



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Cameroon -

Extension with additional budget of the Preparatory Grant UNDP-MINEPAT
Coordination Support Project ([00140410](#))

Adopted on 22.07.2025
EB.2025.30

Considering :

- The CAFI Declaration and the persisting challenge of forest loss and food security in Cameroon.
- Decision [EB.2023.08](#) approving the Call for Expressions of Interest for the implementation of the start-up phase projects of the CAFI Cameroon Partnership (2023/02/CMR).
- CAFI Secretariat's approval of funding, on behalf of the Executive Board, for the [Preparatory Grant UNDP-MINEPAT Coordination support](#) in Cameroon on 09 October 2023.
- The originally approved timeline of the project, from 01 October 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- Decision [EB.2024.09](#) approving a no-cost extension of the project until 30 June 2024 .
- Decision [EB.2024.28](#) approving the cost-extension of the Preparatory Grant UNDP-MINEPAT Coordination support project until 14 March 2025, with an additional budget of USD 1,458,000, supported by the revised project document and the revised workplan.
- Decision [EB.2024.40](#) approving the additional budget of USD 41,284.99 of the Preparatory Grant UNDP-MINEPAT Coordination support to finance the field trip organized for the CAFI on the sidelines of the 25th CAFI Executive Board meeting in Yaoundé, Cameroon, from 03 to 04 December 2024.
- The signature of the [Letter of Intent](#) for the partnership between the Government of Cameroon and CAFI on 8 October 2024 in Hamburg.
- Decision [EB.2025.10](#) approving a no-cost extension of the project until 31 December 2025
- The important ongoing work led by MINEPAT to finalize the project documents for the start-up phase of the CAFI-Cameroon partnership, the progress made in achieving the milestones of the first phase, and the active collaboration with sectoral ministries and decentralized entities to ensure inclusive and coordinated implementation
- The agreement reached in September 2023 between the Government of Cameroon, the GIZ, and the CAFI Secretariat, acknowledging the need to use an alternative implementation channel selected by the Government —namely UNDP—for the urgent delivery of key milestones as well as to ensure continuity of coordination and timely progress on strategic deliverables.
- Provisions on CAFI's Manual of Operations in its Chapter 5.4 on "project/programme and budget

revisions” which states that the Executive Board’s approval is required for budget increase requests.

The Executive Board:

1. Thanks UNDP (here referred to as the “implementing organization”) for the timely submission of its [2024 annual report](#), as well as for subsequently making the deliverables available. The Board encourages the implementing organization to continue demonstrating strong commitment to its reporting obligations in the coming year by submitting not only the report itself on time but also ensuring that all relevant hyperlinks are included. It is further recommended and encouraged that the report be complemented with hyperlinks to facilitate access to and use of the various deliverables.
2. Thanks UNDP for the submission of a request for extension with additional budget of the Preparatory Grant UNDP-MINEPAT Coordination Support Project (00140410).
3. Approves the extension of the project for 12 months, from 1st January 2026 to 31st December 2026, and notifies UNDP that this will be the last extension granted, with or without additional cost.
4. Approves an additional budget allocation of USD 2,216,000 and instructs MPTF to transfer this amount to the implementing organization, provided that provisions 5 and 6 are completed
5. Requests UNDP to submit a revised request, with the correct dates and the new budget submitted to CAFI Secretariat on 9 July 2025.
6. Requests the CAFI Secretariat to review and verify the revised request on behalf of the Executive Board and notify the later.
7. Recalls that the approval of this extension with additional cost is an exceptional measure in response to specific circumstances and that it does not constitute a precedent for other ongoing or future projects within the CAFI portfolio.
8. Ask MINEPAT to conduct with GIZ, and UNDP a stocktaking exercise by June 2026 latest to assess progress made by the two projects, GIZ coordination and UNDP prep grant, on the milestones covered, respective deadlines and to present the conclusions of this exercise to the EB with a list of options and funding channels from 2027 onwards.
9. Requests the implementing organization, in collaboration with MINEPAT, to submit quarterly briefing notes to the CAFI Executive Board, providing:
 - a) updates on progress against project milestones,
 - b) delivery updates of the project.
10. 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.
11. Recalls that the implementing organization will have to report on progress towards on the indicators of CAFI’s Results Framework in accordance with CAFI’s 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's social and environmental safeguards requirements.

12. 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).
13. Reminds the implementing organization of its reporting obligations under the current CAFI Operations Manual, in terms of both narrative and financial reports.
14. Recommends UNDP to provide cutting-edge policy and technical advice to the Government of Cameroon on the financial and technical support it could request to meet its commitments under the UNFCCC through the relevant channels.
15. Encourages continued inter-ministerial collaboration and stakeholder engagement, as demonstrated by the inclusive and participatory processes led by MINEPAT in coordination with sectoral ministries and decentralized entities.