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**GEF Network Comments**  
**on**  
**Appointment of the new CEO, Dr. Naoko Ishii**  
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Ms Naoko Ishii

The GEF NGO Network on behalf of our 479 members from more than 120 countries, congratulate you on your appointment as the CEO of GEF. The Network serves to facilitate the effective engagement of civil society in the work of the GEF both in policy making and in action on the ground. The ultimate stakeholders in the work of the GEF are the citizens of the planet.

We are confident that as the new CEO you will further enhance the reforms undertaken by GEF over the past few years to strengthen the engagement of CSOs in the work of GEF including the development of guidelines for the engagement of Indigenous peoples; adoption of environmental and social safeguards; the implementation of the Public involvement policy; and the establishment of the GEF NGO Voluntary Fund.

We would also like to invite you to join us on the ground to see first-hand the partnership between civil society and GEF and to work together to strengthen the partnership with civil society to achieve our common objectives to safeguard the planet.