SHARING KNOWLEDGE FOR THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

Side Event
5th GEF Assembly (Tuesday, May 27, 4:00 to 5:30 pm)
Cancun, MEXICO

BACKGROUND

Several strategic documents, evaluations, and studies have stressed the importance of strengthened knowledge management, brokerage and learning across the partnership. The GEF 2020 strategy calls for transforming knowledge ecosystem that will multiply our impact as a global environmental solutions provider and enhance our operations. The Fifth Overall Performance Study of the GEF (OPS5) recommend establishment of the integrated knowledge management and capacity development strategy that would create mechanisms for permanent learning.

As of now, significant efforts take place in different parts of the GEF. However, the challenge for GEF-6 remains how to pull these together in a coherent manner and enable demand-driven learning across, inside, and outside the partnership that would catalyze the GEF impact.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SIDE EVENT

The goal of this side event is to provide a space to take stock of existing knowledge sharing across the GEF and jointly plan for the future.

While we all have contributed to the development of environmental knowledge, it's time to think how GEF partnership can help the GEF to generate knowledge on global environmental issues and eventually what changes need to happen - in the way we share knowledge within the partnership - to achieve this goal.

AGENDA

- Welcome and introduction to the session **Rosina Bierbaum**, Chair of GEF STAP (5 min.)

    - **Gallery walk**: Divided in seven stations, the GEF and its partners will present what has been done, what can be brought to another level, what are the opportunities to achieve the goals of the GEF Knowledge Management Strategy (55 minutes).
    1. **First Goal : PROVIDING PORTFOLIO-LEVEL ANALYSIS ON GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

- o **Generate knowledge on scalable experiences and transformational elements** (Are there any examples? Any idea to develop? How to do it? Challenges?)
- o **Disseminate and receive feedback** (What is the best suite of tools to do this? Which existing network could be interested in supporting dissemination of this kind of knowledge? What do we have already that works?)
- o **Partner with Academia and research Institutes to conduct scientific analysis and increase dissemination** (Are there existing examples? Any new proposals?)

- • **Second Goal: KNOWLEDGE PARTNERSHIPS**
  - o **Partnerships for GEF-6 integrated approaches (**What kind of partnerships? How the partnerships could work? Who should manage them? Is there any existing partnership that we could join?)
  - o **Partnership to support major GEF Programs and Projects** (i.e. BRICKS x SAWAP – Are other examples?)

- • **Third Goal: LEADING KNOWLEDGE ANALYSIS PIECES**
  - o **To tackle drivers of environmental degradation** (What is felt as most urgent? Where can we make the greater, more meaningful contribution? What to do to start planning the first knowledge piece? How to take advantage of the GEF partnership?)

- ● **Plenary –** Questions and feedback for the Strategy (30 minutes). Open discussion with the audience and a panel of experts (TBD)

This session is organized by GEF Secretariat, GEF IEO, and GEF STAP.