



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Selection of Catalytic Finance Foundation for Project Proposal Development for the Capital Acceleration Providers (2024/02/CAP)

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EB.2024.32

Considering:

- [Decision EB.2024.22](#) approving the launch of the Innovative Finance Call for Expression of Interest that issued a request for proposal to identify potential eligible implementing partners able to offer blended finance and innovative solutions for private sector and social enterprises, and report back to the Executive Board on the result of this open consultation.
- The Call for Expressions of Interest (EoI) for Capital Acceleration Providers (2024/02/CAP) launched by the CAFI Secretariat on July 4, 2024, selecting implementing organisation to identify new partnerships and innovative blended finance solutions to guide private sector investments toward CAFI's goals.
- The Expression of Interest received on 2 August 2024 by Catalytic Finance Foundation.
- The review and recommendation provided by the UN technical review committee composed of experts from UNDP, UNOPS and UNCDF, as well as members from the CAFI Secretariat.



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The Executive Board:

1. Approves the selection of Catalytic Finance Foundation (referred here as “implementing organization”), as the selected agency for the Capital Acceleration Providers (2024/02/CAP) Call for Expressions of Interest following the recommendation by the UN technical review committee composed of experts from UNDP, UNOPS and UNCDF, as well as members from the CAFI Secretariat.
2. Requests the development of a project document by Catalytic Finance Foundation by October 11th for an initial ambition of \$100M including \$10M in funding from the CAFI MPTF.
3. Requests the CAFI Secretariat to engage with Catalytic Finance Foundation on technical specifications.
4. Recalls that feasibility studies and the design of projects and programmes should place strong emphasis on (i) gender inclusion, including in terms of sex-disaggregated data, (ii) human rights and non-discrimination, (iii) conflict prevention and resolution, in particular with regard to land tenure, (iv) monitoring and learning, while ensuring strong alignment with the CAFI results framework, (v) analysis of the link with forest conservation, (vi) analysis of opportunities for scale-up and means to achieve them, (vii) analysis of risks of corruption and conflicts of interest, as well as the stakeholders likely to gain or lose as a result of the initiative, (viii) the use – to the extent possible – of local references and analysis with respect to potential beneficiaries, market opportunities and income opportunities for smallholders and economic viability, limitations and risks; (ix) clear integration and interlinkages between the various interventions proposed; (x) a clear exit/sustainability strategy; (xi) a robust analysis and management of risks (incl. land tenure and fire).
5. Recalls that, while respecting its rules and regulations, the implementing organization commits 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 Board and should act proactively in reporting these risks to CAFI’s Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF-O), in accordance with the Terms of Reference of CAFI’s Trust Fund.
6. Reiterates that the present decision does not represent a funding allocation decision. Funding will be approved based on implementing organisation submission and according to the Terms of Reference of the Trust Fund.
7. Requests the implementing organization, for the development of the project document, to:
 - a) Use the updated project document template provided by the CAFI Secretariat.
 - b) Ensure concrete synergies with existing projects and programs in the target area (CAFI-funded as well as other relevant ones).
 - c) Ensure, to the extent possible, a methodological alignment of planned remote assessment of land use changes with the CAFI-funded regional study on the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, as well as regarding socio-economic studies.



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8. Recalls that the implementing organization will have to report on progress toward both the objectives and milestones of (as relevant) the Letter of Intent as well as on indicators of CAFE's results framework in accordance with CAFE guidelines and templates. In addition, it will have to provide CAFE with all reports and data (raw and analysed) from household surveys and other field studies including spatial information (i.e. GPS coordinates) and information on how their activities are addressing and respecting CAFE social and environmental safeguards.