



GEF NGO Network

Statement on the

Agenda item 4: Joint Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

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The GEF NGO Network welcomes the Joint work programme.

We have reviewed the projects in the work programme and in particular have some concerns about the plans for CSO engagement in the Project.

We would like to praise UNDP and the developers of the Project in Tunisia that provides a best practice example for identification of stakeholders and their roles with specific identification of many different groups. We hope that other projects will follow this example.

In contrast the only stakeholder specifically mentioned in the EBRD water project in Kyrgyzstan is the Ministry of Finance. No other stakeholders are mentioned, although it is mentioned that some consultations will be undertaken as part of the further development.

The project in Georgia highlights the role of the Ministry of Agriculture in liaising with the “poor women and men” to be involved in the project. However, No involvement of CSOs is mentioned.

The projects for Lebanon and the Benguela current identify relevant generic Stakeholder groups but include no specificity of the groups or the process for engagement in the next stage of development.

We would like to urge that the agencies and the Secretariat take more care in future to ensure that the issues of CSO engagement in the future projects is more clearly specified in the PIFs.

Finally we would like to refer to the Inf 5 on “other elements of an LDCF Work programme – in particular para 13-17. We support the proposal to develop a Global support Programme to support other elements of the work programme. We hope that within the GSP the issues of public awareness and civil society engagement is fully incorporated.

We also hope that in future meetings the issues of CSO engagement will be more clearly addressed.