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GEF Conflict Resolution System

GEF Introduction Seminar

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GEF -- working for the global environment ...



... Includes addressing
conflicts and responding
to concerns of affected
people





Projects to protect the global environment -- but it's complicated out there and things can go wrong

A project in the highlands of Nicaragua





GEF Conflict Resolution System

- ❖ Addresses complaints involving Safeguards and Fiduciary Risk (claims of fraud, corruption)
- ❖ Agency required to have response mechanisms in place, in line with minimum standards in both Policies
- ❖ New requirements just adopted by GEF Council for Agencies to report on cases under formal review
- ❖ Secretariat CRC has facilitation role; see also website



Examples of concerns raised

- ❖ Lack of stakeholder engagement as required by GEF Policy
- ❖ Failure to carry out required environmental and social impact studies
- ❖ Failure to respect rights of indigenous communities (FPIC, access to lands)
- ❖ Conflict of interest in procurement
- ❖ Fraud, misuse of funds



Some key elements

- ❖ Accessible and known to affected people
- ❖ Independence and integrity
- ❖ Impartial fact-finding
- ❖ Protecting anonymity when requested



Larger purposes

- ❖ Better and more responsive projects – issues do come up
- ❖ Resolving problems and addressing risks
 - Strong governance system from design to implementation
- ❖ Giving people a voice and enlisting their expertise
- ❖ Lessons for the future