PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

April 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2018 - April 6\textsuperscript{th}, 2018

A weekly update on the GEF Program Management

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Fiscal Year ’18
Country Support Program Activities
Expanded Constituency Workshops

Constituency Meetings

**June 11 - 13, 2018**
Switzerland
*Venue: TBD*

**June 23, 2018**
Asia Pacific
*Venue: Furama Hotel, Da Nang*

South Asia
*Venue: Furama Hotel, Da Nang*

East Asia
*Venue: Furama Hotel, Da Nang*
## Requests Received from GEF Agencies

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