

Scale Your Environmental Impact

Apply to the CSO Challenge Program

Grants of up to USD \$300,000 for civil society organizations

WHAT ARE THE PRIORITY AREAS?

- Community-based management of threatened ecosystems and species
- Sustainable agriculture or fisheries and food security
- Low-carbon energy access
- Chemicals and waste management
- Sustainable urban solutions

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Up to USD \$300,000 in funding
- Technical support and capacity-building
- Knowledge sharing and peer support

WHAT IS THE CSO CHALLENGE PROGRAM?

A global initiative by GEF and IUCN to support and scale high-impact environmental solutions led by civil society organizations (CSOs).

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

CSOs from GEF recipient countries, including:

- Youth-, women-, and Indigenous Peoples-led organizations
- Organizations ready to scale impact
- CSOs with proven solutions

WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS DUE?

See following pages for each region's release and due dates.

HOW CAN WE APPLY?

1. Submit a concept note
2. Selected applicants invited to full proposal

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EASTERN EUROPE, CAUCASUS, AND CENTRAL ASIA

Open: June 1, 2026

Applications due: July 31, 2026

Albania	Kazakhstan	North Macedonia	Ukraine
Armenia	Kyrgyz Republic	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Moldova	Turkmenistan	
Georgia	Montenegro	Türkiye	

AFRICA

Open: August 1, 2026

Applications due: September 15, 2026

Algeria	Djibouti	Libya	Sierra Leone
Angola	Egypt	Madagascar	Somalia
Benin	Equatorial Guinea	Malawi	South Africa
Botswana	Eritrea	Mali	South Sudan
Burkina Faso	Eswatini	Mauritania	São Tomé and Príncipe
Burundi	Ethiopia	Mauritius	Tanzania
Cabo Verde	Gabon	Morocco	Togo
Cameroon	Gambia	Mozambique	Tunisia
Central African Republic	Ghana	Namibia	Uganda
Chad	Guinea	Niger	Zambia
Comoros	Guinea-Bissau	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
Congo	Kenya	Rwanda	
Côte d'Ivoire	Lesotho	Senegal	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Liberia	Seychelles	

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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Open: August 1, 2026

Applications due: September 15, 2026

Antigua and Barbuda	Colombia	Guatemala	Peru
Argentina	Costa Rica	Guyana	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Bahamas	Cuba	Haiti	Saint Lucia
Barbados	Dominica	Honduras	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belize	Dominican Republic	Jamaica	Suriname
Bolivia	Ecuador	Mexico	Trinidad and Tobago
Brazil	El Salvador	Panama	Uruguay
Chile	Grenada	Paraguay	Venezuela

ASIA PACIFIC AND OCEANIA

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Applications due: September 15, 2026

Afghanistan	Kiribati	Niue	Thailand
Bangladesh	Lao PDR	Pakistan	Timor-Leste
Bhutan	Lebanon	Palau	Tonga
Cambodia	Malaysia	Palestinian Authority	Tuvalu
China	Maldives	Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu
Cook Islands	Marshall Islands	Philippines	Viet Nam
Fiji	Federated States of Micronesia	Samoa	Yemen
India	Mongolia	Solomon Islands	
Indonesia	Nauru	Sri Lanka	
Jordan	Nepal	Syria	

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