



Preparation of programming notes for the Republic of Gabon

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1. In line with the decision EB.2018.16 that sets the rules for the selection of agencies and programs in countries without national funds, the Executive Board (EB) requests its Secretariat to prepare programming notes for the following program ideas identified in Gabon's National Investment Framework and presented to the EB by the Government of Gabon during the 11th Executive Board meeting:

- Programs in the forestry sector (legality, reduced emissions, traceability, certification, plantations)
- Programs in the agriculture sector (zero deforestation, international supply chains and commodities, village based tropical agriculture)
- Programs in the field of conservation (creation of new protected areas, development of ecotourism products)
- Incubation/acceleration of SMEs

2. The programming notes will:

- a) be based on consultations led by the Secretariat with the Government, EB members and eligible agencies
- b) be based on a pre-feasibility study to be conducted by the Secretariat
- c) contain the following information:
 - i. Strategic importance compared to the objectives of the Letter of Intent signed between CAFI and Gabon
 - ii. Proposed geographic scope
 - iii. Proposed expected results
 - iv. Potential risks
 - v. Evaluation of whether a request for proposals is necessary based on the following criteria
 - Presence of more than one eligible agency with capacity to implement such programs (size of program, thematic focus)
 - Interest expressed by more than one eligible agency to implement such programs
 - Existence of co-funding
 - Ongoing programming efforts conducted by one eligible agency
 - Any other issue the EB and Government will deem appropriate and request the Secretariat to include
 - vi. In case a request of proposal is necessary, recommendation on the criteria to be used to assess expressions of interest
 - vii. Approximative funding envelope required
 - viii. Approximative time required for programme development and implementation
 - ix. List of entities consulted
- d) be approved by the EB and then posted on the CAFI website.