



GEF-CSO Network

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GEF CSO Network Report to the Council (2013/2014)

Network 2013/2014 Report to Council

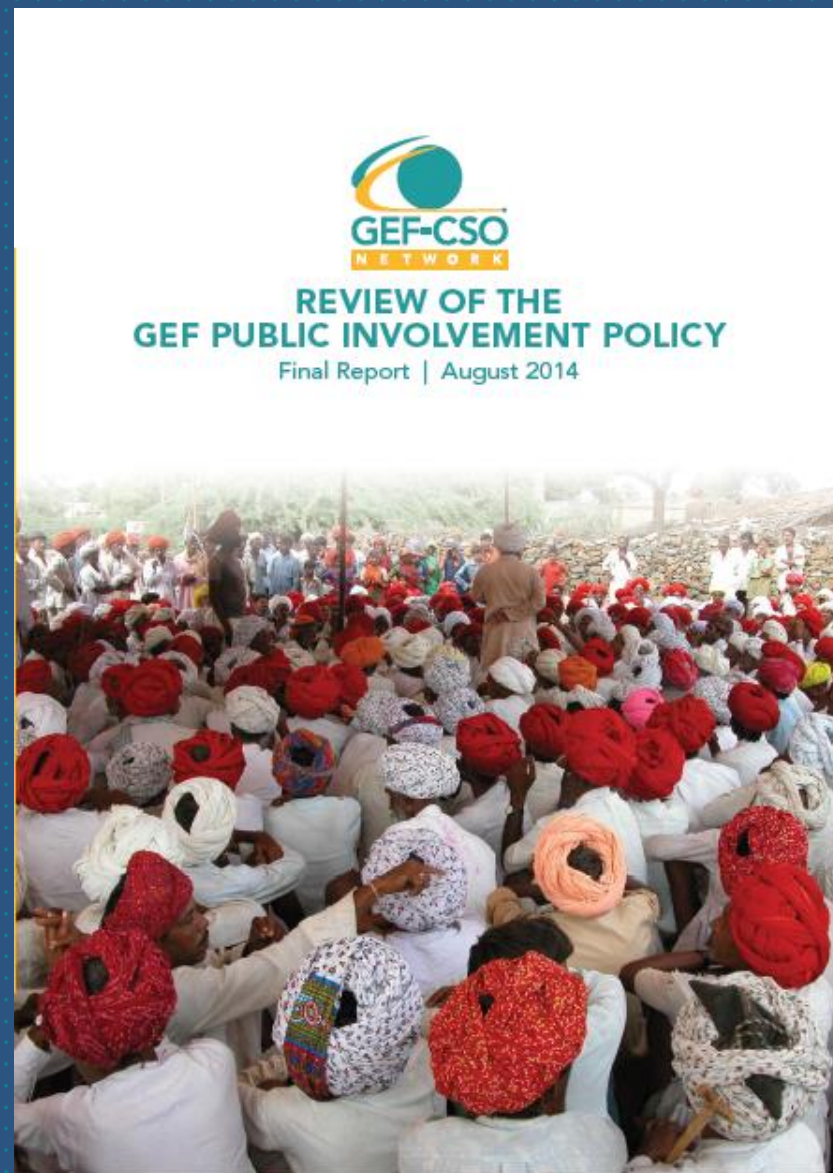
- Introduction
- Network Structure and Function
- Organisation and participation in GEF Related meetings
 - GEF Council CSO Consultation Meeting.
 - CSO Forum during GEF 5th Assembly
 - GEF Regional meetings and Expanded Constituency Workshops
- Input to GEF Policy Making
- Input to GEF 6 Focal Area Strategies and Replenishment
- Review of the GEF Public Involvement Policy
- Outreach and communication
- Membership Development
- Work of the Network Focal Points
- Finance and Administration
- Key issues/concerns and recommendation

ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED

- Review and update of the GEF Public Involvement Policy
- Establishment of the mechanisms to enhance the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and the GEF
- Enhancing support for CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)
- Building strong mechanisms for Network member engagement at national, regional and global level such as through incorporation of CSO reps in GEF monitoring and evaluation teams
- Exploring ways of convening regular GEF National Dialogues to strengthen the relationship between GEF, agencies, implementing partners and civil society

Review of GEF Public Involvement Policy

(August 2014)





**Cancun Declaration of the Civil
Society to The 5th Global
Environment Facility (GEF)
Assembly, 28-29 May 2014**

The Forum showcased under the overall objective *Partnerships for the Future* best practices and new approaches for CSO involvement in GEF processes and focal areas.

Twenty Six presentations were made on key issues and discussions were held on four targeted areas to strengthen the relationship with the GEF.

Create and enhance Knowledge partnerships with CSOs

- Knowledge partnerships with CSOs should be created and enhanced.
- This is encapsulated in one of the key policy recommendations for GEF 6, i.e. *Strengthening the Results-Based Management and Knowledge Management Systems*, which includes the proposal to “create active, solutions-oriented working knowledge partnerships”.

Linkage to council discussions

- Review of PIP by Network and guidelines proposed by Secretariat to be presented to Council CSO Consultation on Monday.
- Proposed guidelines as well as Network Report to Council included as info papers to Council – not formally on agenda.
- We are requesting option for discussion in the council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Recommendation 1 : ECW meetings in GEF 6 should include a specific agenda item related to engagement of civil society. Funding should continue to be provided through the ECW mechanism for back-to-back preparatory/follow-up CSO meetings to be organized at the time of each ECW meeting.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Recommendation 2: The GEF Secretariat and the GEF-CSO Network should work together to encourage contributions from donors to the Voluntary Fund**
- **Recommendation 3 : The GEF Council should support action to update the Public Involvement Policy and develop guidelines to enhance implementation. The Council should also support the mainstreaming of civil society engagement in other policies and procedures of GEF and ensure adequate resources are made available to support civil society engagement.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Recommendation 4: GEF should support further work to fully put in place the mechanisms to support the implementation of the GEF Principles and Guidelines on the Engagement of Indigenous Peoples. In addition adequate financial resources need to be allocated to enable their effective implementation.**
- **Recommendation 5: GEF Secretariat and GEF-CSO Network should continue to work together to enhance CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).**

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- **Recommendation 6: Efforts to enhance the engagement of CSOs and GEF OFP at the country level should be enhanced – through the organization of annual meetings between OFPs and CSOs and enhanced engagement of CSOs in national dialogues and National Portfolio Formulation Exercises.**

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Thank you