



**Global Environment Facility/Small Grants Programme (GEF/SGP) –
Operational Phase VI and VII 2021 – 2025
Invitation for Expressions of Interest to participate in the National Steering Committee**

UNDP is UN's global development network which is on the ground in 178 countries and working on global and national development challenges.

The Small Grants Programme (SGP) of Global Environment Facility is a financial mechanism that offers grant assistance to initiatives of Civil Society Organizations that contribute to the protection of the environment. SGP Upgraded Country Programme in Sri Lanka offers opportunities for communities to follow a landscape approach on environment conservation.

This is a call to invite expressions of interest from persons interested in serving in the National Steering Committee of GEF/SGP Operational Phase VI and VII - 2021 – 2025. In OP-6/OP-7, the programme adopts the modality of awarding grants to Community Based Organizations (CBO) to take collective action for adaptive landscape management for socio-ecological resilience and sustainable development in the three ecologically sensitive landscapes including the Knuckles Conservation Forest and its buffer zone, the coastal region from Mannar Island to Jaffna, and the Colombo Wetlands. The interventions are aimed at conserving biodiversity, managing land (particularly agro-ecosystems) and climate change adaptation, among other matters.

The National Steering Committee is a voluntary body and is a central element of the SGP providing the primary substantive contribution and oversight to the programme in assisting community organizations to carry out and coordinate projects in pursuit of outcomes, identified in the landscape strategies. NSC members will have an abiding interest and commitment to working with communities and share a vision of what "thinking globally, acting locally" might mean in terms of linking the GEF focal areas with community needs and concerns.

NSC members with the requisite knowledge of GEF Focal Areas; biodiversity/ land degradation and/or specific themes such as gender, sustainable livelihoods, and climate change and experience working with local communities and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the country are sought as a means of keeping the SGP responsive to its mandate in working with CSOs, CBOs and indigenous peoples.

Expressions of Interest along with your curriculum vitae can be submitted by post or email to GEF/SGP UNDP, 202-204, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07/ gefsgp.lk@undp.org on or before 30th November 2020. For further information, please contact the GEF/SGP Office at 2580691 or 0712854510. **The Terms of Reference can be downloaded from the GEF SGP Sri Lanka website at www.gefsgpsl.org/**