



## Republic of Congo Programming – Guidance on Civil Society Engagement Support Programme

**Adopted by email on 16 November 2021**

**EB.2021.21**

Considering:

- a) Decision [EB.2019.16](#) on the Letter of Intent with the Republic of Congo and the country allocation to the country;
- b) Decision [EB.2019.22](#) on the Republic of Congo and the subsequent joint validation by the CAFI Board of Directors and the Government of the Republic of Congo of the background documents for a Call for Expression of Interest (Programming Framework, Call for Expression of Interest, Terms of Reference);
- c) The Call for Expression of Interest (CEI 2020/01/CONGO) launched by the CAFI Secretariat on 31 January 2020;
- d) The evaluation carried out by the CAFI Board, in close consultation with the working group set up by the Republic of Congo, of the seven expressions of interest received 29 February 2020;
- e) Decision [EB.2020.15](#) asking to clarify guidance on the Civil Society Engagement Support Programme through the creation of a working group;
- f) The revised Terms of Reference of the Civil Society Engagement Support Programme in the Republic of Congo submitted on 27 October 2021;

The CAFI Board:

1. Expresses its interest in establishing a Congolese civil society forum to create a space for dialogue for the benefit of all platforms and CSOs active in the sectors concerned by the commitments of the Letter of Intent, for the purposes of facilitating the sharing of information, collaboration and the creation of synergies within civil society interventions in this area, and to strengthen its capacity to carry out collective advocacy, as described in the Terms of Reference;
2. Points out that the CAFI Trust Fund may increase the financial contribution for implementation of the Civil Society Engagement Support Programme, while taking into account the means necessary for the establishment and proper functioning of this forum and the associated activities, up to US\$ 2 million, for a programme implemented over a 2-year period;
3. Asks the CAFI Secretariat to publish a second Call for Expression of Interest for the implementation of this programme, restricted to agencies that have expressed their interest in CEI 2020/01/CONGO, to support civil society engagement, so that they are able to revise their initial proposal in consideration of the guidance developed in the programme's revised Terms of Reference.