GEF- NGO Consultation

World Bank, Eugene R. Black Auditorium (H Auditorium), 600 19th Street, N.W., Washington D.C. (Please use entrance to the auditorium on G Street).

Sunday 21st June 2009, Washington DC, 09.30–17.30

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

10.10 Opening Remarks by the GEF CEO Mrs. Monique Barbut

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

10.45 – 11.45 Panel A.1 Visions, Targets and civil society partnership in the implementation of 5th Replenishment of the GEF

Chair: Mr. Faizal Parish, Central Focal Point, GEF NGO Network

- 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 Mr. Tim Geer, GEF NGO network/WWF International)
- Proposals for governance reforms to enhance effectiveness and Civil Society engagement during the GEF 5 implementation (by Mr. Faizal Parish, Central Focal Point of the GEF NGO Network)
- Achievements of GEF and presentation of key results of the interim report of the Fourth Overall Performance Study of GEF (OPS4) (by Mr. Robert van den Berg, GEF Evaluation Office)
- Discussion

11.45-13.00 Panel A.2 Future priorities and strategies for the GEF Financing

Chair: Ms. Pila Barrera, Regional Focal Point for north America, GEF NGO Network/TNC

- Proposed GEF 5 Strategy on Climate Change (by Mr. Zhihong Zhang and Ms. Boni Biagini, Climate change team, GEF Secretariat)
- Civil society perspectives on GEF 5 strategies for financing of climate change (by Mr. Djiminique Nanasta, RFP West Africa, GEF NGO network / Mr. Jeff Price, WWF)
• GEF 5 Strategies under Natural Resources: Biodiversity/Land degradation/International Waters and Sustainable Forest Management (by Mr. Gustavo Fonseca, Ms. Andrea Kutter, Mr. Alfred M. Duda, Natural Resources Team, GEF Secretariat)
• Civil society perspectives on GEF 5 strategies for financing of biodiversity/land degradation and International waters (by Ms. Flavia Loures, Mr. Pablo Gutman, GEF NGO network/WWF)
• 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 the GEF 5 mechanisms
Chair: Mr. Bruce Potter, Regional Focal Point for Caribbean, GEF NGO Network/CCA
• Presentation of the Review of the Impact of the RAF on Civil society organizations (by Ms. Liliana Hisas, GEF NGO Network/FEU)
• Presentation on the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) in GEF 5 (by Mr. Ming Yang, Operations & Business Strategy Team, GEFSEC)
• Presentation on the review of the Small Grants Program (SGP) in GEF 4 and the envisaged mechanism for the SGP in GEF 5 (by Mr. Delfin Ganapin, SGP)
• Civil society experiences and vision for SGP and other Civil society capacity building and partnership programs (by Mr. Filipe Villagran, GEF NGO Network, RFP Mesoamerica)
• Discussion

15.15-15.30 Coffee

15.30-16.30 Panel B2 Integrating civil society into GEF program Implementation
Chair: Johnson Cerda, GEF NGO Network/Indigenous People’s Representative, Latin America
• Presentations from selected GEF agencies on measures taken to ensure civil society engagement in GEF program implementation (by Mr. Steve Gorman WB, Mr. John Hough UNDP, Ms. Kristin McLaughlin UNEP)
• Presentation by GEF NGO Network on opportunities and constraints for civil society engagement in GEF implementation (by Mr. German Rocha, GEF NGO Network / Mr. Jagdeesh Pupala, RFP South Asia)
• Discussion

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