

## GEF CSO Network Statement on Findings on the LDCF and SCCF from OPS8

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The GEF CSO Network welcomes the presentation by IEO.

We note the finding by IEO that inclusion beyond gender remains a challenge especially related to youth and indigenous peoples and urge action to better engagement of indigenous people and youth in LDCF and SCCF projects. We also propose the inclusion of additional indicators in monitoring frameworks to better track progress.

If we are to strengthen the Whole of Society approach and community-based adaptation, what suggestions does IEO have on improvements that need to be made?

With regard to challenges to sustainability of LDCF/SCCF projects we strongly support the suggestion to enhance engagement of local communities. We also propose that sustainability can be enhanced by involving more CSOs in the execution of projects (noting that less than 2% of GEF7/8 executing partners for LDCF/SCCF are national CSOs).

With regards to the proposed mini-OPS study, can you elaborate more on the timeframe and approach. We strongly encourage inclusion of a deep dive into assessing the engagement of/barriers for CSOs, IPLC and youth in projects.