AGENDA

SESSION 1: Environmental and Social Safeguard Standards/Engagement with Private Sector

10.15 - 11.30

Panel 1 – Revised Environmental and Social Safeguard Standards and Partnership with Private Sector

Following the decision from the 40th Council Meeting, the minimum environmental and social safeguards standards that will be applied to all GEF partner agencies were reviewed and revised. This panel will present and discuss the revised paper. It will also present some experience on partnerships with the private sector in relation to the council paper on this issue.

Moderator: Ermath Harrington (Caribbean Forest Conservation Association/ RFP Caribbean)

Panel: Andrew Velthaus (GEF Secretariat), Helen Tugendhat (Forest Peoples Programme), Johnson Cerda (Comuna Kichwa Santa Elena/IPPF Americas), Dirk Joldersma (WWF-US/ RFP North America)

SESSION 2: Development of GEF Policy on Indigenous Peoples

11.30 - 13.00

Panel 2 – Issues for inclusion in the GEF policy on indigenous peoples

In May 2011, the GEFSEC agreed to work towards the development of a GEF policy on indigenous peoples and an IP Task Force was set up to draft an issues paper to advise the subsequent development of a policy. This panel will present and discuss the issues papers in the development of the policy.

Moderator: Fiu Mataeas Elsa (Ole Siosiomaga Society Incorporated, OLSSI, Samoa)

Panel: Herminia Minnie Degawan (Int. Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests, Philippines), Jadder Mendoza Lewis (Universidad Regiones Autonoma del Caribe Nicaraguense), Edna Kapoyna (Indigenous Information Network, Kenya), Gustavo Fonseca (GEF Secretariat), Reginald Hernaus (GEF Council member, Netherlands)

SESSION 3: Civil Society & GEF: Perspectives from GEF NGO Network

14.00 - 15.00

Panel 3: GEF NGO Network’s Report

Network reporting on its activities, including highlights on regional issues and concerns and proposals for strengthening the work of the Network in supporting the work of GEF.

Moderator: Faizal Parish (Central Focal Point, GEF NGO Network)

Panel: GEF NGO Network Regional Focal Points, William Ehlers (GEF Secretariat)

SESSION 4: Financing Convention Implementation

15.00 - 17.00

Panel 4: Financing Requirement for Convention Implementation

It is essential that GEF as the financial mechanism of global environment convention has sufficient finance in the future to meet the convention needs. Two key processes are underway which may have influence on future GEF Finance, namely:

- The CBD process to determine GEF-6 Financing for Biodiversity
- The establishment of the Green Climate Fund

The panel will review progress with regards to these matters and discuss other financial needs, including the financing requirement for global action on chemicals.

Moderator: Guenter Mittacher (German NGO Forum Environment and Development/RFP Europe, Member of CBD Expert Group)

Panel on CBD: Ravi Sharma (CBD Secretariat), Mr. Hideaki Imamura (GEF Council member, Japan)

SESSION 5: Summary and closing

17.00 - 17.30

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18.00

Reception