



GEF CSO Network

Statement on GEF-9 Financial Allocation Principles

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We welcome the GEF-9 Financial Allocation Principles.

We share Germany, Belgium, UK and other's concern on the possible decrease in the biodiversity allocation, which must remain strong given its global importance and the recent commitment at CBD COP16 to substantially increase the allocation of resources for biodiversity.

On SGP, we share Australia's support for an increase. We support the language in the first few lines of paragraph 20. However we emphasize that a whole-of-society approach cannot rely on the Small Grants Programme alone. We propose increasing the SGP allocation and other similar mechanisms from current levels to 7–9 % of GEF resources, ensuring 10 % of GEF resources are directly allocated to civil society by 2030, aligned with our call for at least USD 360 million for SGP and USD 100 million for ICI.

For Non-Grant Instruments, we are positive and support the proposed allocations, however we call for prioritizing projects with measurable environmental and social integrity, not profit-driven or market-risk-heavy investments.

Finally, we urge public reporting on civil-society finance, gender, IPLCs, and youth indicators to make inclusion measurable and real.