



GEF CSO NETWORK

# GEF-CSO Network



- Established in 1995 to facilitate CSO input to GEF Governance
- More than 540 active members in 16 focal regions
- Facilitate Civil society input to GEF policy making and implementation.
- Organise Civil Society consultations and provide input on each agenda item of GEF Council
- Monitor and build capacity at regional and national level for CSO engagement in GEF activities

# Governance



- Governed by a global **Coordination Committee** composed of representatives of
  - elected Regional Focal Point organisations from 16 geographic regions
  - 3 Indigenous Peoples Focal Points from Asia, Africa and Latin America.
- Overseen by a Management Team comprising of a Chair, Vice Chair and Heads of 4 Sub-committees drawn from the Coordination Committee members.

# Operation



- Guided by the Network Strategic Plan (2018-2022)
- Currently there are 24 Country Contact Points
- The Secretariat :

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# Membership

- Open to all non profit CSOs working in the focal areas of GEF
- Application form can be downloaded from the website [www.gefcsso.org](http://www.gefcsso.org) and submitted to the Secretariat by mail.
- Membership is equivalent to accreditation to GEF – for participation in GEF related meetings



# Involvement in GEF-related processes



- GEF-7 Replenishment
- WG for Review of GEF Public Involvement Policy (Now Stakeholder Engagement Policy)
- Gender Working Group
- Knowledge Management Working Group
- IP Advisory Group
- Updated Vision to enhance civil society engagement with GEF

# GEF engagement activities



- Actively participated in the GEF Council meetings and Expanded Constituency meetings.
- Provided significant input to GEF policy making with statements on many agenda items during GEF council meetings.
- Worked with Ad-Hoc Council Working Group (WG) on Civil Society to develop an updated vision to enhance civil society engagement with the GEF.
- Input to GEF-7 Programming directions and replenishment.

# Our Capacity/Strength



- Large geographical coverage represented in **10** countries in Southern Africa
- Recognized by GEF Council
- Vast experience in GEF Focal areas ( community action, awareness , advocacy and capacity building)
- Diverse & rich membership ranging from CBOs to International Organisations
- Track record
- Gender sensitive & Inclusive



# Support SGP Grantees



**NSC and CSO MEETING WITH SGP CPMT**  
**27th April 2017**  
**Golden Peacock Hotel**  
**Malawi**



# GEF CSO Network – Support Chemical Policies Review





# GEF CSO Network working with Media to amplify GEF Focal Areas at Country Level by Civil Society Organisations





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# GEF CSO Network supporting Development of Country Strategy for OP6



# Challenges



- No funds allocation for Network coordination
- No project funds so far
- Some members are not funded or recognized in their respective countries



# Actions to Strengthen Southern Africa Network



- 1) Introduce **membership fees** to support some coordination activities
- 2) **Partner with GEF Executing & Implementing agents** particularly on capacity development of CSOs, advocacy, community consultations , knowledge management , Development of PIF
- 3) Enhance resource mobilization through **Application for Grants beyond GEF** support
- 4) Enhance **engagement with OFPs** by conducting at least 2 annual face-to-face meetings between OFPs and In-country network members
- 5) Enhancing **partnership and collaboration** with regional bodies such as SADC and NEPAD
- 6) Increase **visibility** and showcase activities conducted by the network and its members at both national and regional level
- 7) Revive and regularly update the **GEF CSO Network Website**
- 8) Finalise the **Strategic Plan & Budget** for GEF CSO Network Southern Africa and market it to prospective development partners

# Progress so far



- a) 1 Regional project proposal has been submitted for possible funding in past three months
- b) Compiling of Southern Africa Profile in progress
- c) Member consultations finalised
- d) In some countries OFPs have already begun engaging members e.g. Malawi
- e) In some countries GEF CSO members are benefiting from Medium & Large Sized Projects e.g. Lesotho & South Africa (CBD provided STAR allocation to SGP)



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