



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Republic of Congo

Support for PES national institutionalization and PES agroforestry activities

Adopted by email on 24.08.2026

EB.2026.23

Considering:

- The signed [letter of intent](#) between CAFI and the Republic of Congo on 03 September 2019 includes several objectives, among them develop payment mechanisms for environmental services;
- Decision [EB.2026.03](#) adopted on 21 January 2026 rejecting the disbursement of the balance of the 2nd tranche to the “Sustainable Wood Energy Potential Enhancement Project in the Republic of Congo” (PROREP) implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
- The pilot phase of the PES (Payments for Ecosystem Services) activities for agroforestry plantations, whose initial results—including beneficiary payments—were presented at COP30 in Belém;
- Discussion between EB members and the Republic of Congo Minister of Forest Economy on the continuity of PROREP activities;
- The letter dated 17 April 2026 from the Minister of Forest Economy of the Republic of Congo addressed to the CAFI Executive Board, in which UNOPS is identified as the implementing agency for the PROREP continuity project under a modality that promotes the accountability and ownership of national entities in project implementation;
- The submission of the concept note “Reallocation of PROREP funds to support the transition toward a Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) program in the Republic of the Congo”;
- Following its presentation to the EB during the RoC working group meeting on the 30th of June 2026 and its review by EB members.

The executive board:

1. Invites the Government of the Republic of Congo to engage with UNOPS in the joint development of a project document, with an indicative budget of USD 2,49 million;
2. Notes that the project document has two subcomponents:
 - Institutionalization of the Payment for Environmental Services (PES) mechanism at the national level (accounting for 30 to 20% of the total budget) ; and

- Implementation of PES-supported agroforestry and plantation activities with a view to progressively scale-up activities based on verified results (accounting for 70 to 80% of the total budget).
3. Requests the CFI Secretariat to monitor and support the Government of the Republic of Congo and UNOPS in the development of the PRODOC, and to keep the Executive Board informed of progress as appropriate.

UN Member, CFI Executive Board
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Date: