



GEF COUNCIL CONSULTATION MEETING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

19 October 2015, Monday

Preston Auditorium, World Bank's Main Complex (MC), 1818 H Street, NW, Washington D.C.

Provisional Agenda

Time Agenda item

08.00 - 09.00 **REGISTRATION**

09.00-10.15 SESSION 1 : CSO Dialogue with GEF CEO

Welcome and Introduction

CSO Dialogue with Naoko Ishii, GEF CEO and Chairperson

10.15- 12.30 SESSION 2: PARTNERSHIPS WITH CIVIL SOCIETY TO MEET GEF's TARGETS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

This panel will discuss the role of CSOs in meeting the GEF's targets and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and how it can be strengthened and supported.

Panel: GEF-CSO Network (on Network's Report to the Council); Mr. Gustavo Fonseca-GEF Secretariat (Role of GEF in achieving SDGs); STAP (Involvement of CSOs with STAP); Conservation International (on lessons learnt on CSO experience with Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund); CSO (Case study on CSO engagement in SDGs/GEF 2020 Strategy); Council Members (tbc).

Discussion

12.30-13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.15 SESSION 3 : Civil Society & Conventions Implementation

Panel 3: UNFCCC and CBD

This panel will explore initial work on the CBD Assessment of the GEF7 funding needs for CBD implementation and key issues in relation evolving climate financing architecture in the count-down to UNFCCC COP21. It also will map out the challenges and opportunities to enhance the role of civil society in convention implementation.

Panel: UNFCCC Secretariat/CSO (Evolving climate financing architecture in the count-down to COP 21); CBD Secretariat/Guenter Mitlacher (Funding assessment for CBD for the GEF 7); Ms. Chizuru Aoki- GEF Secretariat (Role of GEF in UNFCCC implementation); GEF Council Member (Reflect on future of CBD and UNFCCC finance)

Discussion

15.15 -15.30 Summary and closing

15.30 – 17.30 **Special Session : 2nd Meeting of Working Group on Implementation of GEF Public Involvement Policy** (Working Group Members by invitation; others as observers)

18.00-21.00 **Reception**