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## **The Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme Maldives is looking for new members for its main decision-making body – The National Steering Committee**

The Small Grants Programme (SGP) is a corporate programme of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). It provides support for community-based innovation and empowerment.

The SGP's unique approach is based on three closely inter-connected pillars: global environmental benefits, poverty reduction and community empowerment.

The SGP is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 1992.

The programme supports biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, prevention of land degradation, protection of international waters, and reduction of the impact of chemicals and waste, while generating sustainable livelihoods.

Since its establishment, the SGP provided more than 20,000 grants in 133 developing countries, demonstrating that global environmental problems can be best addressed when local people are involved and direct community benefits and ownership are generated.

The SGP channels financial and technical support directly to Civil Society Organization (CSOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) mostly in poor and often remote areas for initiatives that conserve and restore the environment while enhancing people's livelihoods and wellbeing.

**For more on GEF SGP, please visit: <https://sgp.undp.org/>**

For more than two decades, the GEF SGP has linked matters of local, national, and global importance through a transparent, participatory, and country-driven yet globally coherent approach to community-based project planning, design, and implementation. Grants are approved by voluntary, multi-stakeholder National Steering Committees, with a majority of civil society members, encouraging maximum country and community initiative and ownership.

### **National Steering Committee**

The National Steering Committee (NSC) is the main decision-making body of the SGP in a country. The NSC is responsible for the overall oversight of the country programme, by providing input, endorsing and overseeing the implementation of the Country Programme Strategy –the guidelines for the implementation and grant making in each country programme. The NSC reviews, selects and approves projects for SGP funding support. For more on the role of the NSC, refer to the attached document.



The GEF SGP Small Grants Programme, Implemented by UNDP Maldives is looking for individuals who are technically strong, passionate about contributing to community development and eager to engage voluntarily and serve as a member of our NSC in providing input, endorsing and overseeing the implementation of the GEF SGP Country Programme Strategy.

The following are focal areas by sector of representation needed in the NSC for the period of 2021 to 2024.

- Media
- Gender
- Persons with Disabilities
- Agriculture

Interested individuals are requested to send a letter of interest with the CV to [fathimath.saeedha@undp.org](mailto:fathimath.saeedha@undp.org) copied to [hussain.jauson@undp.org](mailto:hussain.jauson@undp.org) before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 5.00 pm.

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