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## CAFI Executive Board Decision

### Approval of the Programming Policy for CAFI's Payment for Environmental Services Programme

Adopted by email on 15.05.2026  
EB.2026.13

#### 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;
- [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.2025.52](#) approving the Terms of Reference and the launch 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 report of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Board, which acknowledges that a specific programming cycle enshrined in a dedicated PES programming policy is required to manage the CAFI PES programme.

#### The Executive Board:

1. Approves the PES programming policy.
2. Asks the CAFI Secretariat to implement this policy
3. Requests the CAFI Secretariat to produce an annual analysis of the value for money of PES-related Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) tools, including independent verification,

compared to business-as-usual MEL practices. This analysis should assess the relative costs and benefits of enhanced MEL approaches under PES.