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# Country Support Programme (CSP)

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## General Issues

- ❖ CSP provides flexible support to countries (particularly the focal points) so that they **strengthen their capacity** to work with the GEF
- ❖ Managed **by the GEF Secretariat**
- ❖ The CSP components are:
  - National Portfolio Formulation Exercise (NPFE)
  - Multi-stakeholder Dialogue
  - Expanded Constituency-level Workshops (ECW)
  - Constituency Meetings (Council Member support)
  - Direct support to operational focal points
  - Knowledge management
  - Familiarization Seminars



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## National Portfolio Formulation Exercise (1)

Throughout the GEF's history, country programming has been traditionally mediated by the GEF Agencies

To further strengthen GEF's strategic engagement at country-level, each country can now prepare, with GEF financial support, a National Portfolio Formulation Exercise

Covers all relevant focal areas and describes how GEF allocations will be programmed with projects/programs that reflect national/regional priorities to benefit the global environment

NPFE is not a prerequisite for GEF project funding



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## National Portfolio Formulation Exercise (2)

Preparation of NPFE should be  
**consultative and participatory**  
and coordinated by GEF Operational Focal Points

The country shall select  
**experienced and competent**  
national entity to conduct the  
exercise.

Countries that decide to conduct  
portfolio exercises will be granted up  
to **\$30,000 USD** from the corporate  
programs budget

Implemented through  
**direct access** modality

Final documents will be shared with  
respective conventions for **public**  
**disclosure** and on the **GEF Web site**



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## National Portfolio Formulation Exercise

### Implementation process (3)

1. In dialogue with GEF Secretariat the country prepares the proposal (including the budget).
  - *The selected national entity must fill out Simplified Financial Management Assessment Report.*
2. The GEF Secretariat clears the proposal and the CEO approves it.
3. Legal documents are signed between the country and the GEF CEO.
4. The country undertakes the national portfolio formulation exercise.
5. Once the national portfolio formulation exercise has been completed, an activity finalization report is submitted to the Secretariat
  - *Including financial disbursement requirements and audit report*



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## Dialogue among multiple interested parties

- ❖ This dialogue follows the guidelines for the National Dialogue Initiative
- ❖ Purpose is to provide flexible support for convening national meetings, aiming to share and enrich the information and experiences of the various parties involved in sustainable development activities.
- ❖ Expected to result in the strengthening of donor coordination and clarification of policies and procedures.
- ❖ They will be held at the request of the operational focal point.



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## Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECW)

- ❖ ECWs are held **once a year** in order to provide information on the strategies, policies, and procedures of the GEF and to encourage coordination.
- ❖ ECWs invite, in addition to the GEF focal points, the convention focal points and civil society, **up to 6 participants per country**.
- ❖ **Organized by the GEF Secretariat**. The agenda is prepared to reflect participants' needs.
- ❖ When the number of countries/participants so permits, **more than one constituency may meet at the same time** .



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## Constituency Meetings and Direct Support for Operational Focal Points

- ❖ Secretariat finances **one Constituency meeting a year**, convened by the Council Member.
- ❖ The Council member receives **US\$3,000 for logistic support**. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Council meeting documents and agree on a joint position on issues.
- ❖ Direct Support for Operational Focal Points is **US\$9,000 per year**, based on the Annual Work Plan
- ❖ The purpose is to conduct activities that facilitate their work as Operational Focal Points.





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## Knowledge Management and Familiarization Seminars

- ❖ Knowledge Management: This component will reflect the evolving needs of GEF focal points, as well as the needs of other relevant stakeholder groups, in particular convention focal points.
- ❖ This component will also include information on the adaptation funds administered by the GEF (Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund).
- ❖ GEF Familiarization Seminars will be held once a year in Washington, D.C. to train a number of (new) country focal points and GEF Agency staff on GEF strategies, policies and procedures.



# Thank you for your attention!

## Questions?

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