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Delfin Ganapin, the Global Manager of the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP), supervises and coordinates the SGP programme where he provides strategic guidance to over a hundred country programmes with more than 8,000 community projects worldwide (as of Feb 2007). Prior to his appointment in 2003, he served as a long standing member and Chair of the National Steering Committee of SGP Philippines, as a member of the GEF Council, and of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund of the Montreal Protocol. He has worked as consultant of the UNDP, ADB, World Bank, USAID and USAid on environmental planning, program development, policy analysis, and strategic assessments and evaluations.

He started his work in environment by leading non-governmental organizations such as the Philippine Federation for Environmental Concern and later as civil society co-chair of the Philippine Council for Sustainable Development. He then worked for several years as a senior environmental official of the Government of the Philippines, serving as Director of the Environmental Management Bureau, Undersecretary for Environment and Research in the (1989- 92), and Undersecretary for Environment and Program Development 1995 -1998). While in this role he introduced requirements for the logging and mining industries to complete an EIA and have an Environmental Compliance Certificate and proof of Social Acceptability, before their operations could be approved. In recognition for his efforts he was awarded the Most Distinguished University of the Philippines at Los Banos (UPLB) Alumnus Award in 1997.

He has a Ph.D. in Environmental Planning and Policy from the State University of New York and Syracuse University and a Master's in Forest Ecology from the UPLB College of Forestry. He is highly recognized in the Philippines for his outstanding contributions as an academic and environmental and social activist.