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Evaluation of the GEF Civil Society Organization (CSO) Network

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CSO Network Evaluation

- Requested by Council in October 2014
- Focus is on the relevance, contributions and performance of the network
- Recommendations to consider for going forward, particularly on the strategy

Key Evaluation Questions

Performance

- 1. To what extent is the CSO Network meeting its intended goals and strategic objectives and adding value to the GEF Partnership and its membership?
- 2. How are features of the GEF CSO Network contributing to its ability to meet its objectives?

Learning

- 3. What are the implications for the next phase of the development and evolution of the CSO Network?

Conclusions:

- **Conclusion 1:** Network remains relevant and is delivering results
- **Conclusion 2:** Network is distant from the country level. As such, the Network's is compromised in its ability to bring forward country perspectives.
- **Conclusion 3:** The CSO Network operating in an expanding GEF Partnership without a shared contemporary vision of its role.
- **Conclusion 4:** Within an increasingly complex operating environment, the Network has strengthened, organizationally
- but governance challenges remain.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Create a contemporary vision

Recommendation 2: The GEFSEC and CSO Network should develop clear rules of engagement which guides cooperation and communications.

Recommendation 3: The CSO Network should continue to build itself as a mechanism for strengthening civil society participation in the

Recommendation 4: The CSO Network should strengthen its governance



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