



NOTIFICATION

This is to notify you that the next meeting of the **GEF Council consultations with representatives of civil society organizations will be held in Washington D.C., on June 04, 2012**. The meeting will be followed by the Council meeting June 5-7, 2012.

In addition, all CSO representatives may wish to note the following:

- **Preparatory meeting** for the GEF Council and CSO consultations will be held on **June 03, 2012** (No language interpretation will be provided).
- Limited financial assistance is available for the GEF NGO Network members who have registered and have been selected by the Network to attend consultations.
- In selecting representatives the Network is requested that:
 - 1) A balance among international, national and local organizations (including indigenous people) is ensured.
 - 2) When appropriate, preference should be accorded to organizations representing a broad base of interests, although in light of the agenda of a particular Council meeting, it may be appropriate to also seek the views of organizations with specialized experience and expertise.
 - 3) Past attendance of CSOs at the Council meetings should be considered and a rotation among organizations invited to be represented at the meetings should be sought while recognizing that some continuity in representation would also be useful.
- Nomination of an individual to represent an organization at the GEF Council meeting or CSO consultations should be made by the executive head or competent authority of the organization concerned. More information on selection criteria and requirements can be found at <http://www.thegef.org/gef/node/1376>.
- Please register to attend GEF Council consultations with CSOs at: <http://www.thegef.org/gef/csos/Council-June-2012>
Deadline for registration of CSO's representatives seeking financial assistance to attend consultations is **March 05, 2012**. Registration of self sponsored participants will be open until May 20, 2011.

Meeting agenda and other documents for the meeting, including logistical information will be circulated before the meeting.

All applicants will be notified about the outcome of selection procedure with further details for visa, travel and accommodation arrangements.

