

Dialogue between the CSO and the GEF

GEF DAY: 16:40 – 18:10, 9 September 2017 (Saturday)
Rio Conventions Pavilion

This event is a unique opportunity to give the floor to various CSOs involved in sustainable land management and share their experiences with the GEF. Some CSOs were involved in national processes to identify priorities, other have the experiences of developing projects at regional levels, some are involved in the GEF CSO network... As a GEF cycle is ending and the discussions have started for the replenishment, it will be a timely opportunity to take stock of GEF policies on public participation, CSO, gender issues, Indigenous People, etc. This slot is organized as a bottom-up discussion, starting with different examples at different levels of interventions (local, national, regional). These examples will give the opportunity to the GEF secretariat to comment on experiences, respond to questions, and provide outlines in view of the next GEF replenishment.

The questions that will be explored include the following:

1. What is the role of CSO in GEF programming at national and local levels?
2. How are CSO participating in regional and thematic networks related to LD issues?
3. How are CSO key partners for scaling up and replicating SLM?

Provisional Agenda

(as of 29 August 2017)

Time	Agenda Item
5 minutes	Opening Remarks & Facilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, Senior Environmental Specialist, GEF
60 minutes	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omer Ouedraogo, Programme Officer, SPONG (Permanent Secretariat of NGOs, Burkina Faso), will share his experience from the GEF CSO network and SPONG's implication to formulate recommendations in view of the next GEF replenishment • Patrice Burger, Chairperson and founder of CARI (NGO), also member of various networks and platforms related to SLM: • Bora Masumbuko, Programme Officer, IUCN, will share her experiences from the GEF5 BRICKS and some of the national projects under the SAWAP: she will highlight the role of women in disseminating SLM related innovations • Yoko Watanabe, Global Manager, GEF Small Grant Programme- GEF Small Grants Programme's contribution to Land Degradation Neutrality
20 minutes	Questions and Answers with Chiz Aoki, Lead Environment Specialist, and Ulrich Apel, GEF LD Coordinator
5 minutes	Wrap-up



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