

**5<sup>th</sup> GEF Assembly  
Civil Society Organizations Forum  
Partnerships for the Future**

27 May 2014, CSO Plenary Room, Moon Palace, Mexico

Time	Program agenda item
7.30 – 8.30 h	<b>Registration</b>
8.30- 8.45 h	<b>Mayan Ceremony in the Garden Area of Moon Palace Arena</b> Edgar Francisco Peraza Chan ( H'Men)
8.45- 9.00 h	<b>Move to CSO Forum at ARENA Room C</b>
9.00- 9.40 h	<b>1. Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Jonathan Ryan, Coordinator of GEF Unit, SEMARNAT (Master of Ceremony)
CSO Forum ARENA C	<b>Rodolfo Lacy Tamayo</b> , Deputy Secretary of Planning and Environmental Policy- Mexican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources – SEMARNAT <b>Naoko Ishii</b> , GEF CEO <b>Faizal Parish</b> , Central Focal Point GEF CSO Network <b>Mr. Jorge Legorreta</b> , Head of the Public Participation and Transparency Unit in SEMARNAT <b>León Gutiérrez Ferretiz</b> , President of the Regional Consultative Council on Sustainable Development for the South-South East of Mexico
9.45 – 10.30 h	<b>2. Keynote Session on Strategic Issues</b> Faizal Parish, Central Focal Point, GEF CSO Network (Chair)
	<b>Lorenzo Rosenzweig</b> , Fondo Mexicano para la Conservación de la Naturaleza <b>Carlos Manuel Rodriguez</b> , Conservation International

<p><b>10.30 – 12.45</b></p>	<p><b>3. Showcasing CSOs Achievements and Contributions to the Forum and Assembly Themes:</b></p> <p><b>Faizal Parish</b>, Central Focal Point GEF CSO Network (Chair)  <b>Brian James</b>, Regional Focal Point Caribbean, GEF CSO Network (Co-Chair)</p>
	<p><b>Rosa Maria Vidal</b>, Pronatura Sur –Mexico  Sacred Orchids of Chiapas: Cultural and Religious Values in Conservation</p> <p><b>Arturo Arreola</b>, IDESMAC – Mexico  El Triunfo Biosphere Reserve: Habitat Enhancement in Productive Landscapes Project</p> <p><b>Kemi Fadojutimi</b>, Bright Generation Community Foundation, Ghana  Developing a Bamboo Bike Factory as a Social Enterprise</p> <p><b>Paul Raja Rao Valaperla</b>, Bharati Integrated Rural Development Society, BIRDS, India  Strategic Pilot on Adaptation to Climate Change</p> <p><b>David Olvera</b>, Conservation International-Mexico  Mainstreaming the Conservation of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity at the Sub-watershed scale in Chiapas</p> <p><b>Noel Resurreccion</b>, Haribon Foundation for the Conservation of Natural Resources, Philippines  Partnerships for Biodiversity Conservation: Mainstreaming in Local Agricultural Landscapes</p> <p><b>Colin Herron</b>, TNC-Mexico  Public-Private Funding Mechanisms for Watershed Protection</p> <p><b>Maria Leichner</b>, Fundacion ECOS, Uruguay  Improved Convention Coordination for Sustainable Growth in Uruguay</p> <p><b>Questions and Answers</b></p>
<p><b>12.45 – 13.00 h</b></p>	<p><b>Introducing afternoon breakout groups</b>  <b>Faizal Parish</b>, Central Focal Point GEF CSO Network</p>
<p><b>13.00 - 14.00 h</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch at Foyer Convention Center</b></p>

<b>14.00 – 15.55 h</b>	<b>4. Parallel Sessions</b> <b>Moderator for each Session available</b>			
	<b>1. Implementation of GEF Public involvement policy</b>	<b>2. Best practices for CSO involvement in GEF focal areas and multi-stakeholder engagement</b>	<b>3. Partnerships with Indigenous peoples and local communities for safeguarding the global environment.</b>	<b>4. Women and youth as key GEF partners</b>
<b>Room</b>	<b>Xcalac</b>	<b>Sian Ka'an</b>	<b>CSO Forum ARENA C</b>	<b>Nizuc</b>
<b>16.00 – 16.30 h</b>	<b>5. Feedback from Sessions and Panel Discussion</b> <b>Essam Nada</b> , Regional Focal Point North Africa (Co-Moderator) <b>Tanveer Arif</b> , Regional Focal Point South Asia (Co-Moderator)			
<b>CSO Forum ARENA C</b>	Presenting results of the 4 sessions on CSO recommendations to the Assembly, 5 minutes each  Rapporteur #1: Kakha Bakhtadze, RFP Eastern Europe, Rapporteur #2: Samuel Dotse, RFP West Africa, Katya Rapporteur #3: tbc Rapporteur #4: , Maximo Cirio, Sustainable Development Society			
<b>16.30 – 17.30 h</b>	<b>6. Discussion of draft communiqué to be presented to 5<sup>th</sup> GEF Assembly</b> <b>Fiu Elisara, Günter Mitlacher and Maria Leichner</b> (Co Moderators)			
<b>CSO Forum ARENA C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presenting draft communiqué</li> <li>- Discuss content and messages of the communiqué</li> <li>- Include results from the 4 sessions</li> <li>- Finalize and agree on the communiqué</li> </ul>			



<b>17.30</b>	<b>7. Closing Remarks</b> Victor Kawanga, RFP Southern Africa (Master of Ceremony)
	Rodolfo Lacy Tamayo, Deputy Secretary of Planning and Environmental Policy- Mexican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources – SEMARNAT Faizal Parish, Central Focal Point GEF CSO Network
<b>18.00 h</b>	<b>8. End of the CSO Forum</b>
<b>18.30 h</b>	<b>Press Conference</b> Faizal Parish, Maria Leichner, Felipe Villagran, Essam Nada
<b>20:00</b>	<b>Reception of the Government of Mexico</b>

## AFTERNOON PARALLEL SESSION 1

**Room : Xcalac**

<b>Implementation of GEF Public Involvement Policy</b>	
<b>Moderators:</b> Faizal Parish (GEF-CSO Network) and Pilar Barrera (GEF Secretariat)	
<p><b>Aim of session:</b>            The GEF Public involvement Policy is a key guiding document for the engagement of civil society in the work of GEF. This session will discuss and review the current GEF Public Involvement Policy; the progress and constraints in its implementation in GEF projects and processes, and the proposed changes to the policy. It will also come up with recommendations on the proposed action plan and guidelines for the implementation of the policy.</p>	
<b>14.00 –16.00 h</b>	<b>Presentation and Speakers:</b>
14.00	Welcome and Introduction
14.05 –14.50	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review of GEF Policy on Public Involvement - outlining conclusions and the proposed changes to the policy by <i>GEF-CSO Network</i></li> <li>▪ Outputs of GEF Overall performance Study (OPS5) in relation to civil society engagement by <b>Baljit Wadhwa</b>, <i>GEF Evaluation office</i></li> <li>▪ Sharing of experience and recommendation on how to strengthen the engagement of civil society by <b>Karin Shepardson</b>, <i>World Bank</i></li> <li>▪ Case Study on CSO engagement by <b>Alberto Palombo</b>, <i>Secretary, Inter-American Water Resources Network (IWRN), Brazil</i></li> <li>▪ GEF policy development in relation to civil society <b>Andrew Velthaus</b>, <i>GEF Secretariat</i></li> </ul>
14.50	Q & A
15.00	Group Discussion <p>The participants are divided into 2 groups –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 1 to enhancement of the GEF Public Involvement policy,</li> <li>• Group 2 to discuss the development of guidelines for implementation of the policy</li> </ul>
15.45	Feedback from discussion groups
15.55	Conclusion
16.00	Close

## AFTERNOON PARALLEL SESSION 2

Room : Sian Ka'an

<b>Best practices for CSO involvement in GEF focal areas and multi-stakeholder engagement</b>	
<b>Moderators</b> Maria Leichner von Kindsvater – Fundacion ECOS, RFP South America Günter Mitlacher – German NGO Forum on Environment and Development, RFP Europe	
<b>Rapporteur:</b> Samuel Dotse - HATOF Foundation, RFP West Africa	
<b>Aim of the session:</b> Showcasing best practices and new approaches for CSO involvement in GEF focal areas to protecting the environment of global significance which have been conducted through innovative partnerships and multi-stakeholder engagement. To implement GEF financed projects CSOs have established partnerships with various types of partners, including governments, non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector, among others.	
<b>14.00 –16.00</b>	<b>Theme and presenter</b>
14.00 – 14.20h	Presentation #1: <b>Mechanism for Voluntary Mitigation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Colombia</b> <b>Ms. Elsa Matilde Escobar</b> , Director Fundacion Natura Colombia, Colombia
14.20 –14.40	Presentation #2: <b>Strategic Partnerships to Improve the Financial and Operational Sustainability of Protected Areas</b> <b>Mr. Dr. Kabelo Senyatso</b> , BirdLife Botswana,
14.40 – 15.00	Presentation #3: <b>Sustainable Land Management in the High Pamir and Pamir-Alai Mountains - and Integrated and Transboundary Initiative in Central Asia Phase I</b> <b>Mr. Islomkhudza Olimov</b> , Rusgdi ustuvor (sustainable development)
15.00 – 15.20	Presentation #4: <b>Increasing the Supply of Potable Water Using Renewable Energy</b> <b>Ms. Ruth St. Monica Banks Hanson</b> , Jamaica Maritime Institute Trust Fund, Jamaica , rbhanson@cmi.edu.jm
15.20 – 16.00	Conclusions and developing key messages from the session to the GA

**AFTERNOON PARALLEL SESSION 3**  
**Room : CSO Plenary**

<b>Partnerships with Indigenous peoples and local communities for safeguarding the global environment.</b>	
<b>Aim of session:</b> To present a rights-based approach and actions by indigenous peoples and local communities for safeguarding the global environment. To identify ways forward to enhance the implementation of the GEF Indigenous Peoples' Guidelines	
14.00-14.30	<b>Introduction to the GEF Indigenous Peoples Guidelines</b> <b>Yoko Watanabe</b> , GEF Secretariat, IP Focal Point <b>Lucy Mullenkei</b> , GEF Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Group (IPAG, Chair)
14.30 –15.10	<b>Thematic presentations:</b> Moderator: Alancay Morales Garro (GEF CSO Network) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of bio-cultural community protocols under the Nagoya Protocol: <b>Onel Masardule</b>, Fundacion para la Promoción del Conocimiento Indígena</li> <li>• Partnership between GEF and Indigenous peoples for the conservation of biodiversity: <b>Minnie Degawan</b>, Former Indigenous Peoples' Network for Change Coordinator/WWF</li> <li>• Governance and conservation – The Experience of the Wapichan People from Guyana – <b>Chief Tony James</b></li> </ul>
15.10 – 16.00	<b>Discussion: Recommendations for the action on the GEF Indigenous Peoples Guidelines</b> <b>Florina López Miro</b> , Co-Chair of the Global Coordinating Group for the World Conference of Indigenous Peoples and coordinator of the Indigenous Forum of Abya Yala <i>Participants:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gonzalo Oviedo</b>, IUCN Social Policy Programme</li> <li>• <b>Hindou Ibrahim</b>, Association Des Femmes Peules Autochtones Du Tchad Afpat, Chad</li> <li>• <b>Johnson Cerda</b>, Conservation International</li> <li>• <b>Legborsi Saro Pyagbara</b>, The Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP)</li> <li>• <b>Mrinalini Rai</b>, Researcher</li> </ul>

## AFTERNOON PARALLEL SESSION 4

**Room : Nizuc**

<b>Women and Youth as key GEF partners</b>	
<p><b>Aim of session:</b> To address the issues of gender and youth participation in GEF projects and processes, providing early feedback on the implementation of the GEF Policy on Gender Mainstreaming and identifying the key barriers and challenges to be addressed in the development of the GEF Gender Action Plan during GEF-6.</p>	
<p><b>Moderator:</b> Luisa Emilia Reyes Zúñiga</p>	
14:00-16:00	<p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiences and opportunities for the GEF Policy on Gender Mainstreaming. <b>Itzá Castañeda Camey</b>, Mexican Network for Women and the Environment</li> <li>• Experiences in networking with youth on global environmental issues. <b>Guillermina Pech</b>, Youth Members of the Consultative Council on Sustainable Development &amp; <b>Maximo Cirio</b>, Sustainable Development Society, United Kingdom</li> <li>• <b>Ishim Yac Colop</b>, Asociacion de Mujeres Ixchel, Guatemala</li> <li>• Reducing the Carbon Footprint, <b>Gao Xioyi</b>, All China Environment Federation, China</li> <li>• <b>Priscilla Achkpa</b> (Womens Environment Group, Nigeria)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q &amp; A</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>