



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Launch of the Call for Expressions of Interest for the selection of implementing organisations for the formulation of projects within the Kinshasa Supply Basin PES Program in the Democratic Republic of Congo

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Considering:

- The [CAFI Declaration](#) and the persisting challenge of forest loss and food security in Central African region;
- The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) [National REDD+ Framework Strategy](#) and the [DRC-CAFI 2021-2031 Letter of Intent](#), which both state that payment for environmental services (PES) are “the heart of the incentive system for REDD+ in the DRC”;
- The National roadmap for the deployment of PES in the DRC developed during the International interministerial conference on the deployment of PES in Central Africa, which was held in Kinshasa on 27-29 January 2025;
- The launch of PES planning and management tools at the International Interministerial Conference on the Deployment of Payments for Environmental Services in Central Africa held in Kinshasa from January 27 to 29, 2025;
- The shared willing of CAFI and the DRC Government to initiate a new project financing mechanism based on verified performance and to inform the development of an ambitious portfolio of sustainable land management projects fully integrating the new PES approach and tools;
- The [mandate](#) received from the DRC Government to develop a PES Programme for the Kinshasa supply basin.

The Executive Board,

1. Approves the Terms of Reference of the Call for Expressions of Interest for the selection of implementing organisations for the formulation of projects within the Kinshasa Supply Basin PES Program in the DRC for an amount of up to 25 MUS\$ over a period of 5 years;
2. Asks the CAFI Secretariat to publish the Call for Expressions of Interest as soon as the Government confirms its non-objection;

3. Encourages eligible implementing organisations that have a proven track record and operational capacities in the geographies and areas of work covered by the above-mentioned call, to express their interest;
4. Asks the CAFI Secretariat to conduct a technical analysis of the expression of interest received and report back to the Executive Board with recommendations on the implementing organizations that should proceed with the project formulation stage.