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## **Statement by GEF NGO Network**

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With regard to the review by the Evaluation office of the experience with National Capacity Self Assessments (NCSA) in 131 countries - we note:

- Conclusion 5 and the Statement in Para 5 of the Executive Summary indicated that two third of the CSOs felt that the NCSA participation process could have been more inclusive.
- Conclusion 7 on Cross-cutting assessment indicated that Public Awareness and Environmental Education, and Information Collection were key issues requiring further action.
- Future allocations for cross-cutting capacity building should include adequate resources for awareness and information.
- 46 countries identified stakeholder engagement as constraint
- 111 countries (85%) recommended capacity development for public awareness and environmental education as being their top need in the future.

Given the recognized strong track record of CSOs in capacity building for public awareness and environmental education, the GEF NGO Network proposes that options to support capacity building in this area through provision of resources to CSOs at country or sub-regional level maybe be a cost effective approach to be used by GEF in future.