



## **GEF CSO Network Statement**

### **Allocation of GEF 6 Resources to different focal areas**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the GEF6 Replenishment**

1. As stated earlier, the Network feels with the enhanced demands from conventions and countries for GEF resources – require a significant increase in GEF resources. GEF should be looking at an ambitious replenishment with a minimum of US\$7 billion in GEF6 just to meet the current and increased convention requirements for GEF.
2. We don't support any cut in total or specific focal areas. Remember that status quo in real terms is a cut.
3. Notwithstanding the total level of funding – we have some comments on the initial allocations between the different focal areas and programmes. We agree with the proposal to enhance the resources for biodiversity – but see that scenario 1 is only a 1.5% increase from GEF5. We believe allocation should be higher for BD. We support the increase for mercury under chemicals. Other areas where we need more is the corporate programmes (which are cut by 10% in the status quo) – especially for CCCD and SGP. We are concerned that even if more funds are found ( scenario 2) the secretariat has proposed no increase in allocations. If we want transformational change and the enhanced and sustainable impacts - we need to increase the resources available for engagement of civil society and reforming national level platforms and mechanisms for stakeholder engagement. We also support the call of LAC and Africa for more resources for LD.
4. We don't propose any reductions as we believe that if the contributors to GEF really want to do so – they can find the needed resources. In April in this room we said we would transform the world in 10 years to save the global environment. Where is this enthusiasm and commitment today?
5. With regard to set-asides – we believe that in order to achieve regional and global challenges, we should have the flexibility to address critical issues at regional and global level. With the bulk of funds allocated to the countries – it is necessary to keep adequate resources to stimulate key actions at regional or global level. Whether the set asides are pre-allocated to integrated programmes or not – there should not be a cut of the set asides as they are still important

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