



## CAFI Executive Board Decision

### Republic of Congo – Approval of the project « *Programme de renforcement de la gouvernance environnementale en République du Congo* » implemented by GIZ

Adopted by email on 18.06.2025  
EB.2025.23

#### Considering:

- The [CAFI Declaration](#) and the persisting challenge of forest loss and food security in Republic of Congo.
- The Letter of Intent signed between CAFI and Republic of Congo on 3 September 2019.
- Decision [EB.2018.09](#) adopted on 26 June 2018 approving the National Implementation Framework.
- The provisions established in CAFI's Manual of Operations regarding the Access to the Trust Fund (Section II) with the related exigency on Social and Environmental Safeguards; and on both HACT and SEAH assessments, also required by MPTFO's Guidance Note for "Fund Secretariats on Operationalization of NUNO Direct Access modality".
- Decision [EB.2021.04](#) adopted on 18 May 2021 requesting *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ) for the development of the project.

#### The Executive Board:

1. Thanks GIZ (referred here as "implementing organization") for submitting the project proposal.
2. Recalls the provisions established in CAFI's Manual of Operations, section 2.2.5 point 5, regarding the duration of project development which shall not exceed 9 months and decides to grant an exception to this provision of the CAFI's Manual of Operations.
3. Approves, therefore, the project document for a total amount of 6,6 million USD, including a total contribution of CAFI of 6 million USD, to be used over a period of 48 months, starting from the date of first transfer to the implementing organization, .
4. Requests that the total amount of the contribution of CAFI will be disbursed in tranches as follows; The disbursements are conditional and subject to the following conditions:
  - a) Tranche 1 of 3,000,000 USD

- b) Tranche 2 of 3,000,000 USD, with the following conditions:
- I. Expenditures must have reached 70% of the disbursed resource ;
  - II. The implementing organization must be in compliance with its reporting obligations ;
  - III. Achievement of targets presented in the project document (cf section 10, table 2.2 results framework) in timely manner as defined (i) in the multi-year work plan of the project document (section 10, table 2.4) and (ii) in the annual work plans validated by the project steering committee.
5. Asks the implementing organization to notify the CAFI Secretariat at least 2 months before the date of disbursement of the requested tranche.
  6. Recalls that feasibility studies and the design of projects and programmes should place strong emphasis on (i) gender inclusion, including in terms of sex-disaggregated data, (ii) human rights and non-discrimination, (iii) conflict prevention and resolution, in particular with regard to land tenure, (iv) monitoring and learning, while ensuring strong alignment with the CAFI results framework, (v) analysis of the link with forest conservation, (vi) analysis of opportunities for scale-up and means to achieve them , (vii) analysis of risks of corruption and conflicts of interest, as well as the stakeholders likely to gain or lose as a result of the initiative, (viii) the use – to the extent possible – of local references and analysis with respect to potential beneficiaries, market opportunities and income opportunities for smallholders and economic viability, limitations and risks; (ix) clear integration and interlinkages between the various interventions proposed; (x) a clear exit/sustainability strategy; (xi) a robust analysis and management of risks (incl. land tenure and fire).
  7. Recalls that, while respecting its rules and regulations, the implementing organization commits to apply zero tolerance towards fraud, corruption, sexual exploitation and abuse; to protect whistleblowers; to inform the public; to promote gender equality and social inclusion; and to use appropriate complaint mechanisms. In addition, the implementing organization commits to carefully managing all other contextual and programmatic risks identified by the Board and should act proactively in reporting these risks to CAFI’s Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of CAFI’s Trust Fund.
  8. Recalls that the implementing organization will have to report on progress toward both the objectives and milestones of the Letter of Intent as well as on the indicators of CAFI’s results framework in accordance with CAFI guidelines and templates. In addition, the implementing organization will have to provide CAFI with all reports and data (raw and analyzed) from household’s surveys and other field studies including spatial information (i.e. GPS coordinates), as well as information on how its activities address and respect CAFI social and environmental safeguards requirements.
  9. Emphasizes that, in accordance with Decision [EB.2023.21](#), an analysis of compliance with social and environmental safeguards will be carried out jointly, also commissioned by CAFI.
  10. Reminds the implementing organization of its reporting obligations under the current CAFI Operations Manual, in terms of both narrative and financial reports.
  11. Instructs the Head of the CAFI Secretariat to sign the project document on behalf of the Executive Board.

Chair, CAFI Executive Board	UN Member, CAFI Executive Board
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date: