



GEF CSO Network Statement

Agenda Item 12. Monitoring Agency Compliance with GEF Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender, and Fiduciary Standards

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GEF CSO Network welcomes the Council decision to approve the proposed Policy on Monitoring Agencies' Compliance.

To further strengthen the monitoring of agency compliance with GEF Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender, and Fiduciary Standards, we would like to submit the following recommendations:

1. We recommend the Secretariat to develop specific modality / guidance tool for implementing and operationalizing the Policies for Agencies' self-assessment.

Furthermore, we refer to the recommendations submitted by GEFCSO Network for 50th Council meeting implementation of which are still outstanding; specifically:

2. We recommend that GEF revisit the question of periodic re-accreditation, or periodic confirmation of continuing accreditation. Such re-accreditation or confirmation of continued accreditation would provide a crucial opportunity to reflect on the actual practice of an agency in upholding the Standards (environmental, social, gender and fiduciary) that the GEF has established as the minimum benchmark for receiving funding from the GEF.
3. We recommend the GEF to establish and enforce specific and appropriate compliance or accountability measures (including escalation to loss of accreditation), particularly for cases of repeated non-compliance. Information on what these measures are should be made publically available.
4. We recommend to the GEF to develop a publicly accessible database regarding compliance reporting data provided by accredited Agencies,

including information regarding violations of Agency safeguards and the provided resolution and/or redress.

5. We recommend that the GEFCSO Network be given greater role in the collaborative monitoring of agencies' compliance with these standards to promote transparency and accountability