



GEF NGO Network comments on Agenda item 9: Terms of Reference and Budget for the Fifth Overall Performance Study of the GEF –GEF/ME/C.42/05

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The GEF NGO Network welcomes the proposed work for the OPS5. We are happy to see that it should allow the evaluation office to assess how civil society has been included within the GEF 5 overall programming implementation.

We invite the Evaluation office to ensure that both the first and final report will precisely address the following three major pillars of civil society interaction with the GEF ;

- a) Level and trends of financing for CSO- led MSP and FSP projects from GEF3 to 5, assessing the Potential impact of the STAR and taking into consideration the studies and recommendations on the negative impact of the RAF on funding for CSOs as made by the GEF NGO Network as input to the GEF5 replenishment negotiations.
- b) Experience on the level of CSO participation in the NPFE or similar national exercises to get multi-stakeholder inputs to programme identification and the related results/impact of the consultations in the final GEF5 programing priorities.
- c) Inclusion of CSOs in the project identification, development and implementation by the countries and GEF Agencies

With regards to trends in country ownership - - we would encourage focus on Stakeholder participation rather than merely consultation. In addition we believe that more data sources should be assessed other than the CPEs which in our view is too narrow/small an information source.

Regarding the evaluation of the reform process, we invite the EO to focus on the connectivity of the STAR structure with the GEF programmatic approaches with a specific attention on the adequacy of STAR set aside funds (for regional or global activities) as incentives or obstacles for the development and performances of such programmatic approaches.

We have a number of specific comments on the paper which we will submit to the secretariat

The GEF NGO Network is happy to cooperate closely with the EO to help facilitate the contribution of CSOs, provide data and share expertise and analysis on these issues.