The GEF NGO Consultation is being held in Washington DC immediately prior to the GEF Council Meeting and the Second meeting on the 5th GEF Replenishment. The objective of the meeting is to facilitate a dialogue on critical issues related to the replenishment and future implementation - especially on governance, focal area strategies and allocation of resources and partnership with civil society. The meeting is open for Civil Society Organizations, GEF Agencies and the GEF Council members.

AGENDA

09.30-10.00 Registration and Coffee

10.00 Welcome and Introduction, GEF NGO Network Central Focal Point Mr. Faizal Parish

1010 Opening Remarks by GEF CEO Mrs. Monique Barbut

Part A Overall progress of GEF and priority future needs for GEF Financing

10.30 – 11.45 Panel A.1 Visions, Targets and civil society partnership in the implementation of 5th Replenishment of GEF

- Proposals for GEF reform and strengthening in GEF 5 (by GEF CEO Mrs.M.Barbut)
- Proposals for governance reforms to enhance effectiveness and Civil Society engagement during the GEF 5 implementation (by GEF NGO Network based on Network position paper)
- Achievements of GEF and presentation of key results of the interim report of the Fourth Operational Performance Study of GEF (OPS4) (by GEF Evaluation office)
- From Rio targets to today’s realities (international commitments and major trends of natural resource degradation and climate change, importance of civil society engagement) (by GEF NGO network)
- Discussion

11.45-13.00 Panel A.2 Future priorities and strategies for GEF Financing
Proposed GEF 5 Strategy on Climate Change (by Mr. Zhihong Zhang and Ms. Boni Biagini, Climate change team, GEF Secretariat)

Civil society perspectives on current and future targets for financing of climate change (by GEF NGO Network)

Proposed GEF 5 Strategy on biodiversity/land degradation and International waters (by Gustavo Fonseca, Natural Resources Team, GEF Secretariat)

Civil society perspectives on current and future financing of biodiversity/land degradation and International waters (by GEF NGO network)

Discussion

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.15 Part B Enhancing Civil society engagement in the implementation of future GEF programs

Panel B1 Need and Options for enhanced allocation of resources for Civil society through GEF 5 mechanisms

- Presentation of the Review of the Impact of the RAF on Civil society organizations (by FEU/WWF)
- Presentation on the Proposed future resource allocation mechanism (STAR) and envisaged allocation of resources for Civil society in GEF 5 (by GEFSEC)
- Presentation on the review of SGP in GEF 4 and the envisaged mechanism for the SGP in GEF 5 (by Mr. Delfín Ganapin, SGP)
- Civil society experiences and vision for SGP and other Civil society capacity building and partnership programs (by GEF NGO network representative)
- Discussion

15.15-15.30 Coffee

15.30-16.30 Panel B2 Integrating civil society into GEF program Implementation

- Presentations from selected GEF agencies on measures taken to ensure civil society engagement in GEF program implementation (by WB, UNDP, UNEP – to be confirmed)
- Presentation by GEF NGO Network on opportunities and constraints for civil society engagement in GEF implementation (GEF NGO Network representative)
- Discussion

16.30-17.15 Overall conclusions from NGO Consultation and recommendations for consideration at the Council and Replenishment meeting.

17.15 Closing