

## GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group

### Work Plan for 2013-2015

#### Background

GEF Information Document GEF/C.42/Inf.03/Rev1 of September 10, 2012 entitled *Principles and Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples* recommended the establishment of an Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group to enhance “coordination between GEF Partner Agencies, GEF Secretariat Staff, and Indigenous Peoples.” The document further states that the “key function of the group would be to provide advice to the Indigenous Peoples focal point on the operationalization and reviewing of this Principles and Guidelines paper, particularly on the appropriate modality to enhance dialogue among Indigenous Peoples, GEF Partner Agencies, the GEF Secretariat representatives and other experts.”<sup>1</sup>

A Terms of Reference for the GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group was adopted on June xx, 2014, which tasks the GEF Secretariat with overall coordination of the Group. As such, the following 2-year Work Plan has been developed to support the effective and efficient use of the Advisory Group to meet its obligations.

#### Priorities

The main Advisory Group objectives and priorities for 2013-2015

- Provide guidance on key modalities to enhance dialogue among Indigenous Peoples, GEF Partner Agencies and the GEF Secretariat
- Provide recommendations on specific modalities and activities to enhance Indigenous Peoples effective representation and incorporation into GEF projects and processes.
- Reflect on existing tools and resources available to GEF Secretariat and GEF Partner Agencies to enhance implementation of the Guidelines.
- Make specific recommendations on how to most effectively expand GEF projects supporting Indigenous Peoples.

#### Action Items

The following table contains the primary topics/issues that are planned for the next 2 years:

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<sup>1</sup> GEF Information Document GEF/C.42/Inf.03/Rev1

Date of planned meeting	Primary topics/issues	Upcoming Meetings
2-3 July 2013 Washington, DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions among Advisory Group members and adoption of Advisory Group Terms of Reference</li> <li>• Review and adoption of Advisory Group Draft Work Plan for 2013-2015, including meeting calendar</li> <li>• Selection of Advisory Group Chair and Vice-Chair</li> <li>• Discussion and Recommendations related to GEF 6 Focal Area Strategies</li> <li>• Financial arrangements available to support Indigenous Peoples-focused GEF projects</li> <li>• Capacity building opportunities</li> <li>• Discussion on specific meetings, activities or fora to increase Indigenous Peoples participation in GEF projects and processes</li> </ul>	
1 Nov – 2 Nov 2013 Washington, DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of tools currently utilized by GEF and GEF Partner Agencies to incorporate Indigenous Peoples into projects and processes, including monitoring and indicator systems.</li> <li>• Discussion on other tools available and potential gaps/needs</li> <li>• Financial arrangements available to support Indigenous Peoples-focused GEF projects</li> <li>• Capacity building opportunities</li> <li>• Discussion on specific meetings, activities or fora to increase Indigenous Peoples participation in GEF projects and processes</li> </ul>	- CBD Article 8J meeting Montreal (Sept 2013)

<p>10-11 May 2014 New York, NY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing financial arrangements available to support Indigenous Peoples-focused GEF projects</li> <li>• Potential strategies to expand the number of Indigenous Peoples-led or Indigenous Peoples-focused GEF Projects</li> <li>• Provide recommendations on GEF Results Based Management framework as it relates to Indigenous Peoples</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNPFII (NYC, 12-23 May, side event?)</li> <li>- GEF Assembly (Mexico, 25-30 May)</li> </ul>
<p>November 2014 Washington, DC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss topics/issues for 2015-2017 Work Plan</li> <li>• Begin process for new Advisory Group member selection</li> <li>• Principles &amp; Guidelines Document review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UN General Assembly - World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (NYC, Sept)</li> <li>- COP12 (Korea 6-17 Oct), WPC (Australia, 12-19 Nov), UNFCCC COP (Peru, Dec)</li> </ul>