



CARIBBEAN CSO ATTENDEES

# ECW-Caribbean

GRENADA, 16 MAY 2017

**Expanded Constituency Workshop -Caribbean**

**Report of the Civil Society Organizations to the GEF**

## **Introduction**

The **GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop (ECW)** was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May in Grenada.

The ECW aimed at keeping the GEF national focal points, convention focal points and other key stakeholders, including civil society, abreast of GEF strategies, policies and procedures and to encourage coordination.

The event was an opportunity for CSO's to meet with their counterparts from other countries in the region and other GEF partners to discuss and review policies and procedures and to share lessons and experiences from development and implementation of GEF projects and their integration within national policy frameworks.

The ECW agenda spanned three days with the first half day (1/2) program dedicated to meeting with Civil Society Organizations. The CSO meeting was chaired by the RFP Environment Tobago REP-Ryan Mohammed and Erecia Hepburn-CSO Bahamas, and covered presentations about the GEF and the CSO network, an assessment of civil society engagement in GEF, GEF 7 replenishment cycle and core challenges experienced by CSO's and establishing a way forward.

The second and third day was chaired by William Ehlers with numerous presentations and hands-on practical exercises on national capacity development (NCSA). SGP updates, and CBF-Caribbean Biodiversity Fund. The agenda also focused on discussions regarding the Cycle harmonization process and provided important updates about the preparations for GEF-7 and the replenishment process. Facilitating synergies in implementing MEA's, Invasive species, cross cutting capacity development in GEF, introduction to GREEN financing and stakeholder engagement and gender mainstreaming. Training sessions included, multi-stakeholder ecosystem scorecards as well as the Art of knowledge exchange. Finally, field trips related to ongoing projects in the region.

The Caribbean GEF CSO Network constituency comprises twenty countries:

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Thirteen (13) CSO's participated from eleven (11) countries at this year's ECW:  
 GEF CSO Network members from (1) Haiti and (2) Trinidad & Tobago

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### **Discussions, Issues and Recommendations from CSO meeting:**

The CSO meeting having been reduced to 4 ½ hrs /1/2 day meeting resulting in a condensation of discussion items and matters of importance. 10 of the 13 CSO's present were NOT members of the CSO Network. The RFP for the region was not available due to critical family issues. An RFP REP from Environment Tobago-Ryan Mohammed was assigned the successful task of chairing meeting with the assistance of CSO from Bahamas-Erecia Hepburn. Therefore the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sessions dealt with

a familiarisation with the GEF and the GEF CSO Network and an update on the IEO report from the GEF on the CSO network. Information on accessing documents for meetings was supplied. All presentations were made available to attendees. Session 3 –dealt with upcoming discussion on the GEF 7 replenishment- these documents were provided for discussion in the main ECW meeting. Session 4- A discussion on capacity needs and regional issues relating to participation in GEF discussions as stated below.

Issues-

- More CSO Network members from the region should have been supported to attend meeting.
- Funding to support the RFP work needs to be supplied by the GEF secretariat or other funding agencies to allow greater outreach for enabling further CSO's to become members.
- Greater participation between CSO's and country OFP's/PFP's to be fostered by the SGP and UNDP in country platforms in all Caribbean nations.
- CSO's need to receive all documents pertaining to CSO meeting and ECW in advance to allow review for a more structured approach.

Actual ECW Knowledge sharing workshop case study- marine protected park, Phillipeans-

RFP/REP from T&T was asked the following questions regarding the proposed MPA for NE Tobago-Trinidad & Tobago. The response can only be supported by information from the OFP/PFP –Dr. David Persaud who was present at the meeting- he would have had to disclose the current impasse and political ramifications of divisions in the various Ministries and areas of responsibility pertaining to the questions below.

- a) What is the status of the NE Tobago Marine Protected Park?  
Slowly moving forward- being driven by a stakeholder committee and the THA (Tobago House of Assembly)
- b) What is the major hindrance in the establishment of the park?  
Political will and confusion between Ministries and the responsibility of the Tobago House of Assembly in environmental matters.
- c) What has to happen to ensure the park is established within the time line?  
This timeline will not be accomplished. The issue of sustainability after declaration, is of major concern-A Trust is being considered.

**THE END**

See annexes for agendas- Pages 5 and 7



Case Studies



CSO Field Trip

## AGENDA FOR CSO MEETING DURING GEF ECW, Caribbean - Grenada

Time	Details
8.00 – 8:30	<i>Ryan Mohammed-REP for RFP Caribbean and William Ehlers, GEF Secretariat</i>
8:30 – 9:30	<p><b>SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION</b>            Moderated by Ryan Mohammed-RFP Caribbean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Self-introductions of all CSO's present</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Objectives and agenda of ECW meeting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An Overview of GEF and the GEF-CSO Network</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Update on evaluation of GEF CSO Network by IEO-William Ehlers.</li> </ul>
9:30 – 10.00	Coffee break
10.00 – 11.30	<p><b>SESSION 2: GEF RELATED ISSUES</b>            Moderated by: Ryan Mohammed, Erecia Hepburn and William Ehlers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion and inputs from CSOs on level of engagement of CSOs in GEF Program implementation and SGP implementation in respective countries/region- Erecia Hepburn/CSO.</li> <li>• Discussion- Ad Hoc Working Council Report on Relationship-GEF and Civil Society.            Ryan Mohammed REP for-RFP</li> </ul>
11.30 – 12.00	<p><b>SESSION 3: GEF 7 PROCESSES</b>            Moderated by Ryan Mohammed REP for- RFP Caribbean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GEF7 Replenishment-Reports and CSO input</li> </ul>
12.00-13.00	<p><b>SESSION 4: THE WAY FORWARD</b>            Moderated by –Erecia Hepburn-CSO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discussion of options to enhance CSO engagement in GEF CSO Network activities in the region</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Capacity strengthening needs and opportunities for CSOs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Summary of deliberations and meeting outcome to the ECW</li> </ul> <p>Closing</p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch



## GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop – Agenda

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DAY 1 – Monday, May 15, 2017	
09:00 – 12:30	<b>Caribbean Constituency Meetings (OFP/PFPs)</b>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
14:00 – 16:00	<b>Constituency Meetings (contd.) – Reporting back from First Replenishment Meeting</b>
16:00 – 18:00	<b>Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Meeting</b>
DAY 2 – Tuesday, May 16, 2017	
09:00 – 12:00	<b>CSO Meeting (CSOs)</b>
09:30 – 11:30	<b>OECS / CCN Meeting</b>
12:00 – 13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>
13:30 – 17:30	<b>SGP Consultation (CSOs and OFP/PFPs and GEF Agencies)</b>
17:30 – 19:30	<b>Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF) Meeting</b>
DAY 3 – Wednesday, May 17, 2017	
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
09:30 – 10:30	<b>Update on GEF-7 Replenishment</b>
10:30 – 12:00	<b>GEF Independent Evaluation Office</b>
12:00 – 13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>
13:30 – 15:15	<b>Facilitating synergies in implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) towards sustainable development – Exercise &amp; Q&amp;A Session</b>
15:15 – 17:00	<b>Multi-stakeholder/Ecosystem Scorecard Simulation Game</b>
17:00 – 17:15	<b>Presentation on Invasive Species</b>
18:00 – 20:00	<b>Reception</b>
DAY 4 – Thursday, May 18, 2017	

08:30 – 13:00	<b>ART of Knowledge Exchange Training</b>
13:00 – 14:30	<b>LUNCH</b>
14:30 – 15:30	<b>Cross-Cutting Capacity Development in the GEF – Exercise &amp; Q&amp;A Session</b>
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Introduction to Green Finance – Q&amp;A Session</b>
16:30 – 17:30	<b>Stakeholder engagement &amp; Gender mainstreaming – Exercise &amp; Q&amp;A Session</b>
17:30 – 18:30	<b>Wrap-up and Surveys</b>
<b>DAY 5 – Friday, May 19, 2017</b>	
08:00 – 16:00	<b>Knowledge Day – Project Visit</b>