



Launch of a Call for Expression of Interest in the Central African Republic (Policy Dialogue and Pre-feasibility studies)

Adopted at EB 16 on June 25, 2020

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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;
- The 15th Board CAFI Executive Board's meeting, during which the CAFI Secretariat was requested to develop Terms of Reference for the launch of an expression of Interest in the areas of policy dialogue and the analysis of the feasibility of the pilot projects identified in the national investment framework,

the Executive Board:

- acknowledges the recent submission of the National Investment Framework to CAFI for the independent evaluation and thanks the Prime Minister of the Central African Republic for his letter of transmission;
- congratulates the Central African Republic for the overall positive results of the evaluation of the National Investment Framework and encourages the government to further revise and integrate the recommendations into the document;
- approves the draft documents pertaining to a call for expression of interest and requests the CAFI Secretariat to share them with the Government of CAR, circle back to the EB and when a consensus is reached, launch the call at the nearest possible time to identify a capable implementing agency to support the policy dialogue between CAFI and the government Central African Republic and conduct pre-feasibility studies for the pilot projects identified in the national investment framework (the

greater Bangui area, the Dzanga Sangha and Mbaere Bodingue protected area complex and the Bangassou forest area);

- requests the submitting agencies to describe in detail how the synergies with other planned and ongoing initiatives will be identified and integrated in work plans to maximize efficiency and impacts of all of the initiatives;
- requests the agencies to use a conflict sensitivity approach and ensure that consultations are mindful of and not reinforcing the grievances of different stakeholders.