

## Annex 5: Summary of Information Gathering Sheets Findings

The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) developed information gathering questionnaires for project donors and grant beneficiaries involved in the small grant mechanism. The main aim of the survey was for gathering experiences and lessons learnt in the small granting processes. This platform gave an opportunity to stakeholders who could not attend the workshop share their experiences before and after the Green Climate Fund's Enhanced Direct Access workshop held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2017.

To date, SANBI has received and incorporated learning experiences from CBO's, NGO's, Trust Fund's, NPO's and FBO's. The table below lists some of the most common reflections and learning experiences received from four project donors and five grant beneficiaries. The summary and reflections is based on small grant project with funding caps ranging from 7000 USD (~ R100 000) to 150 000 USD (R2 000 000) with project implementation durations ranging from 6 months to 3 years.

Donors	Beneficiaries/ Grantees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The need for new project identification methods</li><li>• Conducting site assessments prior to approval</li><li>• Develop user friendly reporting templates</li><li>• Provide technical assistance in project design, implementation reporting and M&amp;E</li><li>• Performing due diligence and finding grantees with a track record in project implementation and managing funds</li><li>• Managing grantee expectations of project approval</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limited capacity development funding</li><li>• Training in technical and financial reporting</li><li>• Complexities of performing M&amp;E</li><li>• Developing project millstones and indicators</li><li>• Involvement of women and youth challenges</li><li>• Job creation and sustainability challenges</li><li>• Project ownership and managing community expectations</li></ul>

These inputs are being used to inform the design of SANBI's GCF Enhanced Direct Access detail project proposal. Invitations to share learning experiences are still welcome. Please email Mr Mpfunzeni Tshindane at [M.Tshindane@sanbi.org.za](mailto:M.Tshindane@sanbi.org.za) for more information.