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Stakeholder Engagement: Facilitating Feedback on Key EPEAT Program Topics for Annual Policy Revision Process

Stakeholder Information Session | May 17, 2023

Welcome



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Agenda

- Overview of Annual Policy Revision Process
- Why GEC is Creating a New Opportunity for Stakeholder Engagement
- Overview of Process
- 2023 Discussion Topics
- Engagement Framework
- Next Steps
- Questions

EPEAT Policy Revision Process



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Goals:

Increased
EPEAT Program
Efficiency &
Effectiveness

Alignment with
ISO 14024

Why GEC is Creating a New Opportunity For Stakeholder Engagement

- EPEAT already engages CABs on potential policy changes in advance of publishing the proposed changes for public comment, via Calibration Meetings and the CAB Summit.
- EPEAT wants to create a similar opportunity for a broader group of stakeholders to inform potential EPEAT policy changes as well.
- The existing mechanisms for engaging CABs on these issues will not change (Calibration Meetings and the CAB Summit will continue to be held).
- CABs will be invited to participate in this stakeholder engagement process but are not required to do so.

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Objective:

Engage wider variety of stakeholders earlier on in the annual policy revision process

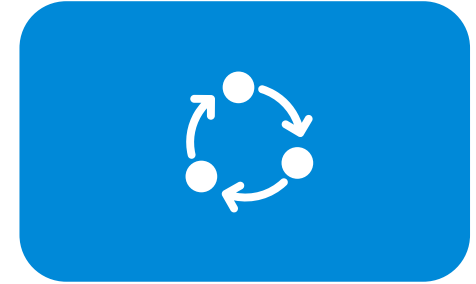
Stakeholder Engagement: Topics for Discussion in 2023



Refinement and improvement of current CAB-related processes



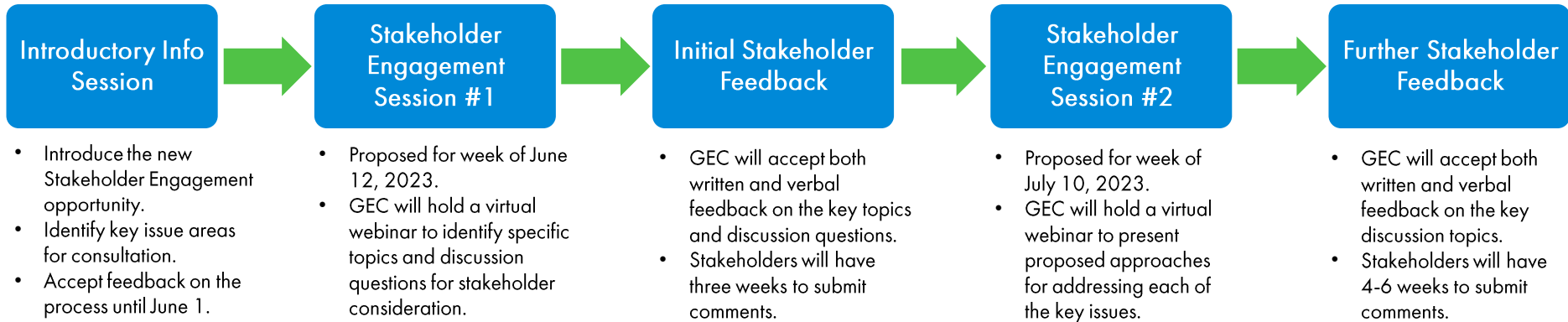
EPEAT Program technical guidance and requirements



GEC Criteria Revision Process

Engagement Framework: What Can Stakeholders Expect?

- GEC will host a series of meetings to facilitate feedback on the key topics



Note: GEC does not plan to issue a comment report, and comments will not be made publicly available. Instead, the information will be used to prepare the annual policy revisions.

Next Steps

- GEC will notify stakeholders of opportunities to participate via the EPEAT Announcements Page and regular GEC Newsletters.
- Participation is completely optional.
- Stakeholders do not have to participate in the webinars to contribute, feedback will be accepted from all stakeholders.
- **Provide feedback! Did we get the three topics right? Are there issues within the three topics you are particularly interested in discussing?**

Do you have feedback on the stakeholder engagement opportunity? Please submit any feedback on the proposed approach to epeat@gec.org by June 1.

Questions?

Questions can also be raised by email.

EPEAT@gec.org

Thank you for your participation