

CAFI Executive Board Decision

Development of a Call for Expressions of Interest for the selection of implementing organisations for the scale-up of CAFI's Payment for Environmental Services Programme #1 (multiple countries)

Adopted by email on 18.11.2025 EB.2025.47

Considering:

- The CAFI Declaration and the persisting challenge of forest loss and food security in Central African region;
- The National roadmaps for the deployment of PES in the DRC, RoC, and CAR 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 willingness of CAFI and the Governments of DRC, CAR and RoC to pursue the development and financing of an ambitious portfolio of PES projects fully integrating the PES approach and tools developed by CAFI at a regional level;
- <u>Decision EB.2024.33</u> on the independent verification of projects;
- <u>Decision EB.2025.26</u> adopting the CAFI Policy on Policy for performance-based programming in Agriculture, Forestry and Land-Use projects.

The Executive Board:

- Decides to launch a first call for expression of interest for the selection of implementing organisations for the development of projects to the scale-up of CAFI's Payment for Environmental Services Programme in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, and Central African Republic DRC for an amount of up to 100 million USD in CAFI funding, plus co-funding including from national sources.
- 2. <u>Requests</u> the Secretariat to develop Terms of Reference of this Call for Expressions of Interest for Board approval, subject to the non-objection of host country governments.