



CAFI EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION

Gabon – 3rd Addendum to the Letter of Intent - Results-based Payment Partnership

EB.2021.19

Adopted on 6 November 2021

Considering:

- Decision [EB.2017.12](#) that adopts the Letter of Intent signed between CAFI and the Republic of Gabon on 27 June 2017, whose main objective is to prevent the conversion and degradation of high carbon stock and high conservation value forests;
- Decision [EB.2019.17](#) on the 1st Addendum to the Letter of Intent entitled “Results-based partnership” in which CAFI committed to contributing up to 150 million USD from the CAFI Trust Fund for emission reductions during the results years 2016-25;
- Decision [EB.2021.02](#) that approves Gabon’s Investment Framework, directing the reinvestment of results-based payments, as adopted by the Government of Gabon on 11 February 2020;
- The importance of countries with high forest cover and low deforestation (HFLD) maintaining their high forest cover and low deforestation, and the need to pilot a mechanism to incentivize this;
- The intent to reward Gabon as a HFLD country for maintaining a high forest cover and low deforestation rate, recognising the ecosystem services provided for by natural forests and the real and additional efforts needed to maintain a low deforestation rate.

The CAFI Executive Board:

- Approves the 3rd Addendum to the Letter of Intent, that, through a revision of the 1st Addendum incorporates the high-integrity standard *REDD+ Environmental Excellency Standard (TREES) v2.0* under the *Architecture for REDD+ Transactions (ART)*. In addition to emission reductions and removals, TREES 2.0 will allow CAFI to reward Gabon for HFLD credits in accordance with the new HFLD methodology of TREES 2.0. According to the 3rd Addendum, upon completion of the ART certification process, ART issued credits complying with the TREES 2.0 methodology will be rewarded by CAFI with a guaranteed floor price of 10 US\$ per ton CO₂.