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On behalf of GEF NGO Network, We are happy to note that the AMR 2012 includes for the first time an analysis of the participation of CSOs in the work of the GEF. We are also happy to see the continuing monitoring of the involvement of Indigenous peoples as well as an analysis of consideration of gender in GEF projects.

With regard to indigenous peoples we note with some concern that the analysis has shown a significant decline from 20 percent to five percent of projects involving Indigenous peoples. We hope that this can be analysed further the reason for the decline determined.

With regard to CSO Participation in GEF projects we are happy that there has been analysis of the various roles of CSO engagement in GEF projects. We note that the engagement of CSOs was documented in 57% of projects. We are concerned as to why no CSO engagement was recorded in 43% of project – given that the GEF Public involvement policy requires consideration of CSO engagement in all projects. We note that for projects related to chemicals and climate change - a lower proportion of projects involved civil society.

We further note that only 9 out of 215 projects (or about 4%) were directly executed by CSOs – although more were co-executed by CSOs.

Given that all the data in the analysis related to mid-term and terminal evaluations - which would have likely been approved by the GEF Council in GEF 3 or GEF 4 (ie 4-8 years ago) – we are concerned that the level of Indigenous peoples and CSO engagement in GEF projects and programmes may have declined further in more recent projects.

We would like to hear from the secretariat as to whether any more detailed analysis can be undertaken for the data in this report and that in future some of these issues can be assessed in more detail in the future.

We also realize that this issue may also be assessed as part of the upcoming study by the evaluation office.