



## INDICATIVE ACTIVITY DESIGN

Global Environment Facility  
**NATIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE**  
*18-19 January 2023*  
*Manila, Philippines*

### **I. Background/ Rationale:**

Since its Pilot Phase in 1992, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) has become one of the major driving force supporting the country to achieve agreed global environmental benefits embodied in various international environmental agreements. In the Philippines, a total of 131 GEF-funded projects across the different focal areas have been approved since the pilot phase up until its Seventh Replenishment Cycle (GEF-7). The implementation of these projects have significantly contributed not just in the conservation and protection of the environment, but also in empowering and improving the lives of Filipinos as effective medium in the sharing of valuable knowledge and experiences through awareness-raising activities, hands-on training, and interactive seminars and workshops.

For 30 years, the GEF has worked on all environmental efforts to support a productive and resilient planet, benefiting human health and well-being. These efforts include the high-ambition drive for a clean, resilient, green, and blue recovery from COVID-19 pandemic. The recovery trend is among the remarkable goals of the GEF's donors and recipient countries for its next four (4)-year investment cycle, known as GEF-8, which will run from July 2022 to June 2026.

The GEF-8 programming architecture builds on the successful approach in GEF-7 of investing in integrated programming and focal area actions to maximize the potential for more impactful outcomes and to ultimately support Convention needs and expectations. The overall core of the GEF-8 architecture is the "Healthy Planet, Healthy People" framework, which was adopted because of the explicit recognition of the interdependency between human well-being and a healthy environment.

In GEF-8, member countries will be encouraged to move more of their programming through eleven (11) Integrated Programs considering the five (5) GEF focal area strategies that address the major environmental needs of the planet, among of which are Food Systems, Ecosystem Restoration, Clean and Healthy Ocean, Circular solution to Plastic Pollution, Elimination of Hazardous Chemicals from Supply Chains, Net-zero Accelerator, Sustainable Cities, Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development, and Wildlife Conservation for Development.

Hence, GEF investment through the integrated programs will not only generate global environmental benefits but also create innovative pathways for transforming these systems toward sustainability and resilience. They are also intended to accommodate the diverse range of country needs for investing in a blue and green post-COVID-19 recovery. Integrated programs also allow the GEF to better involve other stakeholders, including the private sector, enhance knowledge sharing and learning, and ensure a more effective use of GEF resources.

With the above broad range architecture/programming directions, this exercise will help the country to further enhance its list of projects for GEF-8, taking into consideration mainly our country's priorities spelled out in several country frameworks, plans, and roadmaps.

## **II. Objectives**

The GEF National Multi-stakeholder Dialogue aims to:

1. Share progress and learnings on GEF project formulation and implementation;
2. Present national priorities and strategies;
3. Discuss inputs to the GEF-8 portfolio formulation; and
4. Gather advice and recommendations from GEF Secretariat on the draft GEF-8 portfolio

## **III. Methodology**

The national dialogue will involve presentations of: 1) the status of GEF operations in the country, 2) national priorities and strategies, and the 3) GEF Programming Directions. The initial GEF-8 portfolio of the Philippines will also be presented and will be reviewed and discussed through a breakout session in further finalizing the list of projects for the GEF-8 Cycle.

## **IV. Expected Output**

The main output of the dialogue is the refined National Portfolio Formulation Document (NPFDD) consisting of the final list proposed projects under GEF-8.

## **V. Target Participants**

The participants to the national dialogue is composed of representatives from various agencies and institutions such as the: 1) GEF Operational Focal Point, 2) GEF Political Focal Point, 3) Focal Points of the Conventions namely biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, international waters and chemicals and waste, 4) national government agencies, 5) relevant local government units, 6) civil society organizations, 7) private sector, and representatives from the 8) GEF Secretariat and the 9) GEF Implementing Agencies.

## VI. Program of Activities

Day 0 – January 17, 2023
Arrival of Participants from NAIA to Venue via Philippine Airlines/Cebu Pacific
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ETA: Manila (various time)</li> <li>- Check-in</li> <li>- Preparatory Meeting with the GEF Secretariat and DENR</li> </ul>

Time	Sessions/Topics	Resource Persons
<b>DAY 1- JANUARY 18, 2023</b>		
7:30AM – 9:00AM	Arrival and Registration of Participants	GEF-OFP Secretariat
<b>9:00AM – 9:30AM</b>	<b>Preliminaries</b>	
	Prayer  National Anthem  Acknowledgement of Participants	
<b>09:30AM – 10:00AM</b>	<b>Session I - Opening and Welcome Session</b>	
	Welcome Message  Message  Group Photo	Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga DENR  Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez GEF CEO <i>(GEFSEC to provide a recorded message)</i>
10:00 AM – 10:30AM	Opening of the Exhibit <i>(Program attached)</i>  Coffee Break	FASPS Secretariat
<b>10:30AM – 11:30AM</b>	<b>Session II - Review of Progress and Analysis of Challenges in GEF Project Formulation and Implementation</b>	
10:30AM – 10:45AM	Sharing of Learnings (Video presentation of 2 Projects)	GEF -OFP Secretariat
10:45AM – 11:00AM	GEF Philippines Portfolio (ongoing and pipeline projects)	Director Al O. Orolfo, Ph. D. FASPS
11:00AM – 11:15AM	Highlights of GEF4 and 5 National Evaluation	Mr. Conrado Bravante, Jr. Chief, Project Preparation Division- FASPS

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11:15AM – 11:30AM	Open Forum	
<b>11:30AM – 12:15PM</b>	<b>Session III - National Priorities and Strategies</b>	
11:30AM – 11:45AM	Philippine Development Plan (2023-2028) – overview and status of preparation	NEDA, GEF Political Focal Point
11:45AM – 12:00PM	Adopting climate lens and geospatial analysis in national programs	Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta-Teh GEF-Phil. Operational Focal Point
12:00AM – 12:15PM	Open Forum	Facilitator
12:15PM – 1:30PM	Lunch & Exhibit Tour	
<b>1:30PM – 5:00PM</b>	<b>Session IV - GEF 8 Strategic Positioning and Programming Directions</b>	
3:15PM – 3:45PM	<p>Discussion Flow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. GEF Overview &amp; GEF 8 Architecture</li> <li>b. Focal Area Strategies</li> <li>c. Integrated Programs</li> </ul> <p><i>Coffee Break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Private Sector Participation Including Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise</li> <li>e. Non-Grant Instrument</li> <li>f. Small Grants Program, Gender &amp; Stakeholder Engagement</li> <li>g. Policy Framework, including co-financing</li> <li>h. Results Framework &amp; Operations</li> </ul> <p>Open Forum</p>	GEF Secretariat
5:00PM – 7:00PM	Networking and Welcome Dinner	GEF-OFP Secretariat

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<b>DAY 2 – JANUARY 19, 2023</b>		
<b>8:30AM – 2:30PM</b>	<b>Session V - GEF 8 National Portfolio Formulation</b>	
8:30AM – 9:30AM	<i>Presentation of Project Lists per Focal Area and IP and Status of Project Concept Development:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity and International Waters Focal Areas</li> <li>Land Degradation Focal Area</li> <li>Climate Change Focal Area</li> <li>Chemicals and Waste Focal Area</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)</li> <li>Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM)</li> <li>Climate Change Commission (CCC)</li> <li>Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)</li> </ol>
9:30AM – 12:00PM	<i>Simultaneous break-out Sessions</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity and International Waters, Net Zero IP, Oceans IP, Wildlife IP, Plastics IP</li> <li>Land Degradation and Climate Change, Ecosystem Restoration IP, Food Systems IP</li> <li>Chemicals and Waste, Cities IP</li> </ol>	Government & GEF Secretariat <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BMB Director/Staffs and GEF Sec Representatives</li> <li>CCC Representatives, BSWM Director/Staffs and GEF Sec Representatives</li> <li>EMB Director/Staffs and GEF Sec Representative</li> </ol> (Implementing Agencies as Observers)
12:00PM – 1:30PM	Lunch	
1:30PM – 2:30PM	Plenary Session: Presentation and Open Discussion of Group Outputs	MEA FPAs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BMB</li> <li>- CCC</li> <li>- BSWM</li> <li>- EMB</li> </ul> Facilitator/Moderator

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<b>2:30PM – 3:00PM</b>	<b>Session VI - Recommendations to enhance the Philippines GEF 8 Portfolio</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for Integrated Programs</li> <li>• Others</li> </ul>	GEF Secretariat and GEF-OFP
<b>3:00PM – 3:30PM</b>	<b>Session VII - Ways Forward and Closing</b>	Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta-Teh GEF-Phil. Operational Focal Point
<b>3:30PM onwards</b>	<b>Homeward Bound</b>	