for technical implementation and use of resources in GEF operations.

E. Policy Requirements

The policy requirements are recommended to be expanded upon under the four Principles above. The proposed revised policy requirements are as follows (proposed additions to the current policy requirements are underlined).

Policy Requirement 1: Effective engagement of Civil society and other stakeholders should be designed so that it enhances the social, environmental, and financial sustainability and knowledge base of projects.

Policy Requirement 2: Effective public involvement is mandatory in all GEF projects and programs.

Policy Requirement 3: Stakeholder engagement activities, while mandatory, should be designed and implemented in a flexible manner, adapting and responding to recipient countries' national and local conditions and to project requirements.

Policy Requirement 4: GEF activities for engagement of civil society and other stakeholders must be broad-based and sustainable.

Transparency

Policy Requirement 6 GEF Operations will be carried out in a transparent and open manner.

Policy Requirement 7: All GEF financed projects should have full documentation of Stakeholder engagement.

Policy Requirement 8: All GEF projects and programs must have a clear Stakeholder Engagement Plans.

Respect for Indigenous and local communities, diversity and gender

Policy Requirement 9: GEF and GEF-financed projects and programs should respect multi-cultural diversity and rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Policy Requirement 10: Gender should be mainstreamed in all GEF-financed projects and programs to ensure women and men have equal rights

Accountability

Policy Requirement 11: GEF should ensure the effective engagement of civil society organisations in GEF operations

Policy requirement 12: The extent and effectiveness of engagement of CSOs and other stakeholders in the GEF operations must be monitored, evaluated and reported.

F. Implementation Mechanisms

Two specific implementation mechanisms have been proposed:

Grievance mechanism: There should be a grievance mechanism for the PIP utilising the Conflict Resolution Commissioner in the GEF Sec as well as the formal grievance mechanism of the respective GEF agencies.

Regular review by GEF Council: There should be a regular review of the implementation of the policy as part of the Overall performance study (OPS) undertaken by the GEF Independent evaluation office. This review should report on how GEF recipient countries and GEF agencies are progressing on implementing the Policy

5. Develop guidelines to support implementation of the Public involvement policy

In order to support the implementation of the revised policy it is important that guidelines are prepared for different target groups, including recipient countries and GEF partner agencies, to guide implementation. The following have been identified as priority topics for inclusion in guidelines.

- Elaboration and clarification of particular points in the GEF Policy on engagement of civil society and other stakeholders.
- Definition and categories of Civil society and other stakeholders
- Preparation of Stakeholder engagement section of PIF
- Guidance on the definition and application of different levels of stakeholder engagement Nature and preparation of Stakeholder Engagement Plan in Project Preparation stage
- Desired outcomes and best practice experience of Stakeholder engagement in different projects characterized by stakeholder categories and GEF focal areas.
- Identification and assessment of project beneficiaries
- Provision of information to project stakeholders and GEF information disclosure requirements
- Implementation of GEF Principles and Guidelines for Indigenous peoples

- GEF Gender policy and principles and approaches for gender sensitive project development
- Best practices for Knowledge management Reporting systems for feedback,
- Conflict resolution mechanisms
- Guidance for CSO led projects
- Development of a component in large projects to be carried out by CSOs, or making it an SGP component
- Engagement of CSOs and other stakeholders in participatory monitoring of GEF projects and programmes
- Monitoring and evaluation of the level of CSO engagement on projects and programs
- Involvement of CSOs in GEF Council, ECWs, NPFE and National Dialogues
- Roles and responsibilities of GEF Secretariat, GEF Partner Agencies, GEF Evaluation Office, GEF-CSO Network, OFPs,
- Incorporation of Stakeholder engagement into GEF partner Agency policies.

6. Enhance opportunities for CSOs to access GEF resources for CSO led projects

In order to address the impact of the serious reduction in access to GEF resources (especially MSPs) by national CSOs – it is necessary for GEF to be proactive with either specific set-asides or targets for allocation of resources for CSO-led projects. In addition it may be appropriate to review the MSP modality – which was initially created to enable CSOs to again access to GEF resources. In recent years – more MSPs have been allocated to government agencies rather than CSOs and some GEF agencies have been reluctant to help countries develop MSPs due to the relatively high transaction costs in relation to the fixed management fees.

Encourage partnerships with CSOs in the implementation of Full sized projects

Participants in the GEF 6 replenishment agreed that “the GEF should continue to strengthen its partnership with governments, civil society and indigenous peoples organizations, the private sector, and other stakeholders that have already helped achieve results-on-the-ground”.

To achieve such an increase in the share of partnerships with CSOs in project implementation, OFPs should take full advantage of CSOs and other stakeholders with experience in the GEF areas of work by consistently consulting and engaging with them, at all stages of the project cycle. These partnerships should be based on mutual respect for the different roles that governments and CSOs play, particular expertise, strengths, weaknesses and capabilities. The resulting partnerships will, in turn, lead to enhanced CSO participation in projects and increased impact and sustainability of GEF interventions.

7. Create and enhance Knowledge partnerships with CSOs

In enhancing experience sharing, knowledge partnerships with CSOs should be created and enhanced. This is encapsulated in one of the key policy recommendations for GEF 6,

i.e. *Strengthening the Results-Based Management and Knowledge Management Systems*, which includes the proposal to “create active, solutions-oriented working knowledge partnerships”.

Annex 6 Updated list of member organizations by region

No	Organization Name	Country	Region
1	Action de Développement, Promotion et Assistance Communautaire, en sigle ADPAC	Congo DR	Africa - Central
2	ACTION JEUNESSE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT	Congo	Africa - Central
3	Action pour le Développement de l'Agriculture et de la Pêche avec Protection Environnementale de Likende (ADAPEL)	Congo	Africa - Central
4	ACTION POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT INTEGRE ET LA SANTE POUR TOUS (ADIST)	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
5	Action Volontaire pour la Lutte contre les Changements Climatiques et les Effets Negatifs du Soufre du Diesel "AVOCHACLISD"	Burundi	Africa - Central
6	AFRIQUE ACTION CONTRE LES CHANGEMENTS CLIMATIQUES (AFRICA ACTION AGAINIST CLIMATE CHANGE) - ACC	Burundi	Africa - Central
7	Akwi Memorial Foundation (AMF)	Cameroon	Africa - Central
8	Amigos de la Naturaleza y del Desarrollo de Guinea Ecuatorial (ANDEGE)	Equatorial Guinea	Africa - Central
9	Animal Husbandry and Research Institute Alliance (AHAIRA)	Cameroon	Africa - Central
10	APRODEA, ACTION FOR ECONOMIC AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
11	Association Congolaise pour Développement Agricole (ACDA)	Congo	Africa - Central
12	ASSOCIATION DES TRADIPRATICIENS DU KASAÁ • OCCIDENTAL (ATRAKOC)	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
13	Association of Actions of Peace and Community Development (APADEC)	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
14	Aube Nouvelle Pour La Femme Et Le Developpement (ANFD)/ New Dawn for Women and Development (NDWD)	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
15	CADIC	Congo	Africa - Central
16	Centre d'Appui pour le Developpement Integre de Lukolela en sigle CADIL/asbl	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
17	CENTRE DE RECHERCHES APPLIQUEES "PAILLASSE"	Congo	Africa - Central
18	Ecologistes Du Monde	Congo	Africa - Central
19	FONDATION VILLAGEOISE DE GESTION DE LA NATURE ET DE LUTTE CONTRE LE BRACONNAGE	Gabon	Africa - Central
20	GASCO - Cameroun	Cameroon	Africa - Central
21	GROUPE D'ACTION POUR L'ASSAINISSEMENT DES CENTRES URBAINS DU CONGO en sigle GAACUC	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
22	Groupe D'Action Aux Necessiteux - GAN	Congo	Africa - Central
23	Hard Working Farmers Common Initiative Group	Cameroon	Africa - Central
24	HOPE IN AFRICA	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
25	Maison Pierre Angulaire Sacree (MPAS)	Congo DR	
26	ONG Brainforest	Gabon	Africa - Central
27	OPED - Organization pour l'Environnement et le Developpement Durable	Cameroon	Africa - Central
28	Organisation de defense de l'environnement au Burundi 'ODEB'	Burundi	Africa - Central
29	organisation des laics engagés du sacré coeur pour le developpement de kimbondo	Congo	Africa - Central
30	Protection Environnementale et le Developpement Durable (APEDD)	Central African Republic	Africa - Central
31	Redemption Health Foundation for Sustainable rural Development and Conservation (RHFSRD & C)	Cameroon	Africa - Central
32	Regroupement Pour le Developpement Communautaire "REDECOM"	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
33	SOCIETE CIVILE ENVIRONNEMENTALE ET AGRO-RURALE DU CONGO (SOCEARUCO)	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
34	Synergie d'Aides Prioritaires-Aides Urgences (SAP-AU)	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
35	The Research Institute for Development, Communication and School Partnership (RIDCSP)	Cameroon	Africa - Central

No	Organization Name	Country	Region
36	TOUS EN ACTION POUR LE PROGRES (TAP)	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
37	UNION DES CULTIVATEURS ELEVEURS DE MPOMA (U.C.E.M/ASBL)	Congo, Dem.Rep.	Africa - Central
38	UNIVERSAL UNION FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION AND CIVIL ABUSE	Cameroon	Africa - Central
39	African Conservation Foundation	Kenya	Africa - East
40	ASB - PARTNERSHIP FOR TROPICAL FOREST MARGINS	Kenya	Africa - East
41	CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT (CIDev)	Uganda	Africa - East
42	Chimpanzee Sanctuary & Wildlife Conservation Trust (CSWCT)	Uganda	Africa - East
43	Climate Network Africa	Kenya	Africa - East
44	Council for Human Ecology - Kenya	Kenya	Africa - East
45	Development Indian Ocean Network (DION)	Mauritius	Africa - East
46	DONET - Dodoma Environmental Network	Tanzania	Africa - East
47	Earthsavers Movement Uganda Chapter	Uganda	Africa - East
48	East Africa Natural History Society	Kenya	Africa - East
49	Ensemble pour le Développement Durable du District d'Arta (E.D.D.A.)	Djibouti	Africa - East
50	Entebbe Women Association (EWA)	Uganda	Africa - East
51	Environmental Alert	Uganda	Africa - East
52	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TRUST OF UGANDA (ECOTRUST)	Uganda	Africa - East
53	Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement	Uganda	Africa - East
54	Environmental Protection and Conservation Organization (EPCO)	Mauritius	Africa - East
55	Environment Liaison Centre International (ELCI)	Kenya	Africa - East
56	Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society	Ethiopia	Africa - East
57	Forum For Environment	Ethiopia	Africa - East
58	Ilemela District Civil Societies Network (ILEDICINET)	Tanzania	Africa - East
59	KENYA NETWORK OF GRASSROOTS ORGANISATIONS (KENGO)	Kenya	Africa - East
60	LEM, The Environment and Development Society of Ethiopia	Ethiopia	Africa - East
61	MABIRA FOREST INTEGRATED COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	Uganda	Africa - East
62	Mahemo(Mahanga Environment Management Organisation)	Uganda	Africa - East
63	Majaso Human Development (MAHUDE)	Kenya	Africa - East
64	Mauritius Council for Development, Environmental Studies and Conservation (MAUDESCO)	Mauritius	Africa - East
65	Mauritius Council of Social Service (MACOSS)	Mauritius	Africa - East
66	Mauritius Marine Conservation Society	Mauritius	Africa - East
67	Mgahinga Community Development Organisation (MCDO)	Uganda	Africa - East
68	Mutukula Community Development Association (MUCODA)	Uganda	Africa - East
69	NATURE KENYA	Kenya	Africa - East
70	Nature Palace Foundation	Uganda	Africa - East
71	NatureUganda - the East Africa Natural History Society (EANHS)	Uganda	Africa - East
72	Networks and Information Exchange (NETINFEX)	Uganda	Africa - East
73	OSIENALA - Friends of Lake Victoria	Kenya	Africa - East
74	Pro-biodiversity Conservationist in Uganda (PROBICOU)	Uganda	Africa - East
75	Rwanda Environmental Conservation Organisation (RECOR)	Rwanda	Africa - East
76	Silanga Mwingeny Ruaka Self Help Group	Kenya	Africa - East
77	Soroti Rural Development Agency (SORUDA)	Uganda	Africa - East
78	SSESE Health Effort for Development	Uganda	Africa - East
79	Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment (SWAGEN)	Uganda	Africa - East
80	Sustainable Agriculture Trainers Network (SATNET)	Uganda	Africa - East
81	Sustainable Agriculture, Forestry & Environment Concerns - SAFE	Uganda	Africa - East
82	Sustainable for Environment & Climate Change Association	Tanzania	Africa - East

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83	Uganda Association for Social Economic Progress	Uganda	Africa - East
84	Uganda Coalition for Crisis Prevention (UCCP)	Uganda	Africa - East
85	UGANDA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION (UEEF)	Uganda	Africa - East
86	Wildlife Clubs of Uganda (WCU)	Uganda	Africa - East
87	WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF TANZANIA (WCST)	Tanzania	Africa - East
88	WWF Madagascar and West Indian Ocean Programme Office	Madagascar	Africa - East
89	Youth Environment Service (YES)	Uganda	Africa - East
90	Algerian Ecological Movement	Algeria	Africa - North
91	Arab Network for Environment & Development (RAED)	Egypt	Africa - North
92	Arab Office for Youth and Environment (AOYE)	Egypt	Africa - North
93	Association of Continuity Generations	Tunisia	Africa - North
94	Association de Recherche sur le Climat et l'Environnement (ARCE)	Algeria	Africa - North
95	Association pour l'environnement et le developpement Mauritanie Sahel AEDMS	Mauritania	Africa - North
96	Association Pour La Protection Del'environnement et le developpement durable de bizerte (APEDDUB)	Tunisia	Africa - North
97	Association Tunisienne pour la Protection de la Nature et de l'Environnement, ATPNE	Tunisia	Africa - North
98	Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services	Egypt	Africa - North
99	Groupe d'Etudes et Recherches sur les Energies Renouvelables et l'Environnement (GERERE)	Morocco	Africa - North
100	Intermediate Technologies - Sudan	Sudan	Africa - North
101	International Energy Foundation (IEF)	Libya	Africa - North
102	Ong Agir En Faveur De L' environnement (ONG AFE)	Mauritania	Africa - North
103	Protection de l'environnement et de l'ecosysteme Mauritanie (PEECO)	Mauritania	Africa - North
104	Société Protectrice des Animaux et de la Nature (SPANNA)	Morocco	Africa - North
105	Sudanese Environment Conservation Society (SECS)	Sudan	Africa - North
106	Action for Environmental Sustainability (AFES)	Malawi	Africa - South
107	ADPP Mozambique	Mozambique	Africa - South
108	Africa Foundation for Sustainable Development Mozambique	Mozambique	Africa - South
109	Alliance for Nutrition and Reconstruction (ANR)	Zambia	Africa - South
110	Community Initiative for Social Enhancement (CISE)	South Africa	Africa - South
111	Development Aid from People to People in Malawi	Malawi	Africa - South
112	Dialogue International	Zambia	Africa - South
113	Environmental Monitoring Group (EMG)	South Africa	Africa - South
114	Food & Trees for Zambia	Zambia	Africa - South
115	Foundation for Wildlife and Habitat Conservation	Zimbabwe	Africa - South
116	Geography & Environment Movement (GEM)	Lesotho	Africa - South
117	HEIFER INTERNATIONAL ZAMBIA	Zambia	Africa - South
118	Human People to People in South Africa	South Africa	Africa - South
119	Human Settlements of Zambia (HUZA)	Zambia	Africa - South
120	Imiti Ikula Empanga Environment and Development Organisation (IIEEDO)	Zambia	Africa - South
121	JEA - The Ecological Youth of Angola	Angola	Africa - South
122	Judith Chikonde Foundation (JCF)	Zambia	Africa - South
123	Kachere Development Program	Southern Africa	Africa - South
124	LEAD Southern & Eastern Africa	Malawi	Africa - South
125	Life Concern Organisation (LICO)	Malawi	Africa - South
126	Masvingo Community Based HIV/AIDS and Vulnerable Children's Organization	Zimbabwe	Africa - South
127	Nyimba District Farmers Association	Zambia	Africa - South
128	OLIVE LEAF Foundation	South Africa	Africa - South
129	PANOS SOUTHERN AFRICA	Zambia	Africa - South
130	Peace Parks Foundation	South Africa	Africa - South
131	Phunzirani Development Organisation (PDO)	Malawi	Africa - South

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132	Save Environment and People Agency (SEPA)	Zambia	Africa - South
133	Southern Centre for Energy and Environment	Zimbabwe	Africa - South
134	SouthSouthNorth	South Africa	Africa - South
135	Sustainability Institute	South Africa	Africa - South
136	Sustainable Rural Growth and Development Initiative (SRGDI)	Malawi	Africa - South
137	ZERO Regional Environment Organization	Zimbabwe	Africa - South
138	A.V.D.A.	Cote d'Ivoire	Africa - West
139	Abibimman Foundation	Ghana	Africa - West
140	African Research Association Managing Development in Nigeria (ARADIN)	Nigeria	Africa - West
141	African Youth Movement [AYM]	Nigeria	Africa - West
142	Asagyam Help for the Needy (ASAHN) NGO	Ghana	Africa - West
143	Association des Femmes Peules Autochtones du Tchad (AFPAT)	Chad	Africa - West
144	Bioresources Development and Conservation Programme (BDCP)	Nigeria	Africa - West
145	Bright Generation Community Foundation	Ghana	Africa - West
146	CENTRE FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENT (CWED)	Nigeria	Africa - West
147	Climate Action Network - Ghana	Ghana	Africa - West
148	Community Engineering Programme - COMENGIP	Senegal	Africa - West
149	Community Research and Development Centre (CREDC)	Nigeria	Africa - West
150	Conservation Society of Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	Africa - West
151	Defence Against Aids, Poverty and Underdevelopment (DAAPU)	Ghana	Africa - West
152	Drama Network	Ghana	Africa - West
153	Dunns Rural Industrialisation Programme (DRIP)	Nigeria	Africa - West
154	ECO-ECOLO	Benin	Africa - West
155	ENDA - Environment and Development Action	Senegal	Africa - West
156	Evergreen Habitat Organisation	Nigeria	Africa - West
157	ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION FOR AFRICA	Sierra Leone	Africa - West
158	Environmental Protection and Development Group (GEPADG)	Gambia	Africa - West
159	Fantsuam Foundation	Nigeria	Africa - West
160	Foundation for Future Christian Workers International (FFCWI)	Ghana	Africa - West
161	Foundation for the Conservation of the Earth (FOCONE)	Nigeria	Africa - West
162	Free World Foundation	Ghana	Africa - West
163	Friends of Environment and Humanity Foundation (FEHUF)	Ghana	Africa - West
164	GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT ACTION (GADA)	Nigeria	Africa - West
165	GENERATION DEVELOPMENT LINK	Ghana	Africa - West
166	Ghana Wildlife Society	Ghana	Africa - West
167	GLOBAL GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK	Ghana	Africa - West
168	Green Earth Organization	Ghana	Africa - West
169	Greenwatch Initiative	Nigeria	Africa - West
170	HATOF Foundation	Ghana	Africa - West
171	Human Care and Maintenance Foundation (HUCAM)	Ghana	Africa - West
172	Initiative for Food Environment and Health Society (IFEHS)	Nigeria	Africa - West
173	Jeunesse Action Developpement Solidarite (JADES)	Nigeria	Africa - West
174	Kanuri Development Association	Nigeria	Africa - West
175	LEAD TCHAD	Chad	Africa - West
176	Les Amis de la Terre	Benin	Africa - West
177	National Instrument for Democracy and Economic Development (NIDE)	Cote d'Ivoire	Africa - West
178	Nature Tropicale	Benin	Africa - West
179	Neighbourhood Environment Watch Foundation (NEW)	Nigeria	Africa - West
180	NESDA Secretariat	Cote d'Ivoire	Africa - West
181	Network for Promotion of Agriculture And Environmental Studies	Ghana	Africa - West
182	Ojope Farmers and Rural Dwellers Development Association (OFRDDA)	Nigeria	Africa - West
183	Poverty in Africa Alternative (POVINAA)	Nigeria	Africa - West

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184	Reseau Beninois des ONGs de L'Environnement	Benin	Africa - West
185	Small and Medium Scale Entrepreneurship Fundamentals Foundation (SMEFUNDS)	Nigeria	Africa - West
186	Society For the Improvement of Rural People-Nigeria (NSIRP)	Nigeria	Africa - West
187	SOS SAHEL International-Niger	Nigeria	Africa - West
188	Strategic Youth Network for Development (SYND)	Ghana	Africa - West
189	Take Care Africa Foundation (TCAF)	Ghana	Africa - West
190	Tetrem Rural Community Agricultural Farmers and Craft Development Association	Ghana	Africa - West
191	The Movement For The Survival Of The Ogoni People (MOSOP)	Nigeria	Africa - West
192	The Small Holders Foundation	Nigeria	Africa - West
193	Together Rural Development Solidarity	Ghana	Africa - West
194	TROPICAL FOREST NETWORK (TFN)	Nigeria	Africa - West
195	Vision to Action (VITA)	Ghana	Africa - West
196	Women Environmental Programme	Nigeria	Africa - West
197	Wuni Zaligu Development Association (WUZDA)	Ghana	Africa - West
198	Youth Aid Foundation for Winners	Ghana	Africa - West
199	Youth as a Mission Development Association (YAAMDA)	Ghana	Africa - West
200	All China Environment Federation (ACEF)	China	Asia - North East
201	Beijing Forestry Society (BFS)	China	Asia - North East
202	China Green Foundation	China	Asia - North East
203	China Mangrove Conservation Network	China	Asia - North East
204	Environmental Quality Protection Foundation	Taiwan, China	Asia - North East
205	Friends of Nature	China	Asia - North East
206	Global Environmental Forum	Japan	Asia - North East
207	Global Village Beijing	China	Asia - North East
208	Green Anhui Environment Development Center	China	Asia - North East
209	Green Asia Network	Republic Of Korea	Asia - North East
210	Green Camel Bell	China	Asia - North East
211	Green Education Center (GEC)	China	Asia - North East
212	Green Hanjiang	China	Asia - North East
213	Green Initiatives	Mongolia	Asia - North East
214	Green River Environmental Protection Association of Sichuan	China	Asia - North East
215	Guizhouren Net	China	Asia - North East
216	Hangzhou Eco-Culture Association	China	Asia - North East
217	Japan Council for Sustainable Development	Japan	Asia - North East
218	Japan Wildlife Research Center (JWRC)	Japan	Asia - North East
219	Lanzhou University Center for Western Environmental and Social Development & Gansu Center for Western Environmental and Social Development	China	Asia - North East
220	Longyou Environment Conservation Association Tianshui City	China	Asia - North East
221	Organization for Industrial and Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA- International)	Japan	Asia - North East
222	Sustainable Development and Environmental Law Institute	China	Asia - North East
223	The Institute for China and Global Environmental Sustainability (CHANGES)	China	Asia - North East
224	The Takagi Fund for Citizen Science	Japan	Asia - North East
225	Wild Bird Society of Japan (International Center)	Japan	Asia - North East
226	Yunnan Environment Development Institute (YEDI)	China	Asia - North East
227	Aga Khan Planning and Building Service Pakistan	Pakistan	Asia - South
228	AKSHAYA Rehabilitation Trust	India	Asia - South
229	Association for Protection of Environment and Culture (APEC)	Nepal	Asia - South
230	Applied Environment Research Foundation (AERF)	India	Asia - South
231	Bangladesh Association For Community Education (BACE)	Bangladesh	Asia - South
232	Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies	Bangladesh	Asia - South
233	Bangladesh Poush	Bangladesh	Asia - South
234	Belour Advisory and Social Development Organization (BASDO)	Pakistan	Asia - South
235	Bombay Natural History Society	India	Asia - South

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236	CARAVAN	Pakistan	Asia - South
237	Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society (CECOEDECON)	India	Asia - South
238	Centre for Environment Protection (CEP)	India	Asia - South
239	Centre for Rural Technology, Nepal (CRT/N)	Nepal	Asia - South
240	Community Development Library (CDL)	Bangladesh	Asia - South
241	DRUSTI	India	Asia - South
242	Endangered Species Protection Group(ESPG)	India	Asia - South
243	Environmental Resources Research Centre	India	Asia - South
244	Foundation for Ecological Security (FES)	India	Asia - South
245	Gene Campaign	India	Asia - South
246	Haritika	India	Asia - South
247	Himalayan Light Foundation	Nepal	Asia - South
248	INDEX	Bangladesh	Asia - South
249	Institute for Integrated Rural Development	India	Asia - South
250	Institute of Sustainable Development (ISDESR)	India	Asia - South
251	Karaikal Mobility Training and Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind (KMTRCB)	India	Asia - South
252	LEAD Pakistan	Pakistan	Asia - South
253	LEADERS Nepal	Nepal	Asia - South
254	Life Academy of Vocational Studies (LAVS)	India	Asia - South
255	Live and Learn Environmental Education	Maldives	Asia - South
256	Meghalaya Environment and Wildlife Society	India	Asia - South
257	Multi-purpose Community Development Society (MCDS)	India	Asia - South
258	National Women's Welfare Society	India	Asia - South
259	NATURE ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE SOCIETY	India	Asia - South
260	New World Hope Organization	Pakistan	Asia - South
261	PAHAL	India	Asia - South
262	Resources Center for Sustainable Development (RCSD)	India	Asia - South
263	Rural Area Development Programme (RADP)	Nepal	Asia - South
264	Rural Development Foundation	Pakistan	Asia - South
265	Rural Reconstruction Nepal - RRN	Nepal	Asia - South
266	Samanvay Resource Center	India	Asia - South
267	SHELTER	Bangladesh	Asia - South
268	Shri Jagdamba Samiti	India	Asia - South
269	Sindhica Reforms Society	Pakistan	Asia - South
270	Society For Conservation and Protection of the Environment (SCOPE)	Pakistan	Asia - South
271	Society for Environment & Development (SED)	India	Asia - South
272	Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA)	India	Asia - South
273	Society for Urban Environmental Protection (SUEP)	Bangladesh	Asia - South
274	Socio Economic Unit Foundation	India	Asia - South
275	Solidarity for Social Equality (SSE Human Rights Center)	India	Asia - South
276	SOUTH ASIAN FORUM FOR ENVIRONMENT (SAFE)	India	Asia - South
277	The Energy and Resources Institute-TERI	India	Asia - South
278	Vidyanagar Nature Club	India	Asia - South
279	Wildlife and Nature Protection Society of Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Asia - South
280	World Wide Fund for Nature India (WWF-India)	India	Asia - South
281	World Wide Fund for Nature-Pakistan	Pakistan	Asia - South
282	Youth Welfare Club	India	Asia - South
283	Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)	Thailand	Asia - South East
284	Asian Institute for Development Communication (Aidcom)	Malaysia	Asia - South East
285	Associated Labor Unions-Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (ALU-TUCP)	Philippines	Asia - South East
286	Ateneo De Manila University	Philippines	Asia - South East
287	Centre for Development Programs in the Cordillera - CDPC	Philippines	Asia - South East
288	Centre for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (CRES)	Vietnam	Asia - South East
289	Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities (Clean Air Asia)	Philippines	Asia - South East
290	Community Translation Organisation (CTO)	Cambodia	Asia - South East

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291	Environmental Management and Research Association of Malaysia (ENSEARCH)	Malaysia	Asia - South East
292	Foundation for the Philippine Environment	Philippines	Asia - South East
293	Global Environment Centre	Malaysia	Asia - South East
294	Haribon Foundation for the Conservation of Natural Resources	Philippines	Asia - South East
295	Lao Institute for Renewable Energy	Lao PDR	Asia - South East
296	Malaysian Nature Society	Malaysia	Asia - South East
297	Malaysian Society of Marine Sciences (MSMS)	Malaysia	Asia - South East
298	National Council of Women's Organizations	Malaysia	Asia - South East
299	Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahang Magsasaka - PAKISAMA	Philippines	Asia - South East
300	Save the Earth Cambodia	Cambodia	Asia - South East
301	The Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation-KEHATI	Indonesia	Asia - South East
302	The Rufino M. Reyes Memorial Foundation, Inc.	Philippines	Asia - South East
303	Wetlands International	Malaysia	Asia - South East
304	Green Line Association	Lebanon	Asia - West
305	CENESTA (Center for Sustainable Development)	Iran, Islamic Rep.of	Asia - West
306	Development for People and Nature Association	Lebanon	Asia - West
307	Emirates Environmental group (EEG)	United Arab Emirates	Asia - West
308	Gulf Research Center (GRC)	Saudi Arabia	Asia - West
309	Jordan Environment Society	Jordan	Asia - West
310	Jordan Society for Sustainable Development (JSSD)	Jordan	Asia - West
311	Mountain Environment Protection Society (MEPS)	Iran, Islamic Rep.of	Asia - West
312	Noor Al Hussein Foundation	Jordan	Asia - West
313	Palestine Wildlife Society	Palestine	Asia - West
314	Plan for the Land Society - TARH E SARZAMIN PAIDAR	Iran, Islamic Rep.of	Asia - West
315	Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature	Jordan	Asia - West
316	Technology Development Foundation of Turkey (TTGV)	Turkey	Asia - West
317	The Applied Research Institute - Jerusalem (ARIJ)	Palestine	Asia - West
318	The National Environment and Wildlife Society (NEWS)	Jordan	Asia - West
319	Together to Protect Human & the Environment Association	Iraq	Asia - West
320	Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats (TEMA)	Turkey	Asia - West
321	Women's Access to Entrepreneurship Development and Training (WAEDAT)	Jordan	Asia - West
322	Andros Conservancy and Trust (ANCAT)	Bahamas	Caribbean
323	Bahamas National Trust	Bahamas	Caribbean
324	Birdlife Jamaica	Jamaica	Caribbean
325	CARIBBEAN CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (CCA)	Barbados	Caribbean
326	Caribbean Forest Conservation Association (CFCA)	Trinidad and Tobago	Caribbean
327	Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development	Trinidad and Tobago	Caribbean
328	Environment TOBAGO	Trinidad and Tobago	Caribbean
329	Fondation pour la Protection de la Biodiversité Marine (FoProBiM)	Haiti	Caribbean
330	Friends of the Environment	Bahamas	Caribbean
331	Fundacio Sur Futuro Inc.	Dominican Republic	Caribbean
332	Indigenous People (Bethelchilokono) of Saint Lucia Governing Council (BGC)	St. Lucia	Caribbean
333	Island Resources Foundation (Virgin Islands)	Virgin Islands	Caribbean
334	MEDIO AMBIENTE Y DESARROLLO EN EL CARIBE (ENDA-CARIBE)	Dominican Republic	Caribbean
335	St. Lucia National Trust	St. Lucia	Caribbean

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336	Stichting Institute for Environmental Technology and Information - SIETI	Suriname	Caribbean
337	Suriname Conservation Foundation	Suriname	Caribbean
338	The Trust for Sustainable Livelihoods	Trinidad and Tobago	Caribbean
339	"Eko-Alem" (Eco-World) Public Union	Azerbaijan	Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA)
340	"For Healthy Life" Ecological Public Union	Azerbaijan	EECA
341	APB-BirdLife Belarus (Akhova ptushak Batskaushchyny)	Belarus	EECA
342	Aral Tenizi	Kazakhstan	EECA
343	Armenian Ecotourism Association	Armenia	EECA
344	Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment	Armenia	EECA
345	Association for Farmers Rights Defence	Georgia	EECA
346	Association of Forest & Landuse Tajikistan	Tajikistan	EECA
347	Biodiversity Conservation Fund of Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	EECA
348	Caucasus Environmental NGO Network (CENN)	Georgia	EECA
349	Climate Change Coordination Centre (CCCC)	Kazakhstan	EECA
350	Ecoforum of Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan	EECA
351	Ecological Fund of the Crimea	Ukraine	EECA
352	Ecological Innovation Center of Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan	EECA
353	Ecological Movement of Moldova	Moldova, Rep.of	EECA
354	Ecological Society Ruzgar	Azerbaijan	EECA
355	EcoTeam - Energy and Environmental consulting NGO	Armenia	EECA
356	Environmental Educational Center "Zapovedniks"	Russian Federation	EECA
357	Farmer of Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	EECA
358	Foundation to Support Civil Initiatives (FSCI)	Tajikistan	EECA
359	Green Lane Agricultural Assistance NGO	Armenia	EECA
360	Independent Ecological Expertise	Kyrgyzstan	EECA
361	Kyrgyz Association of Forest and Land Users (KAFLU)	Kyrgyz Republic	EECA
362	NACRES - Centre for Biodiversity Conservation & Research (formerly Noah's Ark Centre for the Recovery of Endangered Species)	Georgia	EECA
363	National Center of Environment Forecasting (NCEG)/ECO-REAL	Azerbaijan	EECA
364	Public Association Belarusian Movement "Otechestvo"	Belarus	EECA
365	Public Association BIOS	Moldova, Rep.of	EECA
366	Regional Environmental Centre Caucasus (REC Caucasus)	Georgia	EECA
367	Rural Development Fund	Kyrgyz Republic	EECA
368	Russian Association of indigenous Peoples of the North RAIPON	Russian Federation	EECA
369	Socio - Ecological Fund	Kazakhstan	EECA
370	Tebigy Kuwwat Social Unit Enterprise	Turkmenistan	EECA
371	Terra-1530	Moldova, Rep.of	EECA
372	UKRAINIAN SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS	Ukraine	EECA
373	Union "Green Way"	Georgia	EECA
374	Young Generation of Tajikistan	Tadzhikistan	EECA
375	Youth Ecological Movement BIOM	Kyrgyz Republic	EECA
376	Action Aid International	United Kingdom	Europe
377	AGRISUD INTERNATIONAL (formerly Energy 21)	France	Europe
378	Asociatia "Valea Soarelui"/"Sun Valley" Association	Romania	Europe
379	Asociacion Chelonia	Europe	Spain
380	Association for Nature	Poland	Europe
381	Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF Lithuania)	Lithuania	Europe
382	Birdlife Denmark	Denmark	Europe
383	Birdlife International	United Kingdom	Europe
384	Both Ends	Netherlands	Europe
385	Center for Research and Information on Development (CRID)	France	Europe
386	Central and Eastern European Working Group for the	Hungary	Europe

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	Enhancement of Biodiversity - CEEweb for Biodiversity		
387	CESVI - Cooperazione e Sviluppo	Italy	Europe
388	CINS-Cooperazione Italiana Nord Sud	Italy	Europe
389	Clean Air Foundation	Poland	Europe
390	Climate Network Europe (CAN-Europe)	Belgium	Europe
391	Croplife International	Belgium	Europe
392	Earth Council Geneva	Switzerland	Europe
393	FIBA - Fondation Internationale du Banc d'Arguin	Switzerland	Europe
394	Forest Peoples Programme	United Kingdom	Europe
395	Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)	Germany	Europe
396	Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI)	Norway	Europe
397	German NGO Forum Environment and Development	Germany	Europe
398	Global Witness	United Kingdom	Europe
399	Green Peace International	Netherlands	Europe
400	Groupe de Recherche en Agriculture Biologique (GRAB)	France	Europe
401	HUMANA Fundaci3n Pueblo para Pueblo	Spain	Europe
402	ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability	Germany	Europe
403	ICCA Consortium (Consortium APAC)	Switzerland	Europe
404	Institute for International Relations	Croatia	Europe
405	International Congo Aid - Smile African Children (ICASAC/ CHARITY)	United Kingdom	Europe
406	International Council of Environmental Law	Germany	Europe
407	International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC)	Switzerland	Europe
408	International HCH & Pesticides Foundation	Denmark	Europe
409	International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)	United Kingdom	Europe
410	International Network for Sustainable Energy (INFORSE)	Denmark	Europe
411	International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN)	Sweden	Europe
412	International Scientific Forum "Danube-River of Cooperation"	Serbia	Europe
413	International Society of Doctors for the Environment - ISDE	Italy	Europe
414	Lega Italiana Protezione Uccelli (LIPU)	Italy	Europe
415	Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles (MEDASSET/Greece)	Greece	Europe
416	Mercy Corps, Scotland	Scotland	Europe
417	Milieukontakt International	Netherlands	Europe
418	Milvus Group - Bird and Nature Protection Association	Romania	Europe
419	Naturschutzbund (NABU)	Germany	Europe
420	NGO " Local Agenda 21 for Kostolac - BOROUGH"	Serbia	Europe
421	Nordisk Fond for Miljø og Udvikling	Denmark	Europe
422	Polish Ecological Club	Poland	Europe
423	PRIMA KLIMA-weltweit-e.V	Germany	Europe
424	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	United Kingdom	Europe
425	SAAMI Council	Finland	Europe
426	SAVE Foundation	Germany	Europe
427	Swiss Coalition of Development Organizations	Switzerland	Europe
428	Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD)	Switzerland	Europe
429	Tchad Agri Pour l' Environnement (TCHAPE)	Switzerland	Europe
430	The African Conservation Centre	United Kingdom	Europe
431	The International Environmental Law Research Centre (IELRC)	Switzerland	Europe
432	This Is My Environment (TIME) Ecoprojects Foundation	Bulgaria	Europe
433	Transparency International	Germany	Europe
434	UK Committee for IUCN	United Kingdom	Europe
435	VOLONTARI DEUROPA O.n.l.u.s. EUROPEES VOLUNTEERS	Italy	Europe
436	World Soil Information - ISRIC	Netherlands	Europe
437	Worldwide Organization for Sustainable Ports and Marinas	Switzerland	Europe
438	WWF International- World Wide Fund for Nature	Switzerland	Europe
439	Asociaci3n Centroamericana para la Economia, la Salud y el Ambiente - ACEPESA	Costa Rica	Mesoamerica

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440	Asociacion Ixacavaa De Desarrollo E Informacion Indigena	Costa Rica	Mesoamerica
441	Biodiversidad: Conservación y Restauración, A.C.	Mexico	Mesoamerica
442	Biomass Users Network (BUN-CA)	Costa Rica	Mesoamerica
443	Centro de Agroecologia San Francisco de Asis A.C.	Mexico	Mesoamerica
444	Centro de Derecho Ambiental y de los Recursos Naturales (CEDARENA)	Costa Rica	Mesoamerica
445	Centro de Transporte Sustentable de México Asociación Civil	Mexico	Mesoamerica
446	Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental (CEMDA)	Mexico	Mesoamerica
447	Cultural Association SEJEKTO of Costa Rica	Costa Rica	Mesoamerica
448	Federacion Organizaciones y Juntas Ambientalistas de Venezuela (FORJA)	Venezuela	Mesoamerica
449	Fundacion Hondurena de Ambiente y Desarrollo (Fundacion Vida)	Honduras	Mesoamerica
450	Fundacion Maquilishuatl	El Salvador	Mesoamerica
451	Fundacion para el Ecodesarrollo y la Conservacion FUNDAECO	Guatemala	Mesoamerica
452	Fundacion para la Defensa de la Naturaleza (FUDENA)	Venezuela	Mesoamerica
453	Fundacion para la Promocion del Conocimiento Indigena (FPCI)	Panama	Mesoamerica
454	Grupo Ecologico Sierra Gorda I.A.P.	Mexico	Mesoamerica
455	Institute for Sustainable Development in Mesoamerica, A.C	Mexico	Mesoamerica
456	INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL PEOPLES OF THE TROPICAL FORESTS	Panama	Mesoamerica
457	MEROLEC A.C.	Mexico	Mesoamerica
458	Politica Ambiental WWF	Mexico	Mesoamerica
459	Programa de Accion Tropical Forestal A.C.	Mexico	Mesoamerica
460	PRONATURA A.C.	Mexico	Mesoamerica
461	Pronatura Chiapas	Mexico	Mesoamerica
462	SalvaNATURA	El Salvador	Mesoamerica
463	American Forests	USA	North America
464	Animal Welfare Institute	USA	North America
465	Arctic Athabaskan Council	Canada	North America
466	Atlantic States Legal Foundation, Inc. (ASLF)	USA	North America
467	BIORESOURCES DEVELOPMENT & CONSERVATION PROGRAMME	USA	North America
468	Center for Energy and Environmental Policy, University of Delaware	USA	North America
469	Center for Environmental Diplomacy	USA	North America
470	Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)	USA	North America
471	Circumpolar Conservation Union (CCU)	USA	North America
472	Climate Institute	USA	North America
473	Conservation International	USA	North America
474	Earth Day Network	USA	North America
475	Earth Island Institute	USA	North America
476	Environment Action Association	USA	North America
477	Environmental Health Fund	USA	North America
478	Forest Trends	USA	North America
479	Global Coral Reef Alliance	USA	North America
480	Global Greengrants Fund	USA	North America
481	Global Partnership for Afghanistan (GPFA)	USA	North America
482	Green Empowerment	USA	North America
483	Hydrologic Research Center	USA	North America
484	Institute for Sustainable Power, Inc.	USA	North America
485	Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)	USA	North America
486	International Fund for Animal Welfare	USA	North America
487	International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)	Canada	North America
488	International Snow Leopard Trust	USA	North America
489	International START Secretariat	USA	North America
490	Island Resources Foundation (USA)	USA	North America
491	IUCN Washington D.C.	USA	North America

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492	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	USA	North America
493	Land is Life	USA	North America
494	Macleod Institute for Environmental Analysis	Canada	North America
495	Mercy Corps	USA	North America
496	National Audubon Society	USA	North America
497	Natural Resources Defense Council	USA	North America
498	Nature Canada	Canada	North America
499	Partnership for African Environmental Sustainability (PAES)	USA	North America
500	Public Interest Intellectual Property Advisors	USA	North America
501	Public Technology Inc.	USA	North America
502	Rainforest Alliance	USA	North America
503	Rainforest Foundation US	USA	North America
504	RARE Center for Tropical Conservation	USA	North America
505	Renewable Natural Resources Foundation	USA	North America
506	Rocky Mountain Institute	USA	North America
507	Solar Electric Light Fund (SELF)	USA	North America
508	The Cousteau Society	USA	North America
509	The H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment	USA	North America
510	The Mountain Institute	USA	North America
511	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	USA	North America
512	United Nations Foundation	USA	North America
513	Wildlife Conservation Society	USA	North America
514	World Learning Inc.	USA	North America
515	World Resources Institute	USA	North America
516	World Wildlife Fund (WWF-US)	USA	North America
517	Ecologic Foundation	New Zealand	Pacific
518	Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International (FSPI)	Fiji	Pacific
519	Pacific Gender Climate Coalition	Cooks Island	Pacific
520	Institute for International Development	Australia	Pacific
521	Oceanswatch	New Zealand	Pacific
522	Palau Conservation Society	Palau	Pacific
523	Ole Siosiomaga Society Incorporated (OLSSI)	Western Samoa	Pacific
524	Samoa Umbrella for Non-Government Organisations (SUNGO)	Samoa	Pacific
525	Amigos do Protocolo de Kyoto (APK)	Brazil	South America
526	Asociación Civil "Labor"	Peru	South America
527	Asociacion Civil Los Algarrobos	Argentina	South America
528	Asociacion Guyra Paraguay : Conservacion de Aves	Paraguay	South America
529	ASOCIACION HOMBRE Y NATURALEZA SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA	Bolivia	South America
530	Asociación Peruana para la Conservacion de la Naturaleza (APECO)	Peru	South America
531	Associação Ambiental Yelica Carla - Apaik	Brazil	South America
532	Associação Brasileira de Engenharia Sanitaria e Ambiental (ABES)	Brazil	South America
533	Centro dos Trabalhadores da Amazônia - CTA	Brazil	South America
534	Centro Ecuatoriano de Derecho Ambiental (CEDA)	Ecuador	South America
535	Centro Mocovi "IALEK LAV'A	Argentina	South America
536	Charles Darwin Foundation of the Galapagos Islands	Ecuador	South America
537	Comit� Nacional Pro Defensa de la Fauna y Flora (CODEFF)	Chile	South America
538	Comuna Kichwa Santa Elena	Ecuador	South America
539	Corporacion Pais Solidario (CPS SOL)	Colombia	South America
540	EcoCiencia, Ecuadorian Foundation for Ecological Studies	Ecuador	South America
541	FONDO ECUATORIANO POPULORUM PROGRESSIO (FEPP)	Ecuador	South America
542	Funda�o Museu do Homem Americano (FUMDHAM)	Brazil	South America
543	Fundaci�n Biodiversa	Chile	South America
544	Fundaci�n del Sur	Argentina	South America

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545	Fundacion Ecológica Universal (FEU)	Argentina	South America
546	FUNDACION ECOS	Uruguay	South America
547	Fundacion Ecuatoriana de Investigacion y Manejo Ambiental (FEDIMA)	Ecuador	South America
548	Fundacion Instituto de Genetica Ecologica y Biodiversidad del Tropico Americano (Instituto Biodiversidad)	Colombia	South America
549	FUNDACION JOSE CARDIJN	Paraguay	South America
550	Fundacion Moises Bertoni	Paraguay	South America
551	Fundacion Natura Colombia	Colombia	South America
552	Fundacion para el Desarrollo alternativo	Ecuador	South America
553	Fundacion Peruana para la Conservacion de la Naturaleza - ProNaturaleza	Peru	South America
554	Fundacion Salvemos el medio Ambiente FUNAMBIENTE	Colombia	South America
555	Fundacion Vida Silvestre Argentina (FVSA)	Argentina	South America
556	Greenoxx NGO	Uruguay	South America
557	Instituto de Ecodesenvolvimento da Baia da Ilha Grande, IED - BIG	Brazil	South America
558	Instituto Ipanema - Instituto de Pesquisas Avançadas em Economia e Meio Ambiente	Brazil	South America
559	Instituto Region y Desarrollo	Peru	South America
560	IPE- Instituto de Pesquisas Ecologicas	Brazil	South America
561	Organización No Gubernamental de Desarrollo TEKHNE	Chile	South America
562	Organization Internacional Proinversion, Comercio y Medioambiente (OIPIC)	Paraguay	South America
563	Sobrevivencia, Friends of the Earth Paraguay	Paraguay	South America
564	Vitae Civilis - Institute for Development, Environment and Peace	Brazil	South America

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