stakeholder engagement and gender mainstreaming

Expanded Constituency Workshop 2017
this session

overview of global commitments & GEF policies & standards

breakout session to share lessons learned, reflect on current practices & discuss opportunities to strengthen or clarify GEF policy, guidelines or procedures
stakeholder engagement and gender equality

participation matters
- ownership, partnerships and accountability
- social and economic needs of individuals and stakeholder groups
- diverse skills, experiences and knowledge

gender equality matters
- men and women use natural resources differently
- men and women are affected differently by changes to natural resources
- men and women have different rights or access to resources, and decision-making power

agents of change
Global commitments and processes

- Crosscutting priority in Multilateral Environmental Agreements
  - CBD, UNCCD, UNFCCC, (Paris Agreement)
- SDGs and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- GEF 2020 strategy, GEF-6 policy recommendations and programme directions
Public involvement and stakeholder engagement

**GEF Policy (1996)**

*Outlining principles for Public Involvement*

- contributes to environmental and financial sustainability
- needs to address social, cultural and economic needs of people
- responsibility rests with government and GEF Agencies
- needs to be flexible, broad-based and transparent

**GEF Guidelines (2014)**

*Providing steps and mechanisms across the GEF project cycle*

- information dissemination
- consultation for setting priorities
- consultation for project/program design and implementation
- reporting, monitoring and evaluation
- conflict Resolution and grievance function
Working Group on Public Involvement (2014)

Activities
- review Agency policies and procedures
- compile Agency best practices
- review GEF monitoring practices of public involvement
- provide recommendations to enhance PIP

Findings
- Develop a plan to revise PIP
  - Lacks clarity and consistency of operational policy (e.g. unclear mix of aspirational principles and affirmative policy mandates)
  - Should align and reflect policies and advances in past 20 years
  - Need to agree on clearer mandates to support better stakeholder engagement across increasingly diverse GEF partnership

MOVING FORWARD
Council Decision: present an updated policy on stakeholder engagement and access to information for consideration in December 2017
policy on gender mainstreaming (2011)

Institutional level
Agency accreditation requirements & compliance

- Competency
- Capacity
- Processes

Project level

Social/Gender analysis
Stakeholder consultations

Project Standards
Gender responsive results-based framework
Gender sensitive activities

- Consolidated the GEF Gender Partnership
- Increased monitoring and reporting on gender
- Conducted portfolio review
- Supported capacity building efforts and platforms for learning

MOVING FORWARD
- Update GEF’s Policy on Gender
- Develop Guidelines and Tools
Project implications (1)

- Information easily accessible and effectively disseminated to relevant stakeholders
- Regular meetings of the OFPs and relevant stakeholders to discuss GEF programming
- Stakeholders identification:
  - Mechanisms for stakeholder consultation and engagement in setting priorities;
  - Adequate representation of relevant stakeholder groups, such as civil society in National Steering Committees.
- **Stakeholder identification** and mapping (incl. civil society, indigenous peoples, and women's’ groups) - gender responsive stakeholder and consultation
- **Mechanisms for gender responsive stakeholder consultation** and engagement
- **Applying a standard of Free, Prior and Informed Consent** (FPIC), or other relevant system for consultation (Indigenous Peoples)
- **Social assessments including gender analysis** (baseline data collection);
- **Develop results frameworks that are gender responsive** (e.g. linking findings of gender analysis to project theory of change, outcomes, outputs and activities identifying sex-disaggregated indicators)
Project implications (3)

- Implementation of stakeholder engagement plans and/or gender action plans;
- Applying a standard of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), or other relevant system for consultation with Indigenous Peoples;
- Partner with relevant CSOs to execute projects;
- Cultivate gender sensitive project teams;
- Mechanisms to deepen engagement of key stakeholders from civil society, including gender specialist and women groups
**Project implications (4)**

- Report on stakeholder engagement;
- Report on gender dimensions and associated results;
- Adjust project activities and foster learning;
- Include women and stakeholders in monitoring and evaluation activities.
THANK YOU

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