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Country Support Programme

**GEF Expanded Constituency
Workshop**

**Sal Island, Cabo Verde
21-23 April, 2015**

Country Support Programme (CSP)

The Country Support Programme (CSP) is the main tool for carrying out Country Relations Strategy and has the following components:

- ❖ GEF National Portfolio Formulation Exercises
- ❖ GEF National Dialogues
- ❖ GEF Workshops
- ❖ GEF Constituency Meetings
- ❖ GEF Introduction Workshops
- ❖ Pre-Council Meetings for Recipient Countries



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National Portfolio Formulation Exercises (NPFE)

- In GEF-6 the objective of this activity is to further help GEF OFPs to engage relevant national stakeholders and line ministries, in the planning process for developing national priorities for GEF support, including specific project ideas
- Voluntary and not a pre-requisite for GEF funding
- Final NPFD to be submitted to GEF – who will review and provide comments as appropriate.



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GEF National Dialogues

- National Dialogues continue to be a strategic tool for promoting the incorporation of the global environment concepts into national thinking, accounting and regular work.
- They bring together a wide array of national and local level stakeholders to discuss and understand how protecting the global environment is key to their national interest
- National Dialogue are organized at the request of the OFP. May include a component on GEF6 programming



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GEF Workshops - ECWs

- The purpose of Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECW) is to keep GEF OFPs, Convention FPs and other stakeholders, (CSOs) abreast of GEF Strategies, policies and procedures
- ECWs are organized by GEF Secretariat with up to 7 participants – GEF FPs, 4 Convention FPs and CSO rep.
- GEF may also design and organize other workshops to facilitate work on trans-boundary collaboration, regional programming and other issues based on thematic or geographic need.



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GEF Constituency Meetings

- During GEF-6 Constituency Meetings will continue to be the main tool for the Council Members to engage their Constituency members in the preparations for decision making at the GEF Council
- Each constituency may request 2 meetings per year – before each Council meeting
- Organised at the request of the Council Member – who prepares the agenda and chairs the meeting
- GEF responsible for all logistical arrangements



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GEF Introduction Seminars

- GEF Introduction Seminars (previously GEF familiarization seminars) are organized to provide necessary information and training to new GEF Agency staff, Convention Secretariat staff, new GEF Focal Points and selected stakeholders on the GEF-6 strategies, policies and procedures.
- The seminars also reach out to other audiences that are critical for the GEF to succeed e.g line ministries, media, private sector where possible.
- Organized by the GEF Secretariat once a year in Washington DC.



Pre-Council Meeting for Recipient Country Constituencies

- The purpose of these meetings is to enable Council members from recipient countries to meet immediately prior to the Council Meeting to exchange views, positions and perspectives in relation to the Council documents and to receive clarification from Secretariat staff, as necessary.



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Thank you for your attention

Any questions?

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