



GEF CSO Network Statement

AGENDA ITEM 4 : ANNUAL PORTFOLIO MONITORING AND RESULTS REPORT

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On behalf of the civil society, we welcome the annual portfolio monitoring and results report

We note the improvement in gender analysis of the GEF-6 projects amounting to 86 percent of the total projects taking into consideration gender issues during the project preparation stage

We are however concerned that this is only captured in the project preparation stage and no information is provided on the gender analysis of the entire project life cycle.

Additionally, the report also noted the decline in the number of CSOs and Indigenous peoples involved in GEF projects in favour of the private sector thereby endangering and eclipsing the enormous contributions of CSOs and Indigenous peoples to the protection of the global commons/environmental goods. We also decry the declining investments in the CSOs'

In the light of the above, we make the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the annual report should capture the gender analysis of the entire project cycle.
2. We recommend the greater involvement of CSOs and Indigenous peoples in the whole project life cycle
3. We recommend that the National Portfolio Formulation Exercises are implemented as an important setting for allowing stakeholders to engage in national planning process in the GEF focal areas.
4. We strongly recommend that the Council adopt a requirement that such Exercises must be implemented in all countries where GEF resources are used. This will greatly enhance the transparency and accountability of GEF country programming.
5. We request that adequate support should be provided to CSOs and Indigenous peoples by the government and GEF to enable them continue to play their roles as joint protectors of the environment.