

CONSULTATION ON PROGRAMMING DIRECTIONS FOR GEF-7

Question 1 - Environmental Pressures

What are the most important environmental pressures (i.e. activities and factors that cause environmental degradation) requiring immediate attention at the National & Regional Level?

Please tick a total of three (3) of the suggested answers for National or Regional. A total of three (3) check marks only.

Question 1, Part 1

YOUR SELECTIONS		No.	ENVIRONMENTAL PRESSURES
National	Regional		
		1	Land clearing for slash and burn agriculture
		2	Land clearing for low-input large scale agriculture
		3	Increasing herd size, resulting in overgrazing
		4	Deforestation for fuelwood and charcoal production
		5	Deforestation for mining, particularly ASGM
		6	Overharvesting of bush-meat
		7	Overharvesting of freshwater Fish
		8	Overharvesting of marine fish
		9	Overharvesting of timber and non-timber forest products)
		10	Encroachment of protected areas
		11	Overuse of surface and groundwater systems (rivers and aquifers),
		12	Climate change induced variability (temperature, wind and rainfall)
		13	Invasive alien species
		14	Poaching and illegal wildlife trade –IWT (species and parts)
		15	Increased air pollution including POPS and Hg from heavy industrial sources
		16	Increased consumption of chemicals and subsequent poor disposal that can lead to the introduction of endocrine disruptors, waste pharmaceuticals, and micro plastics into the environment.
		17	Poor waste management practices and non-availability of alternative materials that leads to the emission of POPs and the potential for increased marine debris
		18	High concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere due to overreliance on fossil fuels.
		19	Coastal and marine habitat degradation
		20	Eutrophication of marine waters
		21	Other:
		22	Other:
		23	Other:

NOTE: If there are other environmental factors that are listed in National Planning documents (i.e. NBSAPs, Nat Communications, BURs, TNAs, NAPs, NAPAs, NIPs and MIAs), or emerging as part of the national discussions on the SDGs and you consider them important, please write them in the cells marked with "OTHER"

Question 1, Part 2

What are the biomes in your region where the GEF should work to address these environmental pressures? Select 3 biomes only. This list contains all the biomes of the world, so many will not apply to your country or region.

YOUR SELECTIONS	No.	BIOME
	1	Tropical moist and rain lowland forests.
	2	Tropical moist and rain montane forests
	3	Tropical dry (deciduous) broadleaf forests
	4	Tropical grasslands (and savannas)
	5	Tropical flooded grasslands (and savannas)
	6	Tropical shrub-lands
	7	Tropical montane grasslands (and savannas)
	8	Tropical marshes and wetlands
	9	Tropical tidal forests
	10	Mangroves
	11	Corals
	12	Subtropical moist and rain lowland forests
	13	Subtropical moist and rain montane forests
	14	Subtropical dry (deciduous) broadleaf forests
	15	Subtropical grasslands (and savannas)
	16	Subtropical flooded grasslands (and savannas)
	17	Subtropical shrub-lands
	18	Subtropical montane grasslands
	19	Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests
	20	Temperate needle-leaf (coniferous) forests
	21	Boreal forests/ Taiga
	22	Temperate grasslands (steppe and desert grasslands)
	23	Temperate flooded grasslands (and savannas)
	24	Temperate shrub-lands
	25	Temperate Montane grasslands (steppes and Alpine vegetation)
	26	Temperate marshes and wetlands
	27	Tundra
	28	Mediterranean forests
	29	Mediterranean Woodlands
	30	Mediterranean scrub
	31	Deserts (Temperate zone)
	32	Xeric scrublands (spiny thickets)
	33	Fresh water lakes
	34	Fresh Water Rivers
	35	Marine and coastal ecosystem (including estuaries)
	36	Urban and peri-urban ecosystems
	37	Other
	38	Other
	39	Other

Question 2 - Potential Solutions

Please select the most important ways in which the GEF can best contribute towards addressing the aforementioned pressures.

Please tick only three of the suggested answers for National or Regional. Note: If there are other potential solutions that you consider important, please write them down in the cells below. Even if you add your own potential solutions under “Other”, please check only three.

YOUR SELECTIONS		No.	POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS
National	Regional		
		1	The creation and effective management of protected Areas
		2	Prevention, control and management of Invasive Alien Species
		3	Enforcement of law towards protecting threatened species
		4	Climate Smart Agriculture to address degradation in agricultural and rangeland systems
		5	Promote forest and landscape restoration to address forest loss and degradation
		6	Sustainable use of plant and animal genetic resources
		7	Integrating biodiversity into the productive sectors (i.e. forestry, fisheries, mining, etc.)
		8	Integrating Biodiversity and ecosystem services into development and finance planning (Including Natural Capital Accounting)
		9	Sustainable Management of Surface & Groundwater systems (freshwater)
		10	Rebuilding Marine Fisheries
		11	Restore and Protect Coastal Habitats
		12	Reduce transboundary pollution of Coasts and Large Marine Ecosystems
		13	Develop the enabling conditions, tools and environment for the sound management of harmful chemicals and wastes
		14	Reduce the prevalence of harmful chemicals and waste and support the implementation of clean alternative technologies/substances.
		15	Utilization of renewable energy
		16	Development of efficient energy technologies in key sector (industry, commercial, transport and residential)
		17	Promote integrated low-carbon urban systems
		18	Promote transfer and development of low-carbon technologies
		19	Promote innovative business models, financing and policy mechanism to support low-carbon technologies at scale
		20	Other:
		21	Other:
		22	Other:

Question 3 - GEF Programming Modalities

What are the three GEF programming modalities that have been particularly effective in addressing the drivers of environmental pressures that the GEF should build on and expand in GEF 7?

- Please tick only three of the suggested answers –

Note: If there are other potential modalities that you consider important, please write them down in the cells below. When answering, please consider what modalities offer the best chances for integration and synergies among focal areas. Please keep the selection to three

YOUR SELECTIONS	NO.	MODALITIES
	1	Integrated Approach Programs (i.e. Food Security, Commodities)
	2	Programmatic Approaches using PFD and Child Projects (i.e. Illegal Wildlife Trade)
	3	Regional Multifocal Area Projects
	4	National Multifocal Area Projects
	5	Single Focal Area Projects
	6	Global projects
	7	Other: _____
	8	Other: _____
	9	Other: _____

Question 4 - Potential Solutions

Please provide any additional comments or suggestions on the themes and geographies that the GEF Secretariat should be consider when developing the GEF programming strategy for GEF-7. This is another way and opportunity to express your opinions as part of the consultation process the GEF is carrying out with a wide range of stakeholders. Thank you.

Annex 1. Background, questions and mechanics of the Exercise

Background

The GEF Secretariat is gathering information from various sources to determine how best to program the financial resources that would become available during GEF-7 (2018-2022). As part of this process, the GEF will use the ECWs in calendar year 2016 to initiate consultations with key stakeholders in GEF recipient countries. Together with input from contributing participants, GEF Agencies, the GEF CSO Network, STAP, Parties to the Conventions that the GEF serves, and other stakeholders, these early consultations will contribute towards the first drafts of the programming directions for GEF-7. In 2017 stakeholders in recipient countries will have additional opportunities to engage in and contribute towards the replenishment process.

During the ECWs the GEF wants to ask the participants a series of questions and use their answers as the basis for a 1-hr discussion session on this topic. Since the current interest of the GEF is on programming directions, the questions and discussion will be about the themes the countries are most interested in. While the topics will be the driving force of the discussion, geographic settings will be considered to properly target investments at the national level or promote international cooperation. Questions regarding policy and procedures will be considered later in the preparatory process of GEF-7.

The Questions

The GEF Secretariat has developed 4 questions for the participants to the ECWs. The answers to the questions will be used as input for a discussion in plenary. The questions have been crafted for the answers to fall within the mandate and means of the GEF as the financial mechanism of the various international conventions and protocol it serves.

For each of the 4 questions below, there is a list of potential answers for the participants to consider. These options will vary from regional to region in order to accommodate the exercise to the different geographic, ecological and cultural settings around the world. For each of the Questions, please select 3 options only.

The Exercise

Part I (Estimated Time: 20 minutes)

1. The GEF Secretariat will describe the exercise and distribute the questions to the participants. Every participant will receive 4 sheets of paper, one for each question.
2. Each participant will answer the 4 questions by ticking the boxes in front of the three most important or relevant answers suggested. New answers can be added if the ones provided do not suffice.
3. Once participants have completed answering the questions, they are encouraged to compare answers but not to change their responses as a result of the deliberations that will take among the participants around the table.
4. The participants will hand over their answers to the GEF Secretariat for analysis.

Part II (Estimated time: 10 minutes) – During a separate session to allow time for analysis after Part I.

1. The GEF Secretariat will compile the answers from all the participants and present the results in plenary.
2. The GEF Secretariat will encourage a debate, if time permits, by asking some of the following questions:
 - a. If the GEF Secretariat were to use the results of this consultation to determine the programming of financial resources in GEF-7, would the countries feel comfortable investing their GEF-7 financial resources? That is, that the answers with the most “votes” truly represent the regional expectations.
 - b. Would the top three answers for questions 1 to 3, call for action at the regional level, or on the contrary, these priorities could be tackled with country-based projects?
 - c. Are there questions on thematic and geographic issues that should have been asked to better inform the GEF Secretariat on the views of the participants to the ECWs?