



## DECISION OF THE CAFI EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

### Gabon – Approval of programs

**EB.2020.02**

**Adopted on 01 April 2020 at EB15**

Whereas;

- CAFI signed a letter of intent with the Government of Gabon on June 27, 2017, and addenda in 2019 and 2020; whose main objective is to prevent the conversion and degradation of high carbon stock and high conservation value forests
- The Executive Board in its decision [EB.2019.15](#) called on the CAFI Secretariat to launch a Call for Expression of Interest to develop programs on forest certification, creation of transboundary protected areas, land use optimization and the development of an investment plan;
- The Government of Gabon, together with the French Development Agency (AFD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), presented program documents for funding of the above-mentioned areas according to the EB decision [EB.2019.19](#);
- The program documents were submitted to independent review as per the Terms of Reference of the CAFI Trust Fund;
- The Executive Board reviewed the program documents, the results of the independent review and the Government's responses to the independent review

#### **The Executive Board:**

- Approves a total of 7'000'000 USD for AFD's programme on "Improved Forestry Management: Implementation of a National Scale Certification Process in Gabon";
- Approves the program document above and requests the CAFI Secretariat to submit them to the MPTF-O for fund transfer;
- Requests UNDP and Gabon to submit a new proposal by 14 April and
  - Strengthen the results framework and the theory of change
  - Describe the linkages between this programme and the land use planning program under "CAFI 1"
  - Detail the needs in expertise to help Gabon comply with requirements of RBP agreements