

22nd CAFI Executive Board Meeting Public Report

26-28 June 2023



Introduction

The 22nd meeting of CAFI's Executive Board (EB22) was held from June 26th to 28th, 2023 and took place at the BEIS Conference Centre in London, UK, under the moderation of the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office. Day 1 began with a ministerial session with the Minister of Water, Forests, Sea, and Environment of Gabon, Dr. Lee White. The day also included sessions on Fund Status and Results, M&E, and Risk. On Day 2, strategic country sessions and thematic discussions were held, including on private sector engagement, Trust Fund Governance, National Access, and Regional Technical Assistance. Day 3 involved country sessions with representatives from CAFI's partner countries as well as a session with Minister for Overseas Territories, Commonwealth, Energy, Climate and Environment at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), Rt. Hon. Lord Goldsmith. This report provides an overview of the key points and decisions from this meeting.

Ministerial Sessions

The EB22 included the participation of two high-level governmental representatives: The Minister for Overseas Territories, Commonwealth, Energy, Climate and Environment at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), Rt. Hon. Lord Goldsmith (June 28th) and The Minister of Water, Forests, Sea, and Environment of Gabon, Minister Lee White (June 26th).

Fund Status and Results

A presentation of data from the Gateway online portal used by MPTF-O was made, which served to facilitate an understanding of funds transferred vs. funds available¹.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Risk

Late submission of annual project reports was a primary challenge for the 2022 annual reporting period.

Primary results highlighted in the annual report were presented:

- Firm progress in the partnership with Cameroon was made, with the launch in May 2023 of the Calls for Expressions of Interest (Eoi) worth \$60 M US\$.

¹Updated figures are made available on the MPTF-O website: <https://mptf.undp.org/fund/afi00>.



- Rural direct beneficiaries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) now reach approximately 142,000 in 8 provinces and 6 to 9 million indirect beneficiaries.
- Emissions estimated in the DRC have dropped below one hundred million tCO₂e in 2020.
- The DRC Programmatic Framework has been agreed upon, and a call for proposals was launched for a 500 M US\$ DRC Letter of Intent (LoI).
- The first five projects were launched under the Gabon results-based payment agreement in 2022.
- A major 53 M US\$ project to enhance private sector partnerships in the agricultural sector with UNCDF and the &Green Fund has been approved.
- The updated Risk Dashboard was presented, bearing 161 institutional, programmatic, and contextual risks assessed in terms of likelihood, potential impact, and evolution.

Decisions adopted during the meeting

[EB.2023.11 - Risk Dashboard](#)

Country Sessions

a) Gabon

During this session, the meeting with the international partner group of the FCLP (the Forest and Climate Leaders Partnership) was discussed, which focused on developing country packages to implement the FCLP's Glasgow Declaration commitments to reduce deforestation.

b) Republic of the Congo (RoC)

- Progress and challenges, as well as national ownership, were discussed. Next steps and the CAFI Secretariat's planned mission in RoC were also discussed, along with an overview of the political dialogue.
- The CAFI Secretariat highlighted that projects are on track to showcase results on the ground by the end of 2023 and in the upcoming year.

c) Cameroon

- A summary and preliminary analysis of the first Call for EoI were presented. Fifteen submissions were received.
- The submissions were distributed across project categories, with two submissions for the intersectoral/multi-level coordination project, four submissions for the Land Use Planning Support project, five submissions for the Grand Mbam integrated landscape project, two submissions for the project to support sustainable intensification and agro-ecological transition in cocoa and coffee sectors (FODECC), and two submissions for regional projects in private and agricultural sectors.

d) DRC

- **Milestone Report:** A total of 90 milestones were set in the 2nd Letter of Intent (LoI), 44 for the end of 2023 alone.
- The results of the first LoI are visible, and a report will be published at the end of the year.
- Programming issues mainly focused on the recently approved Programmatic Framework.



Thematic Sessions

a) **Payment for Environmental Services (PES) and Private Sector Engagement**

- The EB agreed to the concept of a “private sector window” and requested that the CAFI Secretariat develop an investment and performance framework for approval.
- There will be a Forest Performance Bond (FPB) Workshop in Stockholm on 26 - 27 September 2023. The desired outcome should be to develop an FPB model based on a solid structure.
- The EB members discussed developing a PES system for farmers in DRC, looking at the example in Cameroon (the country-developed programme through FODECC) as a model for best practices and lessons learned. Transitioning implementing organizations to a more results-based approach where payments are conditional on environmental results is seen as an important first step.

Decisions adopted during the meeting

[EB.2023.12 Decision Regional Private Sector Facility](#)

b) **Discussion on Trust Fund Governance**

- Discussions focused on reforming the governance of the CAFI Trust Fund.

c) **National Access and Regional Technical Assistance**

- Improving national ownership of the implementation of the Lols is key for CAFI.
- For technical assistance to facilitate national access and implementation of milestones, a regional technical assistance project is being considered.

Country Discussions

a) **Strategic Discussion with Cameroon**

- This session was attended by three representatives from the Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT): Dr Saïdou Hamadou, Ernest Nnanga and Étienne Siama.
- Progress on the CAFI-Cameroon partnership was reviewed.
- A roadmap for the process following the Eol was discussed.

b) **Gabon**

- This session was attended by two representatives from Gabon: Alvina Okome Mbega and Linsey Simone Embinga. It focused on the presentation of the implementation of the three main CAFI programmes in Gabon (CAFI 1, 2 and 3) and the Governance Support programme.
- Regarding country milestones, of the 23 in the Lol, 13 can be considered as met and 10 as partially met.

c) **DRC**

- A presentation was made by representatives from the DRC: Prof. Joseph Malassi, Jean-Paul Boketsu, Ginette Nzau Muteta and FONAREDD representatives.
- Fast Track Programming was discussed.



- Programming through the Call for EoI as part of the 2nd Lol was reviewed, and applicants will be notified shortly of the outcome.
- The restructuring of FONAREDD was discussed.

Recap On Decisions

Adopted decisions were:

- **Risk Dashboard** [EB.2023.11 - Risk Dashboard](#)
- **Private sector** [EB.2023.12 Decision Regional Private Sector Facility](#)

All other decisions that were presented and discussed during EB22 were sent by e-mail for non-objection, with deadlines through June 30th, 2023.

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