**GEF COUNCIL CONSULTATION MEETING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS**
4 June 2012, Preston Auditorium, World Bank Main Building, 1818 H Street NW, Washington DC

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**SESSION 1 : CSO and Indigenous Peoples Engagement in GEF**

10.15-11.30  Panel 1 : GEF Public Involvement Policy and GEF Principles & Guidelines for engagement with Indigenous Peoples

This panel will discuss and review the GEF Public Involvement Policy and the new GEF Principles and Guidelines for engagement with Indigenous Peoples in GEF projects and processes.

**Panel :** GEF NGO Network, IP Task Force, **Gustavo Fonseca**, GEF Secretariat; **Anton Hilber**, GEF Alternate Council Member (Switzerland).

**Discussion**

**SESSION 2 : Road to Rio+20**

11.30-12.30  Panel 2 : Expectations and Implications of Rio+20

World leaders, along with thousands of participants from governments, private sector, NGOs and other groups will come together at the Rio+20 Conference to discuss (a) a green economy in the context of sustainable development poverty eradication; and (b) the institutional framework for sustainable development. This panel will discuss the expectations of the conference from the perspective of GEF Council, GEF Secretariat and CSOs as well as their views on its implications.

**Moderator :** **Essam Nada**, RFP North Africa/GEF NGO Network

**Panel :** **Maryam Niamir-Fuller**, UNEP; **Tanveer Arif**, RFP South Asia/GEF NGO Network; **Robert Bakiika**, CSO/Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement Bwaise Facility, Uganda; GEF Council Member

**Discussion**

12.30-14.00  Lunch

**SESSION 3 : Review of GEF Progress and Financing Needs**

14.00-14.45  Panel 3 : Fifth Overall Performance Study (OPSS)

This panel will present the proposed TOR and schedule of work of the Fifth Overall performance study of GEF and discuss options for civil society engagement.

**By :** **Rob D. van den Berg**, GEF Evaluation office

**Discussion**

14.45-17.00  Panel 4 : Financing Needs for Biodiversity Convention and Mercury Process

Two important processes will have significant implications for the role of future GEF financing. Deliberations are ongoing in the Framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the adequacy of current financing levels for implementation of the convention and to develop guidance on future financing needs for deliberation at CBD COP 11 in September 2012. In addition negotiations to establish a Mercury Convention are underway and the GEF Council will consider a working paper on finance modalities for the mercury process. The panel will review the processes and the implications for GEF.

**Moderator :** **Samuel Dotse**, RFP West and Central Africa/GEF NGO Network

**CBD panel :** **Guenther Mittlacher**, RFP Europe/GEF NGO Network; **Ravi Sharma**, CBD Secretariat; **Mark Zimsky**, GEF Secretariat; **Mr. Hem Pande**, CBD Focal Point, India (TBC)

**Mercury Panel :** **Fernando Lugris**, Chair of Mercury Programme Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC); **Ibrahima Sow**, GEF Secretariat; **Jack Weinberg**, IPEN.

**Discussion**

17.00 - 17.30  Summary and closing

18.30  Reception