



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Launch of the 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 19.12.2025

EB.2025.52

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;
- Decision EB.2024.33 on the independent verification of projects;
- Decision EB.2025.26 adopting the CAFI Policy on Policy for performance-based programming in Agriculture, Forestry and Land-Use projects.
- Decision EB.2025.XX requesting the Secretariat to develop Terms of Reference for approval by the Board subject to the non-objection of host country governments of the 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 DRC, RoC and CAR for an amount of up to 100 million USD in CAFI funding, plus co-funding including from national sources.
- The Terms of Reference developed by the Secretariat and share with the Board on November 28th.

The Executive Board:

1. Approves the Terms of Reference 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 for an amount of up to 100 million USD in CAFI funding, plus co-funding including from national sources;
2. Asks the CAFI Secretariat to publish the Call for Expressions of Interest as soon as the Governments of the host countries confirm their 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 take proactive measures well ahead of the EOI deadline to guarantee that national NGOs, including faith-based organizations and church networks, are informed of the Call for Expressions of Interest and encouraged to take part. Amongst other measures, the Secretariat shall invest significant effort to actively involve national actors in the information session planned;
5. 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 to the project formulation stage.