



Civil Society Engagement at the GEF



Expanded Constituency Workshop

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Non-state 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

Definition of civil society
in the GEF:

Long history of Engagement with CSOs





Value of civil society engagement in the GEF:

- Enhancing recipient **country ownership** and **accountability**;
- Liaising with communities and other local stakeholders;
- Making use of skills, experiences, and knowledge;
- Facilitators, conveners and advocates.



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.

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Updated Vision Statement

- CSO engagement is *key* to greater results and impact
- projects on the ground, building awareness, engagement with recipient country governments and participation with Council members.
- advisory role for the GEF Council
- *CSO Network's* role in advocacy and outreach to civil society at the global level



Looking Ahead

- CSO engagement at GEF National Dialogues
- CSO Representation at Council, Consultations, Assembly - (youth, women groups, IPs)
- CSO engagement in Policy Development, Replenishment, Advocacy, etc.
- Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation
- Strengthening Access to information Redress and Grievance mechanisms
- Agencies compliance of Policies on SE/Gender/Safeguards





Thank you

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- What are some key lessons learned about civil society engagement at both policy and project level?
- What are some key remaining challenges?
- What are the opportunities?

Roundtable per country

- Какие основные уроки извлечены из взаимодействия с гражданским обществом как на уровне политики, так и на уровне проектов?
- Какие ключевые проблемы?
- Какие возможности?