



Central African Republic - Mandate of the Country Working Group for the partnership with the Central African Republic

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Considering:

1. The REDD+ National Investment Framework 2020-2025 of the Central African Republic submitted by the Prime Minister to CAFI Executive Board in 2020;
2. [Decision EB.2020.09](#) to launch a Call for Expression of Interest in the Central African Republic to identify a capable implementing agency to support the policy dialogue between CAFI and the government of the Central African Republic and conduct pre-feasibility studies for the pilot projects identified in the national investment framework while requesting the use a conflict sensitivity approach to ensure that consultations are mindful of and not reinforcing the grievances of different stakeholders;
3. [Decision EB.2020.16](#) on the selection of the Agence Française de Développement (AFD);
4. [Decision EB.2020.17](#) on the Approval of preparatory grant in the Central African Republic (Policy Dialogue and Pre-feasibility studies) of 700,000 USD;

The CAFI Executive Board:

1. Establishes an internal Country Working Group to further discuss and set out partners' priorities with respect to a future partnership with the CAR;
2. Requests this Group to:
 - a. Develop and submit a joint position of the Executive Board on the level of ambition which could lay the ground for the establishment of a partnership
 - b. Identify appropriate means and entry points to ensure high-level participation and ownership of LOI commitments;
 - c. Develop and submit agenda items for High-Level meetings between the EB and CAR, and the country sessions during EB meetings as needed;

- d. Communicate with CAR authorities and other stakeholders to identify & assess potential in terms of meaningful political commitments
 - e. Identify focus areas (including where CAFI could lead and where it would support the lead of others) and technical orientations on future programming including for potential fast-start programme to be developed;
 - f. Discuss with key international partners their strategic focus areas and potential alignment with respective bi-and multilateral portfolios (such as agriculture, energy, protected areas and buffer zones, geographic priorities, community-based forest management, PES, private sector involvement, domestic resource mobilisation, etc.)
 - g. Represent the EB in High level meetings, with additional participation of any other EB members who express the wish to sit on the meetings alongside the working group
3. Seeks to agree with the CAR on a schedule that aims at the conclusion of a partnership agreement in 2022.