



GEF NGO NETWORK COMMENTS ON THE GEF-6 STRATEGIC POSITIONING

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Project Cycle

As mentioned yesterday there is a need to further improve and streamline GEFs internal mechanisms related to the project cycle. The proposals by EO to reduce further the number of steps and remove barriers to early programming of GEF resources should be accepted including:

- Establishment of a soft pipeline – to prevent bottlenecks in consideration of PIFS
- Consider increasing the ceiling for PIF approval by the Secretariat
- Reduce multiple documentation of co-financing and flexibility on co-financing especially for some
- We support proposal of India to have flexibility of countries to utilise some of the STAR funds to support development of the projects and programmes.

However these should be done in a way that maintains transparency and enables greater stakeholder engagement and maintains the quality of the programmes.

Gender

We strongly support the proposal for enhanced Gender mainstreaming and the proposed Gender mainstreaming action plan

We support recommendations from the OPS5 on enhancing the capacity of the GEFSEC to address gender issues.

We support enhanced engagement/partnership development with CSOs and networks working on gender mainstreaming in the various focal areas of GEF and develop of best practice guidelines.

Support capacity development on Gender mainstreaming at recipient country level for government, CSOs and other stakeholders.

We hope that the action plan can include the above issues

Similar to the proposals for gender mainstreaming – we believe that GEF needs to undertake further work in GEF 6 to enhance the engagement of civil society including:

- Finalization of the process to update the GEF Public Involvement Policy by May 2014
- Operationalisation of the mechanisms for enhancing engagement of indigenous peoples in the work of the GEF.
- Development and implementation of a clear action plan and guidance for the effective implementation and monitoring of the policy and mainstreaming CS engagement into GEF operations, programmes and processes at all levels.

RBM and Knowledge Management

We believe that it is important to have a robust and effective for RBM in GEF. Based on the OPF5 clearly some significant changes are needed to rationalize the current system and reduce the complexity of the tracking tools especially for MFAs.

As highlighted in the OPS5 review of CS engagement there needs to be serious improvement on the documentation and tracking of CSO engagement. We believe that this can be done in a relatively straightforward way through the PMIS and RBM without overburdening the system.

With regard to knowledge management – this has long been an area where CS has been asking for enhancement in documenting and sharing of best practices. We believe that this can be done in a coordinated but decentralized manner at regional or thematic level in cooperation with partner organization and CSOs.