

Approval of the study on Assessment of deforestation and forest degradation and related direct drivers

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Considering

- decision <u>EB.2019.24</u> encouraging FAO to develop a full proposal while ensuring national ownership, harmonization with existing and ongoing studies and projects, and clarification about the Steering Committee;
- the submission by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of a project proposal titled *"Assessment of deforestation and forest degradation and related direct drivers using SEPAL ";*
- the independent review process,

The Executive Board

- 1. <u>Approves</u> the project document for an amount of US\$ 1,200,000, pending that
 - The following changes, detailed in the independent review, are addressed in the project document:
 - a. favoring the IPCC-oriented approach
 - b. producing and publishing an open access benchmark map of tree cover for 2015 and for 2020 and the related methodologies, and undergoing a peerreview by independent scientists
 - c. developing a clear open data licensing on how the data at regional scale will be shared freely and openly
 - d. developing the theory of change and clearly referring to the CAFI results framework and Theory of Change
 - e. proposing an exit strategy
 - f. considering mobilizing co-financing from other relevant FAO projects
 - g. The composition of the Steering Committee is clearly described and includes i) a better representation from partner countries
 ii) the CBFP

- **h.** The recommendations provided by the Democratic Republic of Congo are annexed to the document, and taken into due consideration during the first meetings of the Governance bodies of the project
- A response matrix is developed and shared with the EB
- 2. <u>Asks</u> the CAFI Secretariat to ensure that the above changes are satisfactory completed
- 3. <u>Stresses that</u> throughout the implementation of the project, and starting with the inception phase, are taken into due consideration the following
 - favoring a "South-South" transmission of knowledge and capacity]
 - adding additional trainings in coding platforms underneath the SEPAL platform
 - how corporate socio-environmental safeguards will be applied to the proposed programme activities (especially output 4)
 - ensuring country ownership
- 4. Will request, through its representation in the Steering Committee, that information on budgets and expenditures is sufficiently detailed including on human resources and evaluation and monitoring
- 5. <u>Nominates</u> Norway and the CAFI Secretariat as representatives of the Steering Committee
- 6. <u>Nominates</u> Germany and Norway, along with the CAFI Secretariat, as representatives of the Technical Committee
- 7. <u>Instructs</u> the CAFI Secretariat to sign the Programme document on its behalf.