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Protocol for Interaction with Representatives of National NGOs

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This protocol describes the issues that the GEF Evaluation Office would like to raise with representatives of national nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) for the Fourth Overall Performance Study (OPS4). The list is by no means intended to be restrictive: the Office would like to invite NGO representatives to raise any issue that they feel is of importance for OPS4. During meetings, interaction can take place with representatives of the GEF Evaluation Office, but we would like to invite representatives to

- bring any documentation or reports that they feel would contribute to OPS4 or a better understanding of the issues;
- send in any further information to OPS4@thegef.org, or to the GEF Evaluation Office, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20433, USA, fax no. +1-202-522-1691;
- participate in the survey that will be sent out at a later date;
- interact with independent experts hired for OPS4 that will assess specific areas in the GEF where the Evaluation Office would have a conflict of interest.

The following areas and questions have been specifically drawn from the Terms of Reference of the Fourth Overall Performance Study for interaction with representatives of national NGOs.

Role Cluster

1. What do you perceive to be the role and added value of the GEF in tackling major global environmental and sustainable development problems?

Results Cluster

2. What has been your involvement with the GEF?

3. What are the results of the GEF with which you are familiar?

4. What sustainable impact on global environmental problems has the GEF achieved, in your perspective?

If there are any documents or reports that touch upon these issues, for example, from within your own organization, we would very much appreciate receiving a copy (preferably electronically).

Relevance Cluster

5. What is the role of the GEF in supporting your organization's strategy and agenda?

6. What is your perception of the country ownership and drivenness of GEF-supported initiatives?

7. To what extent have there been trade-offs between local development needs and global environmental benefits?

8. Most projects aim to prevent these trade-offs through win-win solutions; has this been the case in your experience?

9. If win-win solutions could not be achieved, was a mechanism to achieve a satisfactory trade-off available and used?

10. Has this been reported on, and, if so, where?

If there are any documents or reports that clarify your government's position vis-à-vis the conventions, especially regarding the role of the GEF, we would very much appreciate receiving them (preferably electronically).

Performance Cluster

11. How much time and effort does it take to prepare and implement a GEF project, especially compared to other activities of your organization?

12. What is the ratio of proposals to approved projects, in your experience?

13. What has been the impact of the Resource Allocation Framework on your involvement with the GEF?

14. To what extent are you or have you been involved in the monitoring and evaluation of GEF-supported projects?

15. To what extent have GEF lessons been shared with your organization, and to what extent have lessons learned in your organization been shared with the GEF community?

16. How effective has the GEF been in handling complaints, disputes, and conflicts?

17. How successful has the GEF been in communicating its policies, procedures, and results to you, and have you been able to use this material in your own organization?

18. Did your organization engage in a national dialogue supported by the Country Support Programme, and what have been the lessons learned from this experience?

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