CAFI Executive Board Decision

Equatorial Guinea -

No-cost extension of Preparatory Grant “Forestry Governance”

Adopted by email on 24.08.2026
EB.2026.24

Considering:

- Decision EB.2022.10 asking the French Development Agency (AFD) to develop a proposal in response to the Call for Expression of Interest (EoI) to 1) support the production and collection of data on the forestry and timber industry and adhesion to the ITTO 2)map forest/timber actors and potential evolution towards sustainability 3) Identify the actions to which CAFI could contribute with a significant impact on land use planning; 4) Explore options for integrated local programs.

- The proposal received from AFD and the reviews performed by the CAFI Secretariat.

- The EB.2024.08 that approved the preparatory grant PRODOC.

- The signature of the financing agreement between MPTFO and AFD on 30 April 2026.

- The request letter submitted by AFD on 25 June 2026.

Executive Board:

1. Acknowledges AFD’s no-cost extension request (referred here as the “implementing organization”) with the respective justification based on the discussion around the legal agreements with MPTFO, which prevent the initiation of the project.

2. Approves the no-cost extension of the preparatory grant “Forestry Governance” keeping the same total duration of 24 months, with start date as 01 Oct 2026 and end-date as 30 Sep 2028, with no change to the approved budget of USD 600,000, following the UNDG budget distribution approved in the original PRODOC.

3. 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.

4. Recalls that feasibility studies and the design of projects and programmes should place strong emphasis on (i) gender inclusion, including in terms of sex-disaggregated data, (ii) human rights and non-discrimination, (iii) conflict prevention and resolution, in particular with regard to land tenure, (iv) monitoring and learning, while ensuring strong alignment with the CAFI results framework, (v) analysis of the link with forest conservation, (vi) analysis of opportunities for scale-up and means to achieve them , (vii) analysis of risks of corruption and conflicts of interest, as well as the stakeholders likely to gain or lose as a result of the initiative, (viii) the use – to the extent possible – of local references and analysis with respect to potential beneficiaries, market opportunities and income opportunities for smallholders and economic viability, limitations and risks; (ix) clear integration and interlinkages between the various interventions proposed; (x) a clear exit/sustainability strategy; (xi) a robust analysis and management of risks (incl. land tenure and fire).

5. Recalls that the implementing organization will have to report on progress toward both the objectives and milestones of (as relevant) the Letter of Intent as well as on indicators of CAFI's results framework in accordance with CAFI guidelines and templates. In addition, it will have to provide CAFI with all reports and data (raw and analysed) from household surveys and other field studies, including spatial information (i.e. GPS coordinates) and information on how their activities are addressing and respecting CAFI social and environmental safeguards.

6. Reminds the implementing organization of its reporting obligations under the current CAFI Operations Manual, in terms of both narrative and financial reports.