

CAFI Executive Board Decision "Cameroon"- Approval of the GIZ project document "Capacity Building Project for Land Use Planning"

Adopted at the 26th Executive Board Meeting on 25.06.2025

EB.2025.28

Considering:

- Decision <u>EB.2023.08</u> approving the Call for Expression of Interest for the Implementation of the Intersectoral and Multi-level Coordination Project (2023/01/CMR);
- The Call for expression of interest (2023/01/CMR), which took place from 26 May to 23 June 2023, which was widely advertised and for which an information session was held online on June 8, 2023;
- Decision <u>EB.2023.17</u> approving the selection of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), as the Implementing organization for the "Capacity Building Project for Land Use Planning project" to support the Government of Cameroon;
- Decision <u>EB.2024.13</u> and GIZ good track record in respecting its reporting obligations.

The Executive Board:

- 1. <u>Thanks</u> GIZ (referred here as the "implementing organization") for submitting the project proposal.
- Acknowledges the proposed project budget presenting a Project Management Cost (PMC) component of 21.3% surpassing the standard threshold as per CAFI's Policy of 20%, grants to the Project exceptional approval and <u>requires</u> GIZ to keep the PMC-related costs within this project approved rate which shall be monitored via the reporting exercises accordingly.
- Recalls GIZ that for future funding proposals the proposed budgets must comply with the
 established ceilings for Project Management Cost as defined by CAFI's Policy for Project
 Budgeting.
- 4. <u>Approves</u> the project document for an amount of 7,300,000 USD, to be used over a period of 36 months, starting from the date of first transfer to the implementing organization.
- 5. <u>Requests</u> that the total amount will be disbursed in tranches as follows; The disbursements are conditional and subject to the following conditions:

- a) Tranche 1 of 4,623,709 USD;
- b) Tranche 2 of 2,676,291 USD, with the following conditions:
 - I. Cumulative expenditure reaches 70% of the disbursed CAFI funds
 - II. Submission of provisional narrative and financial reports as well as annual (or for the period for which the next disbursement is requested) work plans to the CAFI Secretariat and MPTFO
 - III. Respect of reporting obligations in a form and substance acceptable to CAFI
 - IV. Progress towards achieving the milestones of the letter of intent signed by CAFI and Cameroon, more specifically:
 - Development of implementing texts for the 2011 law on land use planning and sustainable development by 2027.
 - Establishment of the national and regional platforms for coordinating the opening up of agricultural production areas, and implementation of the provisions of the Methodological Guide for Prioritizing Road Interventions to Open Up, a platform tool for the Regional Development Authorities (CTDs by their French acronym).
 - Finalization of Local Land Use and Sustainable Development Plans (PLADDT) in at least 1 municipality.
- 4. <u>Asks</u> the implementing organization to notify the CAFI Secretariat at least 3 months in advance before the date of disbursement of the requested tranche.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Recalls that the implementing organization will have to report on progress toward 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 analysed) 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.
- 7. Reminds the implementing organization of its reporting obligations under the current CAFI Operations Manual, in terms of both narrative and financial reports.