



UNDERSTANDING THE GEF CSO NETWORK

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GEF-CSO NETWORK



- **Established in 1995 to facilitate CSO input to GEF Governance**
- **At present there are 549 active members in 16 regions across the globe**
- **GCN member can be non-political, non-racial, non-violent CSO**
- **Main GCN Objectives:**
 - **Facilitate Civil society input to design and realization of GEF policy**
 - **Consultations with CSOs and provide input on each agenda item during GEF Council meetings**
 - **Monitor and build capacity at regional and national level for CSOs engagement in GEF activities**
- **GCN Members should support their respective Government Ministries for effective implementation of the GEF funded projects**

GOVERNANCE



- **Governed by a Coordination Committee composed of representatives of -**
 - ❑ **Elected Regional Focal Point (RFPs) from 16 geographic regions**
 - ❑ **3 Indigenous Peoples Focal Points from Asia, Africa and Latin America.**
 - ❑ **Targets to appoint Country Focal Points (currently, there are 24 only).**

- **Overseen by a Management Team comprising of a Chair, Vice Chair, Heads of 4 Sub-committees drawn from the Coordination Committee members and the Secretariat.**

- **Aims to form TWG on the GEF Focal Areas**

OPERATIONS



- **Guided by GEF Council Approved New Vision and the Revised Network Strategic Plan (2018-2022)**

- **The Secretariat :**

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MEMBERSHIP



- **Open to all non for profit, non-political, non-racial, non-religious and non-violent CSOs working in the focal areas of GEF.**
- **Application form can be downloaded from the website www.gefcso.org and submitted to the Secretariat by mail**
- **Membership is equivalent to accreditation to GEF.**

INVOLVEMENT IN GEF-RELATED PROCESSES



- **GEF-7 Replenishment**
- **WG for Review of GEF Public**
- **Involvement Policy/Stakeholder Engagement Policy**
- **Gender Working Group**
- **Knowledge Management Working Group**
- **IP Advisory Group**
- **Updated Vision to enhance civil society engagement with GEF**

KEY ACTIVITIES



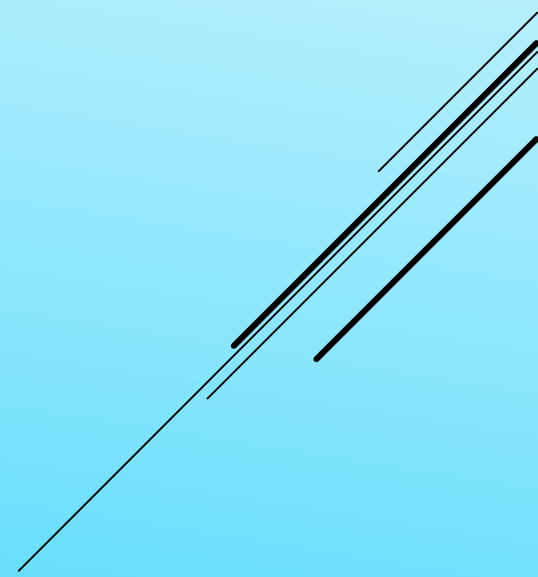
- **Participation and contribution to the GEF Assemblies, Council meetings and ECWs**
- **Adding value to the GEF-7 Programming directions and replenishment.**
- **Participation in 4 GEF working groups**
- **Support and raising awareness on GEF programs and policies by Country and Regional Focal Points in their respective regions**

HIGHLIGHTS



- **Supports GEF Sec in selection of the CSOs participate in the GEF events.**
- **Advocates to facilitate the engagement of Indigenous People in the GEF architecture**
- **Enhances support for CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and the SDG framework.**
- **Builds strong mechanisms for engagement of CSOs at national, regional and global level through incorporation of CSO representatives in GEF monitoring and evaluation teams**
- **Explores ways to strengthen the relationship between GEF, agencies, implementing partners and civil society**

UPDATED VISION TO ENHANCE CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT WITH GEF



CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT WITHIN THE GEF PARTNERSHIP

For more meaningful engagement in the GEF policy making and implementation, the GEF CSO Network (GCN) develops partnership with GEF SEC, Governments, GEF Agencies and CSOs.

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THE GEF SEC AND GCN



The GCN, a member of the GEF family,

- ▶ **represents more than 540 CSOs globally**
- ▶ **understands the GEF Systems and contributes to the GEF policy environments and its implementation processes**
- ▶ **comes up with diverse global experiences and capabilities from grass root levels**

THE GOVERNMENTS, GEF AGENCIES & GCN

GCN as the accredited CSO network of the GEF,

- ▶ Governments/GEF Agencies may consider as their most reliable partner**
- ▶ GCN has pool of technical resources to add value to facilitate the Governments/GEF Agencies in project development and implementation process**
- ▶ GCN has a good understanding of the GEF architecture and can significantly contribute in its activities.**

CSOs AND THE GCN



Becoming the member of the GCN, the CSOs

- ▶ **are accredited to the GEF,**
- ▶ **have access to updated information of the GEF policy, program and projects on a regular basis**
- ▶ **can contribute in the GEF policy formulation and project implementation by the governments**
- ▶ **can participate in the GEF Assemblies, Council Meetings, ECWs and National Government & CSO Dialogues**

GEF-CSO NETWORK IN EECA



**Unites Eastern European and Central Asia
Countries including : Albania (1), Bulgaria
(0), Bosnia-Herzegovina (2), Croatia (1),
Georgia (6), North Macedonia (0), Moldova
(4), Montenegro (0), Poland (0), Romania (0),
Serbia (1), Ukraine (1), Armenia (3), Belarus
(2), Russian Federation (2), Azerbaijan (5),
Kazakhstan (5), Kyrgyz Republic (4),
Switzerland (0), Tajikistan (4), Turkmenistan
(1), Uzbekistan (1)**

TOTAL 43 Members from 22 countries

COOPERATION WITHIN THE REGIONAL NETWORK (SUGGESTIONS)



- **Create a database of areas of cooperation (dissemination of information, implementation of joint projects, etc.)**
- **Establish partnership in implementing initiatives and projects on dissemination of simple and affordable green technologies within local communities**

DISSEMINATION OF SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL BY NGOS

There are all possibilities for the wide dissemination of technologies in the region:

- Cooperation of countries, experts and organizations in the region**
- Analysis and selection of technologies according to the criteria**
- Available information (descriptions, videos, manuals)**
- Education and training of local specialists is required**
- Availability of various grants**

**To learn more about the project and technologies:
<https://tech4eco.org/technologies>**



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