GEF CSO NETWORK
GEF-CSO Network

- Established in 1995 to facilitate CSO input to GEF Governance
- More than 540 active members in 16 focal regions
- Facilitate Civil society input to GEF policy making and implementation.
- Organise Civil Society consultations and provide input on each agenda item of GEF Council
- Monitor and build capacity at regional and national level for CSO engagement in GEF activities
Governance

- Governed by a global **Coordination Committee** composed of representatives of
  - elected Regional Focal Point organisations from 16 geographic regions
  - 3 Indigenous Peoples Focal Points from Asia, Africa and Latin America.

- Overseen by a Management Team comprising of a Chair, Vice Chair and Heads of 4 Sub-committees drawn from the Coordination Committee members.
Guided by the Network Strategic Plan (2018-2022)
Currently there are 24 Country Contact Points
The Secretariat:

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Membership

- Open to all non profit CSOs working in the focal areas of GEF
- Application form can be downloaded from the website www.gefcso.org and submitted to the Secretariat by mail.
- Membership is equivalent to accreditation to GEF – for participation in GEF related meetings
Involvement in GEF-related processes

- GEF-7 Replenishment
- WG for Review of GEF Public Involvement Policy (Now Stakeholder Engagement Policy)
- Gender Working Group
- Knowledge Management Working Group
- IP Advisory Group
- Updated Vision to enhance civil society engagement with GEF
GEF engagement activities

- Actively participated in the GEF Council meetings and Expanded Constituency meetings.
- Provided significant input to GEF policy making with statements on many agenda items during GEF council meetings.
- Worked with Ad-Hoc Council Working Group (WG) on Civil Society to develop an updated vision to enhance civil society engagement with the GEF.
- Input to GEF-7 Programming directions and replenishment.
Our Capacity/Strength

- Large geographical coverage represented in 10 countries in Southern Africa
- Recognized by GEF Council
- Vast experience in GEF Focal areas (community action, awareness, advocacy, and capacity building)
- Diverse & rich membership ranging from CBOs to International Organisations
- Track record
- Gender sensitive & Inclusive
NSC and CSO MEETING WITH SGP CPMT
27th April 2017
Golden Peacock Hotel
Malawi
GEF CSO Network working with Media to amplify GEF Focal Areas at Country Level by Civil Society Organisations
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GEF CSO Network supporting Development of Country Strategy for OP6
Challenges

- No funds allocation for Network coordination
- No project funds so far
- Some members are not funded or recognized in their respective countries
Actions to Strengthen Southern Africa Network

1) Introduce membership fees to support some coordination activities
2) Partner with GEF Executing & Implementing agents particularly on capacity development of CSOs, advocacy, community consultations, knowledge management, Development of PIF
3) Enhance resource mobilization through Application for Grants beyond GEF support
4) Enhance engagement with OFPs by conducting at least 2 annual face-to-face meetings between OFPs and In-country network members
5) Enhancing partnership and collaboration with regional bodies such as SADC and NEPAD
6) Increase visibility and showcase activities conducted by the network and its members at both national and regional level
7) Revive and regularly update the GEF CSO Network Website
8) Finalise the Strategic Plan & Budget for GEF CSO Network Southern Africa and market it to prospective development partners
Progress so far

a) 1 Regional project proposal has been submitted for possible funding in past three months

b) Compiling of Southern Africa Profile in progress

c) Member consultations finalised

d) In some countries OFPs have already began engaging members e.g. Malawi

e) In some countries GEF CSO members are benefiting from Medium & Large Sized Projects e.g. Lesotho & South Africa (CBD provided STAR allocation to SGP)
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