



DRC programmes
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Whereas CAFI signed a letter of intent with the Government of DRC on April 22, 2016;

Whereas the Executive Board decision EB.2016.04 on the funding allocation to DRC designated the Government of Norway as representative of the CAFI Executive Board in the National REDD+ Steering Committee;

Whereas the Technical Committee meeting of the DRC National REDD+ Fund recommended four programs for approval;

Whereas the third Steering Committee meeting of the DRC National REDD+ Fund will be held on February 8, 2017;

Whereas the CAFI Executive Board has received on 31 January 2017 a message from a coalition of international NGOs alerting them to new breaches of the moratorium;

The Executive Board:

1. **Requests** that the alleged new breaches of the moratorium are added to the agenda of the 3rd meeting of the Steering Committee after the agenda item on programming status
2. **Acknowledges** as a positive step the cancellations of illegal concessions last summer, recalls that by then the EB asked the Government to take appropriate action to prevent a breach of the moratorium to occur again and shares its serious concerns about the recent alleged illegally awarded concessions.
3. **Calls for** a strong political response by the government of DRC to the alleged new breaches of the moratorium and for the definition and prompt implementation (by the competent authorities) of

appropriate measures to ensure sound compliance with the current legal framework ruling the forestry sector in the spirit of the LOI.

4. **Asks**, in line with the above mentioned statements, the CAFI representative to request that:
 - a. Illegally awarded concessions are immediately cancelled and these decisions are published;
 - b. The Government of DRC shares a robust action plan which details the appropriate measures taken to address and prevent the lack of compliance with the legal framework in the forestry sector;
 - c. The Government of DRC identifies and implements sound internal oversight measures to prevent any future breach of the moratorium before a new legal framework to rule the forestry sector has been endorsed at the national level

The cancellation of the above-mentioned concessions as well as a progress report on points 4.b and c. will ensure that the EB is in a position to instruct the MPTF to release the next disbursement to the DRC.

5. In light of the technical appraisal of the programmes, **recommends** that the CAFI representative in the Steering Committee votes for the approval of the following programs:
 - a. REDD+ integrated program for the Provinces of Tshopo, Ituri and Bas Uele (UNDP)
 - b. REDD+ integrated program for the Province of Sud Ubangi (World Bank)
 - c. Support to land use planning reform (UNDP)
 - d. Support to land tenure reform (UN-Habitat)
6. **Recommends** that the conditions proposed by the Technical Committee for each of the programs above and as stated in technical committee resolutions of 22 November 2016 and of 6 December 2016 be taken into account when the Steering Committee makes its decisions.
7. **Requests** that the FONAREDD shares the implementation modalities of all implementing partners (e.g. UN-Habitat)
8. Reiterates its decision EB.2016.21 (3) on the M&E framework, and **requests** the CAFI representative in the Steering Committee to recommend that, upon the prompt establishment of the M&E framework and functions, the FONAREDD Secretariat ensures alignment between the FONAREDD indicators and the CAFI outcome indicators for future programmes, and proposes a process for already approved programmes.
9. Recommends that the CAFI representative in the Steering Committee **requests** that the deadline compliances set out by the FONAREDD and CAFI for the review process are respected and that every programme document are submitted to a double independent assessment prior being reviewed by the Technical Committee; and that these are taken into consideration in revising the roadmap for the programming of CAFI funds prior final approval.

10. **Recommends** that the CAFI representative in the Steering Committee votes for the approval of the roadmap for a DRC submission to the Green Climate Fund, and endorses the concept note for the Green Climate Fund.
11. Takes note of the matrix on risk management for the implementation of the REDD+ Investment plan, **requests** the FONAREDD to undertake the necessary participatory process to complete it with the missing key programmes and activities so that it can be used in a timely manner in the review and inception phases of the investment portfolio.

