

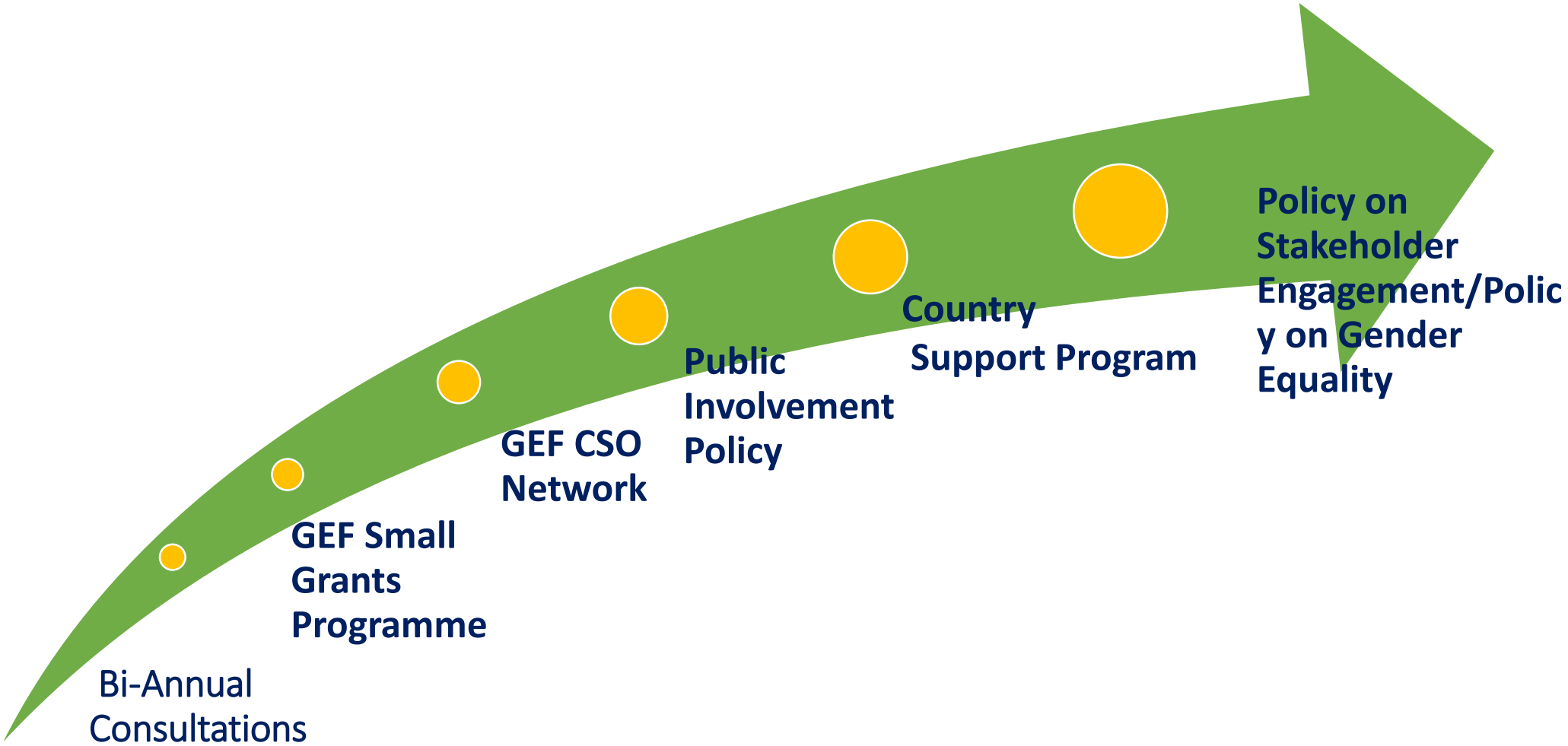


Civil Society Engagement with the GEF

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Evolution of Engagement with Civil Society



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 to Enhance Engagement with Civil Society

- Collaboration for greater results and impact
- On the ground engagement with recipient country governments and participation with Council members
- Advisory role for the GEF Council on institutional policies and guidelines and formulation of strategies
- GEF CSO Network's role in advocacy and outreach to civil society at the global level



Continued Engagement

- Strengthening CSO Representation at Council Consultations and Assembly
- Strengthening Access to information Redress and Grievance mechanisms
- Improved engagement at the project and program level: Implementation of Policies on Stakeholder Engagement /Gender/Safeguards
- Regional participation at Expanded Constituency Workshops
- Knowledge sharing

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