

	Reviewer	Paragraph / Topic	Comment/Question	Response/Action Taken
1	CSO Network	6	It would be useful to have an annex that includes the key elements of these related policies to enable easy cross referencing without need to check 5 different documents.	Done
2	CSO Network	10	'project planning process' to 'project identification and planning process'	Done
3	CSO Network	10	'feedback' to 'feedback and engagement in the project development and design process'	Done
4	CSO Network	11	It is important to determine the role of the respective stakeholders in the project implementation through development of a clear stakeholder engagement plan and allocation of necessary resources.	Done in line with Policy language
5	CSO Network	13	Include a box on FPIC	Additional information and reference provided
6	CSO Network	13	What is meant by culturally appropriate consultations? more info and guidance in a box would be useful.	Same
7	CSO Network	13	Guidance on GEF practices to engage with Indigenous Peoples is [here] - a box to illustrate this would be useful.	Same
8	CSO Network	15	GEF Practices on Information Disclosure - I thought there is now a policy on information disclosure.	New policy is under consideration. Text revised to reflect key principles in 2011 INF document, and 2014 Guidelines.
9	CSO Network	17	GEF CSO Network – There should be a box to describe the GEF CSO network and its function and opportunity for involvement.	Weblink to the GEF CSO
10	CSO Network	25	Should partners inc agencies or we need a similar para for agencies.	Included
11	CSO Network	Footnote 9	Duplicating note 7	Edit made
12	CSO Network	33	Include reference to the country program formulation exercise at the beginning of the cycle or to the mandated annual meetings between GEF OFP and CSOs.	Reference included
13	CSO Network	37	'Plans and Actions for Indigenous Peoples' to 'engagement and participation of Indigenous Peoples'	Done
14	CSO Network	39	Roles and responsibilities for implementation of the Plan - Before this should be the plan itself which will should include the elements in the project implementation that will specifically involve different stakeholders eg community engagement in forest protection and	Included

			rehabilitation,; CSO engagement in outreach and communication and policy advocacy; private sector engagement in introducing sustainable livelihoods and associated value chains; academia involvement in developing new technology; media engagement in dissemination etc.	
15	CSO Network	39	'The system to address grievances, as well as monitor and report on progress and issues that arise' - Before this need a point on the indicators and means of verification for tracking stakeholder engagement.	Included
16	CSO Network	41	'Stakeholder Engagement Plan' - he Plan should be made publicly available in a form and language appropriate to the respective stakeholders. A copy of the plan should be a mandatory annex to the RQ for CEO approval and thus made available on the GEF website. It should be proactively be disseminated prior to or at latest in the inception period of the project.	included
17	CSO Network	41	[include example as annex?] – an indicative content list for Stakeholder engagement plan was included in the report of the consultation that reviewed the Public involvement policy,	Sample SEA included
18	CSO Network	44	Establish partnerships to support project implementation - Specific resources should be allocated and mechanisms established to facilitate the stakeholder engagement and partnership during implementation.	Text on budget included as part of SEA
19	World Bank	Conflict Resolution Commissioner	<p>We respectfully continue to object to the language on the Conflict Resolution Commissioner in these guidelines for three important reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The role of the CRC cannot duplicate the Agencies' responsibilities.</b> Project implementation is the responsibility of the Agencies. This is a fundamental tenet of the GEF Partnership and codified in the GEF Instrument. In relation to activities carried out by Agencies, the Conflict Resolution Commissioner role can only function as a referral function to the relevant Agency.</li> <li><b>2. We recognize particular circumstances where the CRC can play a useful role,</b> namely where the GEF Sec acts under delegated authority on an issue; and those functions which are specifically</li> </ol>	Language revised and simplified, staying consistent with underlying policy and long-established practice.

			<p>related to GEF Sec functions and which fall outside of the program and project mandate of GEF Agencies (as in the cases relating to the CSO Network).</p> <p><b>3. The CRC role should not appear in these guidelines because this role is not envisaged in this policy.</b> Nowhere in the approved policy is there any reference to grievance management in general or the role of the CRC in particular. While this may be an oversight of the policy, such an oversight can not be addressed through the guidelines. Guidelines are only intended to provide guidance on implementation within the parameters of a policy; they can not be used to expand on roles and responsibilities beyond this.</p> <p>Therefore, as the explanation of the GEF grievance system and the GEF Conflict Resolution functions (mediation, conciliation, independent fact-finding, etc), as set out in the Guidelines, appear to go well beyond what was established in other GEF Policies (and on this point we do not believe that the current activities of the Commissioner can be used to condone expansion of the role beyond Council-approved Policy), and particularly the GEF Policy on E&amp;S Minimum Standards, we recommend that these sections be deleted (along with the section on whistleblower protection, which again, seems misplaced in these Guidelines).</p> <p>We recommend that a description of the CRC function consistent with our first and second points above be included in the new guidelines that will be prepared following the approval of the updated GEF E&amp;S policy as the CRC is explicitly mentioned in that policy, as well as on the GEF <a href="#">website</a>, and any publications on the role of the CRC such as <a href="#">this one</a> (where we note that referral of the matter to the Agency is listed as the last step and not the first).</p>	
20	CSO Network	50	It is just the policy reference. What specific guidance can be given on KM. What KM systems and publications are available on stakeholder engagement. The SGP has a vast experience in CSO engagement and much knowledge and experience can be shared. Maybe include a box	Additional information provided.

			on KM mechanisms and links under SGP. Similarly can we flag other KM processes for Academia, private sector or focal areas (eg IW learn).	
Consultation in Viet Nam during GEF Assembly, June 2018				
21	WB		Draft well reflects what we do and best practices. Appreciated.	Noted.
22	India OFP		OFP wants to receive stakeholder activities info on project level. Is there any way to measure correlation between national ownership/stakeholders engagement and sustainability?	Text added to note that there will be opportunities for dialogue on the Policy and Guidelines under the GEF CSP. This is one of the topics that could be further considered.
23	Tunisia IP Focal Point	33	OFP needs to contact stakeholders, but no enforcement.	Text updated to provide additional clarity about respective roles, in line with the Policy.
24	Tunisia IP Focal Point		Knowledge sharing is important.	Noted. Text in guidelines expanded.
25	US		Will offer good practices.	Noted.
26	AfDB & UNDP		Consultation & disclosed info need to be in the local language.	Text in Guidelines includes reference to form and language.
27	UNDP		1 <sup>st</sup> phase of WG exercise on Agencies policy/procedures review was very helpful.	Noted
28	UNDP		Most grievances are on stakeholder engagement (lack of). Pre-PIF stage consultation and disclosure is very important. Perhaps Portal can keep track of these activities?	Portal will contain and track Agency input on stakeholder engagement.
29	UNDP		Add good practices or examples. GEF should share knowledge perhaps through regional workshop.	Good practice examples being sought. Knowledge sharing anticipated in workshops.
30	WWF		Good examples are helpful.	Good practice examples being sought.
31	WWF		Great to have some info on how it connects with Gender, Safeguards and Results Frameworks.	Text updated to include more specific cross-references and links.
32	WWF		PPG should increase to cover the stakeholder engagement activities.	Text notes status under PPG (eligible activity)
33	CSO Network		Many PIFs simply state 'CSOs will be engaged'. Need more info.	Noted. Updated GEF-7 fields aligned to updated GEF Policy on Stakeholder Engagement. Information will be reviewed in project review process.

34	CSO Network		Knowledge sharing – bad examples are also important.	Noted. Bad practice examples being sought.
35	CSO Network		Clear language on GEF ‘funding’ is requested. For capacity building, appropriate funding allocation is necessary besides ECWs, etc. In the past, GEF provided funding directly to OFPs.	Noted. Text follows language of Policy on funding. Additional text included on capacity building via CSP.
36	CSO Networks		Project steering committee and review meeting constitutes good practice.	Noted; additional text included.
37	CSO Networks		GEF should disseminate good examples.	Good practice examples being sought.
38	World Bank		On GEF Conflicts Resolution Commissioner, GEF does not need to duplicate Agency’s grievance system. Role of GEF Commissioner goes beyond what’s proposed in the Guidelines.	See above.