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With regard to the work of STAP to review PIF's and programme frameworks, we are aware that the focus of STAP is on scientific and technical issues.

However we wonder if you can clarify whether you examine in any detail the sections related to stakeholder engagement including engagement and input from technical and scientific stakeholder communities in the region or country involved.

If so have you ever made any specific comments on projects and are you aware whether such comments may have been considered in project design.

As you may be aware in the OPS4 the Evaluation Office was unable to make any conclusions related to stakeholder engagement due to inadequate systematic information and data on such engagement.

Finally will regard to involvement of the technical and scientific community in the work of the GEF – Non-profit organizations working in the scientific and technical arena are eligible to be accredited/become members of the GEF NGO Network and thus be able to be formally involved in contribution to GEF policies or implementation. We would be grateful for any guidance from STAP on this matter.