



## CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM, GEF ASSEMBLY 24 MAY 2010

A CSO Forum will be held on 24 May as part of the GEF Assembly. The forum will take place at the Conrad Hotel and Convention Center. The CSO forum is open to all CSOs accredited to the Assembly as well as to all other Assembly participants and media. There will be simultaneous translation to English, French and Spanish.

### Objectives:

- To showcase the effective role of civil society organizations in safeguarding the global environment
- Identify key vision and opportunities to further enhance civil society engagement in GEF 5

### Forum Agenda

0830	<b>Registration</b>
0855	<b>Opening Statements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monique Barbut</b>, CEO and Chairperson, GEF</li> <li>• <b>Arq. Jorge Patrone</b>, Vice Minister of Environment – Uruguay</li> <li>• <b>Faizal Parish</b>, GEF NGO Network Central Focal Point</li> <li>• <b>Miguel Reynal</b>, Fundacion ECOS</li> </ul>
0920	<b>Keynote Speeches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ambassador Raul Estrada Oyuela</b> (Former UNFCCC Chairman) <i>The key challenges in the climate change negotiations and role for civil society</i></li> <li>• <b>Thomas Lovejoy</b>, Heinz Center for Science, Economics, and the Environment and Chairman of GEF STAP</li> </ul>
0950	<b>Coffee break</b>
1000	<b>Session 1: The role of civil society in safeguarding the global environment</b> <p><b>Moderator: German Rocha</b>, GEF-NGO Network</p> <p>Strategic presentations to showcase experience in different GEF Focal areas and regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Achim Steiner</b>, Executive Director, UNEP <i>Strategic role of civil society in safeguarding global environment</i></li> <li>• <b>Ermath Harrington</b>, Caribbean Conservation Association/GEF NGO Network <i>NGO experience in GEF implementation in the Caribbean</i></li> <li>• <b>Minnie Degawan</b>, Philippines <i>GEF MSP on Indigenous Peoples' Network for Change</i></li> <li>• <b>Cecilio Solis</b>, Mexico <i>Civil society action through Latin America Network on Climate Change</i></li> <li>• <b>Essam Nada</b>, Arab Network for Environment and Development/GEF NGO Network <i>The role of civil society in Nile Basin Development</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and answers, and open discussion to identify key lessons.</b></p>

1115	<p><b>Session 2 : Local and indigenous communities- guardians of the environment</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Felipe Villagran, GEF NGO Network</b>  Overview, case studies and lessons learned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Delfin Ganapin</b>, GEF SGP Global Manager  <i>Highlights of SGP Global Work with Indigenous Peoples</i></li> </ul> <p><b>SGP Case study presentations from:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Yolanda Contreras Avalos</b>, Asociación de Artesanas de Arbolso y Huaca de Barro del Distrito de Morrope, Peru</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Daniel Macías</b>, Grupo para la protección ambiental activa, Bella Unión, Artigas, Uruguay</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Samuel C. Dotse</b>, Executive Director, HATOF Foundation, Ghana</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and answers, and open discussion to identify key lessons.</b></p>
1230	<b>Lunch break</b>
1330	<p><b>Session 3: Latin American experiences with GEF: successes, challenges and opportunities</b></p> <p><b>Moderators: Alberto Yanosky – Guyra Paraguay /Maria Leichner, ECOS</b>  Interactive panel with leaders of environment movement from Latin America and active audience participation.</p> <p><b>Strategic/Case study presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yan Speranza</b>, Fundacion Moises Bertoni,Paraguay</li> <li>• <b>Jose Maria Musmesci</b>, Fundacion Patagonia Natural,Argentina</li> <li>• <b>Jeannette Alvarado</b>, FUMA, El Salvador</li> <li>• <b>Johnson Cerda</b>, Indigenous People’s Focal Point, Americas GEF NGO Network</li> <li>• <b>Ninon Machado de Faria Leme Franco</b>, IPANEMA , Brazil</li> <li>• <b>Diego Moreno</b>, Fundacion Vida Silvestre (FVSA),Argentina</li> <li>• <b>Alejandro Fernández</b>, ONG Pindó Azul, Treinta y Tres, Uruguay</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and answers, and open discussion to identify key lessons.</b></p>
1515	<b>Coffee break</b>
1530	<p><b>Session 4: Dialogue: Enhancing partnership with civil society in GEF – 5</b></p> <p><b>Moderators: - Roberto Cabral Bowling - Mexico/ Ing Agr. Alicia Torres</b>  Presentations and facilitated dialogue to review and refine key principles and opportunities for enhancing Civil society partnership with GEF including: review of GEF public participation policy, empowering Civil society in GEF governance, direct and expedited access to GEF resources and securing rights of local and indigenous communities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Faizal Parish</b>, Central Focal Point, GEF NGO Network  <i>Overview of proposed GEF 5 reforms in relation to civil society</i></li> <li>• <b>Maria Leichner</b>, Fundacion ECOS  <i>Expectations of Latin American CSOs for GEF-5</i></li> <li>• <b>Yannick Glemarec</b>, UNDP/GEF Executive Coordinator  <i>Experiences and challenges in enhancing civil society engagement in GEF programmes</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Panel/Audience discussion with following additional participants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pilar Barrera</b>, GEF NGO Network RFP for North America</li> <li>• <b>Legborsi Saro Pyagbara</b>, Indigenous People’s Focal Point, Africa, GEF NGO Network</li> <li>• <b>Brennan van Dyke</b>, GEF Secretariat (tbc)</li> </ul>
1715	<b>Conclusion and Forum statement</b>
1745	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monique Barbut</b>, CEO and Chairperson, GEF</li> <li>• Indigenous representative (tbc)</li> <li>• GEF NGO Network</li> </ul>
1800	<b>End</b>

The civil society forum is organized by the GEF NGO Network with a key role undertaken by local Network Member Fundacion ECOS and financial support by GEF.