

GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop for the Middle East and North Africa
October 29 – November 1, 2019 | Hotel TBD – Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

DAY I: Tuesday, 29 October	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Session & Welcome Remarks
09:30 – 10:30	GEF Quiz
10:30 – 12:30	GEF-7 Programming Strategies
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	GEF-7 Programming Strategies (continued) and LDCF
15:00 – 17:30	GEF-7 Policies and Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project and Program Cycle Policy • Agency Fee Policy • Cancellation Policy • Co-financing Policy • Policy on Monitoring • STAR • Results
18:00 – 20:00	Reception

DAY 2: Wednesday, 30 October	
09:00 – 10:00	GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and Evaluation in the GEF • Recent evaluation findings and ongoing evaluations • Sustainability of GEF projects
10:00 – 11:30	Roles and Responsibilities of Operational Focal Points
11:30 – 13:00	GEF-7 Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder Engagement Policy • Gender Equality Policy • Environmental and Social Safeguard Standards • Knowledge Management
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:30	Game on Project Development
16:30 – 17:30	EBRD's work in the region
Beginning 17:30	Bilateral Meetings with OFPs (part 1)

DAY 3: Thursday, 31 October - GEF Knowledge & Learning Day

Site visit for GEF project 3209 “Strengthening protected area financing and management systems.
Site is Ras Muhammad National Park, Egypt’s oldest and best-known protected area. The project addresses area’s ecological vulnerability to climate change via identifying critical issues and applying best practices.

08:00	Busses depart from Hotel (get comfortable shoes, hats, sunblock & mosquito repellent)
10:00 – 13:00	Presentation and group discussion of lessons learned from the project
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch at the reserve
14:00 –15:00	Debriefing
15:00 – 17:00	Bus to hotel

DAY 4: Friday, 1 November

9:00 – 9:10	Welcome
9:10 – 10:10	Civil Society Engagement within the GEF Partnership Overview GEF’s engagement with civil society and group discussion on stakeholder and civil society engagement (roundtable per country): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are key lessons learned about GEF’s civil society engagement at both policy and project level? • What are key challenges remaining? • What could be done better moving forward? • What are the roles and responsibilities of the CSOs in GEF partnership?
10.10 - 10:40	Understanding the GEF CSO Network Overview of the evolving role of civil society and the GEF CSO Network engagement within the GEF Partnership
10:40 – 10:55	Coffee Break
10:55 - 12:30	GEF Small Grants Programme Panel discussion about SGP and opportunities in GEF-7
12:30-13:00	Future CSO engagement opportunities and wrap-up What’s coming up GEF-7
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Blended Finance workshop Workshop for project-developers and fund seekers, with practical examples and templates on how to access larger/private financing
16:00 – 16:30	ECW evaluation
16:30 – 18:00	Bilateral Meetings with OFPs (part 2)