stakeholder engagement and gender mainstreaming

Expanded Constituency Workshop 2017
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
Review of Public Involvement Policy (1996)

August 2014 – CSO Network review/ October - GEF Sec formulates Guidelines

June 2015 - Working Group on Public Involvement Established
A Working Group on the GEF Public Involvement Policy (PIP) was created in June 2015.

The Working Group comprised of GEF Partner Agencies, GEF Secretariat, GEF Operational Focal Points, GEFCSO Network, GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group, GEF IEO.

A consultant was engaged to provide background analysis and to develop recommendations for the Working Group.

The Working Group presented recommendations to the GEF Council Meetings in October 2016.
Update of Policy on Stakeholder Engagement

On-going process

- June 2016 Working Group Recommendation to Council/Council Decision to Update Policy
- Decision Meeting: Draft Policy Discussed with management
- May 2017 Working Group Review of Policy - Feedback received
- External Consultations Launched - September 2017 – Website (public)
- November 2017 Submit for Council Approval

Agency Retreat I September 2017
The Stakeholder Engagement Policy

sets out the core principles and mandatory requirements for stakeholder engagement in GEF governance and operations, with a view to ensuring transparency, participation and inclusion.

**Principles**

- Constructive, responsive and transparent engagement
- Supports fair, balanced, and inclusive participation
- Applies to all GEF-financed activities
- Sustained commitment and action
  - Easy and timely access to information
- Applies to all GEF

**Agency Mandatory Requirements**

- Indicative information on stakeholders to be engaged and means of engagement
- Stakeholder engagement plans or equivalent and resource requirements throughout the project/program cycle
- Oversee the implementation of stakeholder engagement and include information on progress, challenges and outcomes
Secretariat Responsibilities

**Review and Monitoring**

- Assess whether adequate measures have been proposed to ensure effective stakeholder engagement throughout the life-cycle of the activity.
- Update and maintain project and program templates to support the implementation of this Policy.
- Report annually to the Council on stakeholder engagement across GEF-financed activities

**Activities led by Secretariat**

- Engage with stakeholders in a transparent and inclusive manner aimed at fair representation.
- Provide for appropriate stakeholder engagement in the development of GEF policies, guidelines and strategy.
Compared to men, women are more absent in decision making. They have less access to and control of land & resources, have less access to markets, financing and credit. Heads of national environmental sector ministries in UN Member States (women and men) are predominantly men. Only 15% of the world’s extension agents are women, and only 10% of total aid for agriculture, forestry and fishing goes to women. Female farmers receive only 5% of all agricultural extension services from 97 countries.

Source: IUCN (2014)
Consultations

GEF Gender Partnership

2011
- Accreditation
- Safeguard oriented
- Reliance on Agency

2015
- Gender Mainstreaming Policy
- GEF-6 Policy Recommendations
- Gender Equality Action Plan
- Decision to update Policy
- Improved monitoring and reporting
- Analyses, learning & collaboration

2017
- New Policy on Gender Equality
- GEF-7 Approach to Gender

2018
- Working Group on Policy development
- The Gender Partnership
- GEF Secretariat

Change in the making
2011 Policy

- Accreditation Pilot
- A “do no harm” approach
- Unclear requirements across the GEF project cycle (what and when)
- Weak entry points to monitor, report on implementation and results

New Policy Intent

- Align with best practices & new MEA decisions on gender
- Shift from a “do no harm” towards a “do-good” approach
- Clarify and strengthening project cycle requirements (e.g. gender analysis)
- Leverage/incentivize strategic entry points to promote gender equality to support delivery of GEBs
- Improve collective monitoring & reporting
- Clarify responsibilities in terms of capacity development, learning and knowledge generation
Cover note
1. Introduction
2. Application
3. Purpose
4. Definitions
5. Goal
6. Principles
7. Mandatory requirement

Key changes:
- Documentation requirements at PIF and CEO Endorsement/Approval (gender analysis, activities and gender indicators)
- Review of PIF and CEO Endorsement/Approval by the Secretariat
- Reporting requirement on gender (in MTRs and TEs)
- Generate and share knowledge
- Focus on capacity development

Draft Policy Outline

Implementation Considerations

Guidelines
Strategy & action plan
Results framework
Next steps

Early Consultations
- Extended Constituency Workshops
- Working Group on Policy Development
- GEF Gender Partnership
- Updates in Agency calls

Sept - Oct
- Broaden Consultations
  - Translate Policies
  - Launch public consultations
  - Agency consultations
  - Secretariat discussions

Oct 10 - 31
- Finalize Final draft
  - Agency review
  - LT review

Submission for Council Approval
- October 31, 2017
THANK YOU

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