



# Eastern Africa Regional CSO meeting

Kampala, Lake Victoria Serena Resort – Kigo road  
July 20, 2015

## Background

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) CSO Network is an independent global alliance of CSOs established to formalize the relationship between CSOs and the GEF based on 6 focal areas i.e. Biodiversity; Climate change; Chemicals and Waste; Land degradation; International waters and Sustainable management of forests.

The Network has evolved over years both organically and externally in terms restructuring and setting normative functioning systems whereas mobilizing resources to play a watch dog role through monitoring of GEF projects and ensuring participation of civil society in GEF decision making and project management.

The 2015 CSO meeting is being organized to share new GEF programming strategy, collate views on CSO engagement with GEF Family.

## Specific objectives

1. To promote networking and learning among CSOs;
2. To share the GEF new way of doing business;
3. To highlight the performance of the Regional Focal Point (RFP);
4. To share experiences of CSO engagement with the GEF and its agencies;
5. To contribute ideas to the evaluation of the GEF CSO Network.

## Methodology

A structured facilitated meeting will be convened. Experts on topical issues will be invited to make power point/oral presentations to the meeting. Session moderators will guide the meeting through key sessions. Knowledge and information materials such as GEF documents, power point slides will be shared with participants.

## Expected outcomes

1. Key messages to the Expanded constituency meeting (ECW);
2. Enhanced regional CSOs networking;
3. Members informed of the GEF new way of doing business and operational policies.

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**8.30-9.00 am Registration**

**9.00-10.00 am Opening session**

The opening session will be facilitated by *Deepti Dabee, Environment Protection and Conservation Organization, Mauritius.*

The purpose of the session will be to recall the objectives of the CSO Meeting, and its expected outcomes and present the report of the ECW held in Kigali in 2013.

- Welcome address, *Nicholas Senyonjo, Country Contact Point, GEF CSO Network Uganda Chapter*
- Opening remarks, *Sydah Naigaga, Executive Director, Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement Bwaise Facility (EMLI)*
- Presentation of the 2013 CSO Meeting Report & other reports , Robert Bakiika

**10.00-10.40 Dialogue with GEFSEC, Head of External Affairs**

10.40-11.00 Tea/Coffee Break

**11.00-13.00 Session 2: CSOs and the GEF**

This session will explore the CSO engagement and the GEF by providing a reflection on national case studies of CSOs engagement with GEF (GEF Agency, Political/Operational Focal Point and Convention Focal Points (UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD, and Chemicals & Waste) and SGP.

The session will be facilitated by **Mr. Abu Baker Wandera from UNDP/SGP, Uganda.**

Panelists will be invited 5 sub-regions of Eastern Africa Constituency i.e. Lake Victoria basin countries (Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania); Horn of Africa (Somalia, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea); Nile basin region (Sudan & South Sudan) and Indian Ocean Countries (Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelles) and share respective countries experiences on engaging with GEF Family and one indigenous peoples representative

1. Achilles Byaruhanga, Nature Uganda
2. Mogues Worku, Environment & Development Society of Ethiopia
3. tbc, Rep. Nile basin region (Sudan & South Sudan)
4. Dr. Michele Martin, Sustainability for Seychelles
5. Ms. Lucy Mullenkei, Indigenous Information Network

**Plenary followed by group work to develop key messages to the ECW**

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-16.00 **Session 3: Presentation on GEF CSO Network Evaluation** by GEF Independent Evaluation Office. Survey administration & FGDs

16.00-16.30 Evaluation of CSO Meeting & Closure by P/OFP Uganda