Civil Society Engagement with the GEF

Introduction Seminar - Pilar Barrera Rey
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civil society includes:

Non-stake actors, including not-for-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs), farmers, women, the scientific and technological community, youth and children, Indigenous Peoples and their communities, business and industry, workers and trade unions
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CSOs Roles

- Project executors/co-executors
- Leverage co-financing
- Provide expert local knowledge to project design and implementation
- Participate in monitoring of project impacts and outcomes
- Influencing policy and advocating for the GEF’s mission and in replenishment processes
- CSOs as GEF Project Agencies (WWF, IUCN, CI)
The GEF-CSO Network

Established in 1995 as an independent Network of member organizations whose work in environment and sustainable development is aligned with the GEF mandate.

www.gefcso.org
Greater results and impact through collaboration with CSOs

Projects on the ground, building awareness, engagement with recipient country governments and participation with Council members.

Advisory role for the GEF Council on institutional policies and guidelines and helps formulate strategies effectively.

CSO Network role in advocacy and outreach to civil society at the global level, supporting dissemination of information and contributing to policy and strategy development.

Areas of Enhanced Engagement

- Continued support of civil society engagement at the national and regional levels
- Continued strengthening of civil society to engage with the GEF
- Selection of CSO Representation at Council Consultations and Meetings
- Structure of Council- CSO Consultations and at Council Meetings
- CSO engagement in other Activities – Assembly, Policy Development, etc.

Updated Vision Statement
2016 2017 June

November 2017 Council Approved Updated Vision

Over 2,000 CSOs

Transparent Criteria

CSO Network, IPAG, SGP, GEFSEC, IUCN

Connecting Gender and Environmental Impact

Partnerships to Safeguard the Global Environment
Going forward

- Continue building Strong Database of CSOs
- Dissemination and Capacity Building
- Engagement Activities of CSP (ECWs)
- Monitoring Implementation of Policies on SE and Gender
- 56th Council Meeting and GEF Consultations with CSOs
Thank you
Gracias
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