



GEF CSO Network Statement On

Agenda 04 : [GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY27](#)

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The GEF CSO Network welcomes the paper on the GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY 2027. Following the successful GEF 9 replenishment process, it is important that the GEF Secretariat has sufficient budget to follow through on key recommendations and agreed reforms and actions.

With regard to support for Civil Society Engagement - The GEF CSO Network recognises the support provided in FY26 for strengthening the GEF CSO Network, as described in paragraph 39-40. This has assisted us in establishing a membership unit, enhancing our website and improving reporting activities and starting work on building a Civil Society Portal for Membership and Knowledge Exchange.

We also support the proposed additional resources for further enhancing the GEF CSO Network capacity in FY27 as specified in paragraph 41, including further enhancing the website to improve user experience, maintaining and upgrading the membership system to attract new members, and implementing targeted communication and outreach activities to boost visibility and engagement.

We believe that these improvements will strengthen the Network's capacity to effectively engage civil society organizations worldwide, facilitate knowledge sharing, and encourage enhanced Civil society engagement in the work of GEF. This, in turn, will support the implementation of key GEF-9 commitments including enhancing the level of involvement of CSOs, IPLC, Women and youth in GEF programming and implementation and meeting the target for 20% of resources to flow to IPLCs.

Finally, with the GEF9 targets to scale-up the flow of resources to CSOs, IPLC, women and youth - we hope that additional internal resources and manpower in the GEF Secretariat will be allocated to support the achievement of these important targets.