



Approval of preparatory grant in the Central African Republic (Policy Dialogue and Pre-feasibility studies)

Adopted at EB 17 on 13 November 2020

EB.2020.17

Considering

- Decision [EB.2016.02](#) to provide a preparatory grant to the Government of the Central African Republic to develop a National Investment Framework;
- Previous decisions to extend the preparatory grant ([EB.2017.04](#) and [EB.2018.24](#)) to December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2019, respectively;
- Decision [EB.2019.25](#) commending the Central African Republic for presenting a long-term and ambitious national vision for the sustainable management of its lands and natural resources during the 14th CAFI Board meeting in October;
- Decision [EB.2020.09](#) on the launch of a call for expression of interest in the Central African Republic and the Terms of Reference of the Expression of Interest and
- Decision [EB.2020.16](#) on the selection of the Agence Française de Développement (AFD);

The Executive Board:

1. Approves the preparatory grant and the transfer of US\$ 700,000 to AFD
2. Requests the Secretariat to ensure that the comments below are addressed in a revised version of the program document before it is submitted to the MPTF-O for fund transfer:
 - a. Requests AFD to clearly define with the government the composition (members and observers including non-state actors) of the Steering Committee and Working Group of the project and its operational procedures.
 - b. Requests AFD to include a consultation plan and a response matrix on how comments from stakeholders have been addressed during the development of the project document

3. Requests AFD to identify concrete synergies with existing programs during the implementation of the project. Activities should not be limited to CAFI financing and should also support CAFI donors and other donors in their programming efforts in a consistent manner.
4. Encourages AFD to engage donors and technical partners, including CAFI, at all stages of the programs, to review the terms of reference and deliverables of the feasibility studies.
5. Requests AFD to ensure that, in the first annual workplan of the project, the project Steering Committee adopts the tentative terms of reference of planned workshops (expected outcomes, targeted stakeholders, and tentative timeline).

Signed by

UN Executive Board member

Chair of the Executive Board

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