



Equatorial Guinea

Adopted on 27 June 2022

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Considering

- [Decisions EB.2019.07](#) and [EB.2019.23](#) encouraging the Government of Equatorial Guinea to explore means to address, measure and monitor the governance of the forestry sector and its effects on timber legality and production; to mobilise domestic funding ; and recognizing concrete advances on land use planning while encouraging a full integration of forests and land use issues in this process.
- [Decision EB.2020.03](#), in which the Executive Board welcomed the finalisation of the National REDD+ Investment plan of Equatorial Guinea.
- [Decision EB.2021.09](#) on the Call for Expression of Interest (EoI) and related launch on 25 January 2022.
- The proposals received from the French Development Agency (AFD) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) by the 25 April deadline.
- The results of the assessment discussed by the internal CAFI Equatorial Guinea working group.
- The meetings held on 16 June and 23 June with the EG authorities.

The CAFI Executive Board

1. Thanks the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Planning (MHEP) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestocks, Forests and Environment (MAGBOMA) for their participation at CAFI's 20th Executive Board meeting in Oslo, and note with interest the progress made in establishing a Land Classification Commission and in implementing the National Forest Inventory.

2. Requests the French Development Agency (AFD) to develop a programme document to support the policy dialogue and conduct exploratory studies up to US\$ 0.6 million. This support will, as described in the call for EOI Terms of Reference,
 - Support the production and collection of data on the forestry and timber industry and adhesion to the ITTO;
 - Map forest/timber actors and potential evolution towards sustainability;
 - Identify the actions to which CAFI could contribute with a significant impact on land use planning;
 - Explore options for integrated local programs.
3. Stresses that, while the AFD Expression of Interest demonstrates sufficient programmatic experience, in line with the evaluation criteria, the approach proposed in the EOI should be revised to emphasise the high-level policy dialogue that requires support.
4. Requires AFD, when developing the project document, ensure that personnel is based in Equatorial Guinea and hosted by the Government.
5. Request AFD to develop specific timeline with time-bound targets that includes a rapid start of activities.
6. Decides that, upon receiving the full proposal by AFD, funds will not be disbursed until the grant convention agreement and the project documents are signed by AFD and the Equatorial Guinean Government.
7. Decides that the signature of the above mentioned should occur within 6 months of the Board approval of the project document.
8. Thanks FAO for its submission and ongoing support to several key processes in Equatorial Guinea.
9. Invites FAO to submit a formal proposal to the CAFI Executive Board for a small grant to sustain and enhance their support to land use planning, and allow the CAFI Board to explore strategic funding opportunities on this.