

# Questionnaire for Expanded Constituency Workshops regarding Stakeholder Engagement in GEF-supported Projects and Programs

## Introduction

The GEF is reviewing public involvement in GEF-supported projects and programs. This review is being conducted under the leadership of a multi-stakeholder Working Group chaired by the GEF Secretariat, which includes GEF Agencies, members of the GEF CSO network, a member of the GEF's Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group, recipient country focal points, and Council Members. The Working Group is reviewing the GEF's Public Involvement Policy (PIP), the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the Public Involvement Policy*, and the quality of public involvement activities implemented under or in accordance with the Policy. The purpose of the review is to improve the clarity of the PIP or the need to reform it, and achieve more effective implementation of public involvement activities.

This short questionnaire seeks your input for the review. We are seeking your opinions and experiences regarding how public involvement is currently being implemented, as well as best practices and potential barriers to effective stakeholder engagement in GEF-supported projects and programs. As defined by the GEF's Public Involvement Policy, "Public involvement consists of three related, and often overlapping, processes: information dissemination, consultation, and stakeholder participation." All three processes are relevant to this questionnaire. If more space is needed for answers, please use the back or attach additional sheets, but please list the number of the question you are answering.

## Identification

1. Which of the following categories best describes your position?
  - a. GEF Operational Focal Point \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. GEF Political Focal Point \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. National Convention Focal Point \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. CSO Representative \_\_\_\_\_

## CSO Identification (CSOs only)

2. What is your name and email address (optional)?
  - a. Name \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Email \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the name of your organization and in which countries does it work?
  - a. Organization name \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Country/countries \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Involvement in GEF projects/programs:** Has your organization been involved in any of the following? (check all that apply) Under each, please also indicate whether your organization was involved (i) through consultation and stakeholder engagement activities, (ii) through project execution (of the whole project or a component), (iii) in project design, (iv) in monitoring and evaluation activities, or (v) in some other way. Please also note the name of the project and country in which it took place, if possible.

- a. GEF Full-Sized Project (FSP)
  - i. Consultation and stakeholder engagement \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Project Execution (either a component or whole project) \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Project design \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. Project monitoring and/or evaluation \_\_\_\_\_
  - v. Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
- b. GEF Medium-Sized Project (MSP)
  - i. Consultation and stakeholder engagement \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Project Execution (either a component or whole project) \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Project design \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. Project monitoring and/or evaluation \_\_\_\_\_
  - v. Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
- c. GEF Small Grants Program (SGP)
  - i. Consultation and stakeholder engagement \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Project Execution (either a component or whole project) \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Project design \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. Project monitoring and/or evaluation \_\_\_\_\_
  - v. Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please provide any further information you may wish to share regarding your organization’s involvement in GEF-supported projects

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6. Please describe whether and how your organization has been involved in advocacy concerning policy or strategy issues related to the GEF (at the GEF corporate/global level or at country level) for example: concerning operational policy issues (e.g. GEF project cycle), gender mainstreaming, indigenous people’s issues, or strategy formulation (e.g. corporate focal area strategies, national portfolio formulation exercises, etc.)

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Note: CSOs should proceed to questions 11 – 17.

**Focal Point Identification (Focal Points only)**

7. What is your name, country and email address?

- a. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Country \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Email \_\_\_\_\_



13. What are the most significant barriers that limit meaningful public involvement in GEF-supported projects? Please score the following on the extent to which they are barriers to public involvement. Please give a score from 1 to 5 for each option, with 5 being the most important and 1 being the least important. Please give reason for each score. If other is chosen, please explain what the barrier is and give reasons. In the text box, please give specific project examples, if possible, to help to explain your answer.

- Lack of national government capacity or commitment : Score \_\_\_\_\_
- Lack of GEF Partner Agency capacity or commitment : Score \_\_\_\_\_
- Lack of accessible information on GEF projects and/or when to engage : Score \_\_\_\_\_
- Insufficient capacity among CSOs and other key stakeholders : Score \_\_\_\_\_
- GEF requirements for public involvement insufficient, unclear or unknown : Score \_\_\_\_\_
- Inadequate funding for public involvement activities : Score \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (Please explain)

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14. What are the most important steps or actions that the GEF Secretariat, in collaboration with the Agencies, could be taken to overcome these barriers? Please score the following on the extent to which they are barriers to public involvement. Please give a score from 1 to 5 for each option, with 5 being the most important and 1 being the least important. Please give reason for each score. If other is chosen, please explain. In the text box, please give specific project examples, if possible, to help to explain your ranking.

- Clearer GEF policy/guidance on required public involvement activities : Score \_\_\_\_\_
- Improved training of national government agencies in public involvement : Score \_\_\_\_\_
- Greater focus on partnerships with CSOs in GEF projects : Score \_\_\_\_\_
- Improved monitoring and evaluation of public involvement : Score \_\_\_\_\_
- Improved grievance reporting and response systems (including efforts to improve awareness) : Score \_\_\_\_\_
- Greater funding for public involvement activities : Score \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (Please explain)

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15. What are important actions that should be taken by national governments and others to improve public involvement? Please list in text box.

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16. Do you have any additional comments or recommendations regarding public involvement in the GEF?

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