

## **CAFI Executive Board Decision**

Democratic Republic of Congo - Approval of the allocation of CAFI Funds to the DRC REDD+ National Fund (11<sup>th</sup> sub-tranche) and increased project budget (<u>00103702</u>)

## Adopted by e-mail on 23.04.2025 EB.2025.19

## **Considering:**

- The declaration of CAFI and the persistent challenge of forest loss and food security in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- The Letter of Intent between CAFI and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) signed on <u>22 April 2016</u> and <u>2 November 2021</u>.
- The <u>funding transfer request</u> of USD 35,004,429.14 submitted by the DRC Ministry of Finance on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, to be transferred to the account of the National REDD+ Fund (FONAREDD), as follows:
  - O USD 56,781,491.14 in funding requirements, less;
  - US\$21,777,062 in funds available in the FONAREDD account;
- Demonstrated funding needs (corresponding to instalments of funding for which FONAREDD's Steering Committee has approved a decision and/or instalments of funding for which FONAREDD's Program Review Committee (PRC) has issued a positive resolution recommending disbursement) totalling USD 56,454,443.14 and comprising:
  - o 1st instalment of "PROMIS 2" (UNOPS USD 22,500,000);
  - o 1st instalment of "PI-RSS" (UNOPS USD 2,000,000);
  - o 1st instalment of "Civil Society Support 2" (CIFOR USD 3,500,000);
  - 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of "Zero deforestation peasant farming in Central Kongo" (OAF -15,000,000 MUSD);
  - o <sup>1st</sup> instalment of "PA SE FONAREDD phase 2" (UNDP 4,955,065.14USD)
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of "PIREDD Kwilu" (JICA MUSD 2,000,000);
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of the "PSFD Savanes" (AFD USD 3,499,378);

- o 1st instalment of "Standards, Mines and Hydrocarbons" (GIZ USD 3,000,000).
- With reference to the MPTF Gateway data of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, there is no provision on project 103702 <u>Disbursement to DRC National Fund</u>. A budget revision is therefore required to increase the budget for project 103702 in line with the amounts to be transferred from the CAFI account to the FONAREDD account with MPTF.

**The CAFI Executive Board** examined the request from the Government of the DRC and the resolutions and decisions of FONAREDD demonstrating the need for funding. On this basis, the CAFI Executive Board:

- Approves the transfer of USD 34,677,381.14 (thirty-four million, six hundred and seventy-seven thousand, three hundred and eighty-one US dollars and 14 cents) from the CAFI Trust Fund to FONAREDD, to support the implementation of the portfolio of programmes and to fund the above-mentioned programmes.
- Approves the budget increase of USD 34,677,381.14 (thirty-four million, six hundred and seventy-seven thousand, three hundred and eighty-one US dollars and 14 cents) for project 103702
   <u>Disbursement to DRC National Fund</u> at the level of the CAFI Trust Fund with a view to facilitating transactions from CAFI to FONAREDD.

## 3. Recalls that:

- a) In accordance with <u>CAFI's Operations Manual</u>, all programmes must use and comply with CAFI's reporting templates and those approved after November 2023 must use and comply with <u>CAFI's Monitoring and Evaluation Guidelines</u>.
- b) Programmes must demonstrate that they have spent at least 70% of the transferred funds before requesting the transfer of the next instalment. The CAFI Executive Board <a href="mailto:emphasises">emphasises</a> the need for robust and detailed financial reporting and <a href="mailto:recalls">recalls</a> that, in accordance with the Memoranda of Understanding signed between the Implementing Agencies and the Trust Fund, financial reporting will provide information on the use of financial resources against the outputs and outcomes of the agreed results framework.
- c) CAFI's position on the disbursement of instalments of funding for the AFAT (Agriculture, Forestry and Land Use) projects will be informed by decision <a href="EB.2024.33">EB.2024.33</a> of the CAFI Executive Board on independent verification.
- 4. <u>Thanks</u> the Executive Secretariat of FONAREDD for sharing this decision with FONAREDD's governance bodies.