



GEF CSO Network Statement

Agenda Item 10

Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

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On behalf of the GEF CSO Network, we are very happy to have the heads of convention Secretariat of the Convention representatives and the council members calls for further action. GEF CSO network fully agrees that the core of the GEF are the conventions. So we are happy to see this informative dialogue. We are happy with the reference to engagement of peoples in the negotiations and implementation of conventions. We believe however to meet the challenges highlighted we must change business as usual and mobilise the energy of peoples of the world to join the partnership to transform the planet.

If we want to win the race to save the planet, we don't need to put only GEF on steroid but get GEF and conventions invite all the stakeholders to join together in a marathon race for the survival of the planet. The GEF does not have to win the race itself but should facilitate as many key partners to join together and move the planet to sustainability. If we are to halt the loss of biodiversity and put the planet on a low carbon pathway and solve our chemical crisis, we must create all alliance between GEF, conventions, civil society and other stakeholders. We would like to challenge GEF and the conventions to come with a plan to mobilise the people of the planet to achieve our common vision.