

PROPOSED TO

The GEF Secretariat

**OAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT**

Department of Sustainable
Development

**BUILDING CAPACITY OF NATIONAL
EXECUTING AGENCIES IN LATIN
AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
(LAC)**

**CAPITALIZING ON OVER TWO DECADES
OF OAS EXPERIENCE IN EXECUTING
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF)
PROJECTS**



OAS

More rights for more people



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF)

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Trust Fund was established on the eve of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, to preserve the global environment by providing incremental costs to national programs filling in the gaps for achieving global benefits.

GEF COUNTRY SUPPORT PROGRAM (CSP)

The CSP is a GEF-funded & executed corporate program with the objective to assist GEF project stakeholders increase and maintain capacity necessary to navigate the GEF landscape and work more effectively with GEF financing in a manner that increases country ownership.



THE CHALLENGE

Preliminary data from the GEF Independent Evaluation Office (GEFIEO) indicates that at least 60% of stakeholders who participate in current activities under the CSP, get to better understand the GEF and its day-to-day management. Yet, the over 20 years of experience of the OAS as an international executing agency of the GEF reveals that there is a need for building capacity of National Executing Agencies, many of which are not GEF focal points, but are responsible not only for the execution of GEF projects but for national policies and strategies.

THE PROPOSAL

Implement a mentorship approach that capitalizes on the knowledge and experience of the region of more than 2 decades of OAS-GEF Partnership. The OAS will provide policy coherence across sectors to lead an integrated approach through well-established ministerial processes that include 12 meetings of Ministers and high-level authorities for dialogue and consensus building on a range of development issues in the region. This will enhance country drivenness and sustainability of the outputs and outcomes of GEF for environmental global benefits.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

01

Building Capacity of National Executing Agencies for the entire project lifecycle.

03

Providing National Executing Agencies with tools and know-how to develop & execute their projects.

02

Enhancing country project ownership; supported and founded on national policies.

04

Establishing a community of GEF practitioners on the OAS Educational Portal of the Americas.

WHY THE OAS

- The OAS has a dedicated pillar for Integral Development in the Hemisphere and focuses on all-of-government approach to programming.
- Is well positioned to lead an integrated approach to capacity building and subsequent implementation of GEF programs and projects, which require inter-sectoral collaboration to maximize impact.
- Facilitates building consensus-based, multi-stakeholder and multi-national arrangements for the management of transboundary basins and biospheres for the sustainable management of land and freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems.
- Promotes active citizen participation in decision-making towards the sustainability of the outputs and outcomes of a GEF project.
- With over 20 years of experience as GEF executing partner, the OAS has a proven track record in the successful implementation of GEF projects through the deployment of a participatory decision-making approach. This engages governments at the highest levels together with technical personnel, communities and civil society.
- Enhances the sustainability of global benefits through the other 3 pillars of the OAS Charter - strengthening democratic institutions, peace and security, and the advancement of human rights.
- Established as a Summit of the Americas mandate, **The Educational Portal of the Americas** is a well-recognized and dedicated platform for virtual learning and capacity building in the Americas, delivering courses in various disciplines across all Member States.