



Republic of Congo - No cost extension of the Programme of support to the coordination of the implementation of the Letter of Intent of the Republic of Congo and CAFI.

Adopted at the 23rd Executive Board meeting on November 6, 2023

EB.2023.30

Considering :

- a) Decision [EB.2021.10](#) on the approval of the program 'Support program for the coordination of the implementation of the Letter of Intent of the Republic of Congo and CAFI' for an amount of 1,455,890.30 USD;
- b) The end date of the current program is November 28, 2023;
- c) The letter from UNDP dated October 13, 2023 requesting a no cost extension of the project until December 31, 2024.

The CAFI Executive Board:

1. Thanks the UNDP for its letter as well as for the attached note justifying the delays taken as well as the results fulfilled and next steps;
2. Congratulates the project implementation partners on the actions taken to revise the project governance and the significant results fulfilled over the period June to September 2023 following the approval by the project Steering Committee of the revised measures;
3. Approves the extension of the project until December 31, 2024;
4. Requests UNDP to ensure that the recommendations of the Annual Work Plan and Budget 2024 are taken into account in the Annual Work Plan and Budget:
 - Ensure the ongoing operation of the partnership's governance bodies;

- Reinforce communication on the partnership;
 - Ensure implementation of activities identified to support civil society;
 - Supporting implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative;
 - Elaborate, in a participatory manner, the governance guidelines for the Republic of Congo CAFI portfolio projects;
 - Draw up a map and alignment proposals for governance mechanisms relating to climate-environment commitments.
5. Recalls that, while complying with its rules and regulations, the executing agency is committed to zero tolerance of fraud, corruption, sexual exploitation and abuse, whistleblower protection, public information, gender equality and social inclusion, and the use of appropriate complaint mechanisms. In addition, UNDP is committed to carefully managing all other contextual and programmatic risks identified by the Executive Board, and must act proactively in reporting such risks to the CAFI Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, in accordance with the CAFI Trust Fund Terms of Reference.
6. Reminds UNDP of its reporting obligations under the current CAFI Operations Manual, in terms of both narrative and financial reports.