

**THE GAMBIA'S GEF COUNTRY DIALOGUE
AND CONSULTATION WORKSHOP**

**22 – 24 September 2004
Kairaba Beach Hotel, Banjul**

8:00 – 9:00 am: Registration

9:00 – 10:00 am: Opening Ceremony

Chair: **(Permanent Secretary, Department of State for Fisheries, Natural Resources & Environment)**

- Welcome remarks by the Ag. Executive Director, NEA.
- Statement by The UNDP Resident Representative.
- Statement by representative of the GEF Secretariat – Funke Oyewole
- Opening Statement by the **Secretary of State (Minister) for Fisheries, Natural Resources & Environment**

10:00 – 10:15 am: Coffee Break

SESSION 1 – GEF AWARENESS BRIEFING

Chair: **(Executive Director, National Environment Agency).**

10:15 – 10:30 am: Overview of the workshop and expected outputs
(Stephen Gold, GEF Dialogue Initiative)

- 10:30 – 11:30:
- Presentation on the GEF, its mission, strategy, policies and procedures
(Ademola Salau, UNDP/GEF; Mohamed Sessay, UNEP/GEF)
 - Global environmental issues
 - GEF focal areas
 - GEF history, governance, structure and operational procedures.
 - GEF project cycle
 - GEF eligibility criteria
 - Emerging GEF strategic priorities

11:30 – 12:30: Discussions

12:30 - 14:00: Lunch Break

SESSION 2 – COUNTRY LEVEL COORDINATION AND THE GEF

Chair: **(UNDP Representative, Banjul).**

14:00 – 14:30: Overview of GEF coordination and experiences

(Stephen Gold, GEF Dialogue Initiative)

- Roles of stakeholders
- National coordination of GEF matters.

14.30 – 15.00 GEF coordination in The Gambia: experiences, constraints and challenges (**National Environment Agency**)

15.00 – 15.30 The GEF experience from projects in The Gambia (**Department of Parks & Wildlife Management**)

15.30 – 16.45 Discussions

END OF DAY 1

DAY 2

SESSION 3 LINKING GAMBIA'S ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY STRATEGIES TO GEF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

9:00 - 11:00: Overview of The Gambia's Environmental and Energy strategies (**To be Determined Nationals**)

- The GEAP process and coordination arrangements.
- The NBSAP.
- The Climate change adaptation strategy.
- The strategy to combat desertification.
- Poverty Alleviation Strategies
- MDGs Localization

11:00 – 12:30: Discussions

12:30 – 14.00: LUNCH

14:00 – 14:30: The GEF experience from projects in the region (Jaime Webbe, World Bank/GEF)

14:30 – 15:30: Open discussion on the linkages between the GEF and environmental strategies and areas of future cooperation.

SESSION 4 THE WAY FORWARD
15.30 – 16.30: Recommendations and Way Forward.

SESSION 5

Chair (**National Environment Agency**)

16.30 – 17.00 Closing remarks.

Day 3: FIELD VISIT