



GEF CSO Network Statement

Agenda item 05: GEF/C.48/03 Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) 2014: Part II 48th GEF Council Meeting, Washington DC

The GEF CSO Network appreciates the work that the GEF Secretariat, has done in developing the Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) as an assessment of GEF's active portfolios.

With regard to Gender, we note the steady improvement of inclusion of gender specific information to 56% of projects but are concerned about the lower than average inclusion of gender information in the climate mitigation projects (18%). We note that 18% of projects included reference to indigenous peoples – but there is no information on the nature of the engagement. With regard to CSO engagement we note that 65% of projects had reference to CSO participation but are concerned at the low involvement in the climate change and chemical focal areas.

We recommend the following the Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) should include:

1. A comparison between level CSOs and Indigenous Peoples engagement specified in the PIF to the CSO engagement in the project implementation.
2. A description of the level/type of participation of Indigenous People from planning, formulation, implementation and review of projects as well as how the rights of indigenous peoples were taken into consideration.

With regard to enhancing the implementation of related GEF policies – we recommend that

1. There be targeted dissemination and training as appropriate on GEF policies and requirements related to Gender, indigenous peoples and CSO engagement to all ongoing GEF projects, as well as to CSOs, Indigenous Peoples and other Stakeholders in all GEF recipient countries.
2. An annex is included listing the projects that have included/not included Gender/Indigenous peoples and CSOs issues that the GEF secretariat follow up with the respective agencies to determine what actions can be taken to enhance consideration of these issues in future.