

7TH GEF ASSEMBLY - SIDE EVENT PROGRAM (22-23 AUGUST, 2023)

Day 1 - Tuesday, 22 August 2023

Themes	Indigenous Peoples	Nature	Gender	Finance	Knowledge	Science	Pol-Gov	Other/Multi theme	CBD Room 301
	Room 211	Room 202	Room 203	Room 204	Room 205	Room 206	Room 207	Room 208	CBD Room 301
09:00 to 10:30	How to foster youth engagement in GEF projects / Empowering the Next Generation: Financing for Youth-led Climate and Nature Based Solutions (IFAD)	Reindeer Herding and Resilience: Enhancing Pastoral Ecosystems and Nomadic Societies (UNEP)	An innovative investment model for gender-responsive mitigation and adaptation using the W+ Standard (WOCAN)		A new generation of national biodiversity finance plans (UNDP)	National planning towards an inclusive, equitable, and effective Global Biodiversity Framework Target 3: Launching a guide and showcasing experiences from six countries (WWF, CSF, IUCN-WCPA)	Bluer, Greener and Better for SIDS: GEF8 Blue & Green Islands Integrated Programme (UNDP)	High Ambition Panel on Climate and Environmental Education (Environment and Climate Change Canada)	Introducing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (SCBD)
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11:00 to 12:30	The Digital to Environmental Dividend (D2ED) - Technology Solutions for Conservation, Climate and Biodiversity (Microsoft & UNDP)	Multistakeholder Panel on Science and Plastic Pollution – Addressing the Triple Planetary Crisis (Environment and Climate Change Canada)	Gender Mainstreaming in Protected Areas Management in Congo Basin (UNEP)	Blended finance, catalyzing investment in nature and climate (ADB, AfDB, EBRD, IDB, IFAD, and WB)	Use and Influence of Evaluations (GEF IEO)	Human-Wildlife Coexistence: Managing human-wildlife interactions for conservation and development (GEF, WB, WWF)	Innovative Knowledge-Based Solutions: Enhancing Monitoring, Transparency, and Decision-Making in the Era of Big Data and Earth Observation (FAO)	La culture du maïs face au changement climatique: stratégies d'adaptation (EID)	Accelerating Progress on Achieving the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework through NBSAP Ambition and Early Action (UNDP)
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13:00 to 14:30	Direct access to climate and nature finance for Indigenous Peoples and local communities, new approaches to financing and upscaling local actions (UNDP)	Conservation of Freshwater Connectivity corridors in the Amazon basin for people and nature (TNC)	Advancing gender equality makes for better environmental outcomes: sharing data, knowledge and evidence (GEF Gender Partnership)	Evidence-based decision-making for synergies between biodiversity and Land Degradation Neutrality (FAO)		Greening Infrastructure Development: Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Transportation Sector (WWF, ADB, AfDB, EBRD, IDB, UNEP)	Environmental human rights defenders: opportunities from international instruments to protect peoples and the environment (FARN)	Scaling nature-based rice solutions through public-private investment (WBCSD)	The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework High-level Event (SCBD)
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15:00 to 16:30	Food Systems Transformation Pathways (FAO, UNDP, TNC)	Primary Forests for biodiversity, climate mitigation and health: opportunities and challenges (IUCN)	Best practices in empowering women and gender mainstreaming in GEF projects - Conversation among beneficiary voices, implementing agencies, governments (UNIDO, DBSA, UCB Academic Peasant Unit "Tiahuanacu" and GEF Gender Partnership)	Driving a Just Hydrogen Transition in Developing Countries and Transition Economies: Clean Hydrogen Financing and Key Enablers for De-risking Investments (UNIDO & WB)		Innovative solutions for nature in cities (UNEP, WRI, C40, ICLEI, GEF)	Financing and monitoring the gender-biodiversity-climate nexus (UNCBD Women's Caucus)	GEF-7 Inclusive Conservation Initiative (ICI)	Dialogue with Multilateral Environmental Agreement Secretariats and the GEF (GEF)
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17:00 to 18:30	Pollution Free, Nature Positive, Net Zero Fashion (UNEP, GEF, The Fashion Pact, CI)	Celebrating Three Decades of the GEF Small Grants Programme: Local Action, Global Impact (UNDP & GEF)	ENACT – a global partnership to achieve biodiversity and climate goals through Nature-based Solutions (IUCN)	Harvesting synergies between the GEF focal areas – examples from the Chemicals and Waste cluster BRS/Minamata					The Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) Fund: Operational Mainstreaming through Multilateral Development Banks and International Finance Institutions (SCBD)

Day 2 - Wednesday, 23 August 2023

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09:00 to 10:30	WHO-UNDP Side Event on Climate and Health / Science, Industry, and Society Climate Collaborative – Driving Positive Behaviour Change for People & Planet (UNDP & WHO)	Conservation of Primary Forests: a hard look at where we are and where we go from here (IUCN)	How to integrate gender and human rights and climate in commentary systems in the climate component (AVOCHACLISD)	Environmental Agenda for the XXI century of the Civil Society Organizations of the America's (GEF CSO Network)		Leveraging GEF's and GFCR's Blended Finance Approach for a Healthy Ocean(UNDP)	Beyond GDP through Inclusive Wealth: Tackling planetary crisis better (UNEP, IDRC and IISD)	Launch of the new Nature Crime Alliance (WRI)	Engagement of industry in the Global Biodiversity Framework (UNIDO)
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11:00 to 12:30	Accelerating Global Efforts to achieve 30 by 30 (High Ambition coalition for Nature and People, IUCN - WCPA & TNC)	Transitioning to A Circular Economy and Zero Waste Society through Integrated Chemical and Waste Management (UNDP)	Working in Partnership to Secure Long-Term conservation financing for people and our planet: the Project Finance for Permanence model (WWF, TNC, The Pew, ZOMALAB)	Accelerating innovation and private investment in climate adaptation (UNIDO)	Leveraging Geospatial Analysis for Country Environment Planning (GEF)	Science-Policy Panel (SPP) on Chemicals, Waste and Prevention of Pollution (UNEP)	Mercury Contamination From ASGM: Impacts and Solutions (TNC & Minamata Secretariat)	Mesoamerica Critical Forest Biomes: Protecting the irreplaceable (IUCN)	Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (SCBD)
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13:00 to 14:30	The contribution of Indigenous peoples to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Programs (AIDB,CSO)	Ocean Conservation at Scale – the Blue Nature Alliance Conservation International (CI)	Gender-responsive MEAs: Interactive session with governments, MEA gender focal points, implementing Agencies and the GEF (GGP)	Scaling Up Finance for Renewable Energy Minigrids in Africa (UNDP)	Harnessing the power of cleantech ecosystems to tackle the complex challenge of climate change (UNIDO)	Science for Conservation (IUCN)	Transparency for raising NDC ambitions and transforming the agri-food systems (FAO, YOUNGO & UNFCCC)	The Journey of Plastic Actions Across GEF cycles: Holistic Contributions to the GEF-8 Integrated Program on Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution (UNEP, UNIDO, ADB, UNDP, WWF)	A Win-Win for Gender and Biodiversity. Transforming women's rights and gender equality to achieve the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (Women4Bioiversity, SCBD) 13:30-15:00
14:30 to 15:00	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
15:00 to 16:30	Working Together to Achieve 30x30: The Role of Partnerships Supporting Effective Domestic and International Marine Conservation DFO- Canada	Towards Implementation of the Southern African Development Community Great Green Wall Initiative (SADC GGWI)	GEF-8 Food Systems Integrated Program Country Briefing Session (FAO-IFAD-GEF)	Private Sector Mobilization for Climate and Biodiversity Finance (Global Affairs Canada)	Knowledge for Conservation (IUCN)	Forwarding a movement of peace building and nature conservation through an indigenous lens (IISAAK OLAM Foundation)	GEF-UNDP-IMO Innovative and Transformative Partnerships for Ocean Governance	GEF Gender Partnership in Action: Support for a transformational and inclusive GEF-8 (GEF)	Communicating the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: A new visual identity and messages (SCBD) 15:30- 17:00