



Republic of Congo – Programming – Project Approval Lituka – Project to combat deforestation through the distribution of improved cookstoves in Brazzaville and Pointe Noire

Adopted during the 19th Executive Board meeting on 24 November 2021

EB.2021.25

Considering:

- a) Decision [EB.2019.16](#) on the Letter of Intent signed with the Republic of Congo and the allocation to the country;
- b) Decision [EB.2019.22](#) on the Republic of Congo and the subsequent joint endorsement by the CAFI Executive Board and the Government of the Republic of Congo of the background documentation to a Call of Expression of Interest (Programming Framework, Call for Expressions of Interest (Eol), Terms of Reference of the Call for Eol);
- c) Decision [EB.2020.15](#) on the selection of implementing organizations for the development of the programme portfolio;
- d) Decision [EB.2020.23](#) on the programming and submission deadlines for project documents regarding the work plan and timeline of implementing organizations selected to submit their project document to the CAFI Independent Review;
- e) The programme document submitted in January 2021 by the FAO entitled: The Sustainable Wood Energy Potential Enhancement Project in the Republic of Congo (PROREP);
- f) The Independent Review of programme documents carried out in February 2021;
- g) Decision [EB.2021.05](#) on the request to revise the programme document prepared jointly by FAO, GRET and Initiative Développement (ID);

- h) The revised programme document and the comments response matrix submitted by FAO on 31 May 2021;
- i) The supplementary Independent Review of the programme document prepared jointly by FAO, GRET and Initiative Développement, carried out in June 2021;
- j) Decision [EB.2021.12](#) on the request to split PROREP into two separate programmes: one 5-year programme on the development of agroforestry wood-energy plantations, implemented by FAO/GRET, and one programme on improved cookstove distribution, implemented by Initiative Développement (ID);
- k) The Lituka programme document prepared by ID and consideration of comments included in the evaluation memo on the revised programme;
- l) The Terms of Reference and the CAFI Operations Manual.

The CAFI Executive Board:

- 1) Thanks and congratulates Initiative Développement for their revised Lituka programme document;
- 2) Approves the project document for an amount of US\$ 1,000,000 to be used over a 3-year implementation period, pending that the following changes are incorporated into the programme document:
 - a. Present the technical and administrative team that will be mobilized by the programme—including roles, support and involvement (full-time, part-time, etc.)—in the narrative
 - b. Provide clarifications on the estimated number of related units and budget in the ‘narrative description of budget line’ column and ensure that no indirect costs appear in other budget categories (UNDG 1 to 7).
 - c. Propose synergistic approaches (i.e. concrete actions) to ensure synergies exist with other relevant CAFI-funded programmes and that national partners—particularly civil society—participate and take ownership in supporting the implementation of activities.
- 3) Asks ID and the CAFI Secretariat to conduct an assessment of socioenvironmental safeguards in accordance with the CAFI Operations Manual and to prepare an assurance plan to incorporate recommendations from the safeguards assessment and the HACT (Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfers) assessment;
- 4) Emphasizes that access to CAFI funds will be conditional on the results of the HACT and socioenvironmental assessments and must be approved through an additional decision of the Executive Board;
- 5) Asks ID to ensure that improved cookstoves are tested by a qualified independent body before being produced and marketed;

- 6) Recalls that, while respecting its rules and regulations, the implementing organization undertakes to apply zero tolerance towards fraud, corruption, sexual exploitation and abuse; to protect whistleblowers; to inform the public; to promote gender equality and social inclusion; and to use appropriate complaint mechanisms. In addition, the implementing organization commits to carefully managing all other contextual and programmatic risks identified by the Executive Board. The implementing organization should act proactively in reporting these risks to CAFI's Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of CAFI's Trust Fund;
- 7) Recalls that the implementing organization will have to report on progress toward both the objectives and milestones of the Letter of Intent as well as on indicators of the National REDD+ Investment Plan and the CAFI results framework in accordance with CAFI guidelines and templates. In addition, it will have to provide information on how their activities are addressing and respecting CAFI social and environmental safeguards;
- 8) Appoints the CAFI Secretariat to represent it on the Steering Committee and, in addition, will appoint a representative of a CAFI donor at a later stage;
- 9) Instructs the CAFI Secretariat to sign the programme document on its behalf.