



No-cost extension of preparatory grant for the Republic of Cameroon

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Considering

- Decision [EB.2016.18](#) to provide a preparatory grant to the Government of Cameroon to develop a National Investment Framework;
- Previous decisions to extend the preparatory grant ([EB.2017.04](#) and [EB.2018.05](#)) to 31 December 2018 and 30 June 2019, respectively;
- The possibility that the process to finalize the National Investment Framework may extend beyond the end of the current program (June 30, 2019);
- The Letter sent on May 22nd, 2019 by the French Ambassador on behalf of the French Presidency of the CAFI Executive Board, to H.E Minister Helé;

the Executive Board:

- agrees to a no-cost extension of the program until 31 December 2019;
- commends the Government of Cameroon on the progress achieved thus far;
- requests the Government of the Republic of Cameroon and the World Bank, one of the implementing agencies of the preparatory grant, to implement the grant in accordance with the spirit of the CAFI Joint Declaration signed in 2016 by the Government of Cameroon;
- recalls the following key principles and objectives set in the [CAFI Joint Declaration](#), that should orient the design process of the National Investment Framework:
 - *“The objective [of this Initiative] will be attained through the implementation of country-led, holistic low emissions development investment frameworks **that include national policy reforms and measures** addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation”;*

- *“The national investment frameworks (...) will tie in with the country's general planning cycle with links to the country's overall development vision and objectives”;*
 - *“The Initiative will finance one national investment framework per eligible country upon request of the national government **at the highest level and based on a strong commitment to reforms** that address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation”;*
 - *“Due to the cross-sectorial character of such investments, a high-level inter-ministerial task force **under the lead of a cross-sectorial ministry or government body in charge of finance coordination and reforms** will oversee the implementation”.*
- Underlines that the integration of the sustainable use of land and natural resources as a cross-cutting dimension of the development objectives, under the current development planning exercise represents a strategic opportunity to mobilize partners to help achieve the **Sustainable Development Goals** and the objectives of the **Paris Agreement**;
 - Recommends, the following measures to implement the grant in the spirit of the CAFI Joint Declaration, such as:
 - Mobilizing the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister office to secure political support;
 - Engaging the MINEPAT to align the development of the NIF with the establishment of the DSCE and the current revision of the relevant sectoral policies, as well as to provide high-level support in convening line ministries;
 - Convening an ad-hoc committee of high-level officials from line Ministries to inform the NIF development and identify the key sectoral priorities, if possible building on or merged with existing cross-sectoral structures, in charge of development planning processes (DSCE, Stratégie de Développement du Secteur Rural, etc);
 - Mobilizing cutting-edge expertise, through the sole source recruitment of a team of international and national experts to support with the facilitation of the process and the design of the NIF
 - any other recommendation that may be agreed during the policy dialogue between CAFI and the Government of Cameroon.
 - Requests the World Bank’s support with the facilitation of the policy dialogue with the Government of Cameroon and its technical and financial partners.