



Republic of Congo – Programming – Approval of Coordination project in support of the Prime Minister Office

Adopted at EB18 on 25 June 2021

EB.2021.10

Considering:

- Decision [EB.2019.16](#) on the Letter of Intent with the Republic of Congo and the country allocation to the country;
- Decision [EB.2019.22](#) on the need for the establishment of the coordination mechanisms for the effective and inclusive implementation of the agreement;
- Decision [EB.2020.22](#) asking the Secretariat to submit a finalised version of the project document on the basis of further discussions with the Government and the Resident Coordinator in Republic of Congo;
- The subsequent exchanges between H.E.M. Prime Minister, the Authorities in charge of the key line ministries and the Ambassadors and Heads of Delegation representing the CAFI Board in the Republic of Congo, on the need for the implementation of the governance structures for the implementation and follow-up of the Letter of Intent, in particular the coordination under the Prime Minister Office;
- The exchanges between the United Nations Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Congo with the Ambassadors and Heads of Delegation representing the CAFI Board in the Republic of Congo on the partnership for a strengthened coordination support on the sustainable development agenda;
- Decree n°2020-347 signed on 4 September 2020 by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Congo for the creation, organization, composition and management of the implementation of the Letter of Intent (hereafter “Decree on the governance structures”);
- United Nations General Assembly Resolution 72/79 by which the General Assembly decided to redynamise the role of the Resident Coordinator system by creating a dedicated, independent, impartial, empowered and sustainable development-focused coordination function for the United Nations development system;

- The project document jointly submitted by the CAFI Secretariat and the Office of the Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Congo, and reviewed and endorsed by the Permanent Secretary under the Prime Minister's Office.

The Executive Board:

- Approves the project document for the CAFI Secretariat and the Resident Coordinator's Office joint programme « Projet d'appui à la coordination de la mise en œuvre de la Lettre d'intention » and the transfer of a total of 1,455,890.30 USD from the MPTF to UNDP;
- Asks the Steering Committee of the project to take into account any recommendations from the Steering Committee of the CAFI-RoC Partnership for the development and approval of the annual workplans.
- Requests the CAFI Secretariat to submit the project document to the MPTF-O for fund transfer.
- Recalls that, while respecting its rules and regulations, the implementing organization commits to zero tolerance for fraud, corruption and sexual exploitation and abuse; protection of whistleblowers, public disclosure, gender and social inclusion and use of adequate complaints mechanisms. In addition, the implementing organization commits to managing all other contextual and programmatic risks identified by the Executive Board with the outmost care. The implementing organization is expected to be proactive in reporting those risks to the CAFI MPTF in respect to CAFI Trust fund Terms of reference and as per the CAFI Annual report template.
- Recalls that the implementing organization will have to report on progress toward both the objectives and milestones of the Lol as well as on indicators of the National REDD+ Investment Plan and CAFI results framework in accordance with CAFI guidelines and templates. In addition, they will have to provide information on how their activities are addressing and respecting CAFI social and environmental safeguards.