



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Central African Republic- Launch of the Call for Expressions of Interest for the selection of the implementing organisation to develop and implement a pilot project in Bangui and its surrounding area

Adopted by email on 25.10.2024
EB.2024.38

Considering:

- The [CAFI Declaration](#) and the persisting challenge of forest loss and food security in Central African Republic ;
- The deliverables of the preparatory grant submitted by the *Agence française de Développement* in September 2023 ;
- The conclusions of the meeting held on February 5, 2024 between the Government of CAR represented by H.E. the Prime Minister, the Ministers in charge of Economy and planning, Finances and Budget, Environment and Sustainable Development ; and the CAFI Executive Board represented by H.E.Ms UK Ambassador, the NICFI Deputy Director (NOR), the Director for Global Affairs from the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (FR) and the Deputy Ambassador of the Embassy of Netherlands ;
- Decision [EB.2024.02](#) adopted by email on February,2024 requesting the CAFI Secretariat to develop a call for expression of interest jointly with the task force to implement one or several pilot projects in line with the National Investment Framework for an amount of up to 10 M USD (extendable) over 5 years. The decision stated that projects will be results-based and focus on key deforestation drivers (in particular agriculture and cooking energy).

The Executive Board:

1. Approves the Terms of Reference of the Call for Expressions of Interest presented to the Board by the Government of Central African Republic (CAR) for the selection of the implementing organisation (or consortium) that will develop and implement a pilot project in line with CAR's REDD+ National Investment Framework (NIF) in Bangui and its surrounding area for an amount of up to 10 M USD over a maximum period of 5 years.

2. Encourages implementing organisations that are not familiar with CAFI but have a proven track record in the areas of work covered by the above-mentioned call, to express their interest.
3. Asks the CAFI Secretariat to publish the Call for Expressions of Interest as soon as the Government confirms its non-objection.
4. Recalls paragraph 3 of the [decision EB.2024.02](#) and asks the Government of the Central African Republic to officially designate a governmental entity acting as a focal point of the partnership recalling the provisions of the [CAFI Declaration](#) which states that *“due to the cross-sectorial character of (...) investments, a high-level inter-ministerial task force under the lead of a cross-sectorial ministry or government body in charge of finance coordination and reforms will oversee the implementation of the programs”*. This designation is a prerequisite for the Board to approve the selection of the implementing organisation which will develop and implement the pilot project.
5. Informs the Government of Central African Republic that an additional one million USD could be made available from 2025 onwards for a project to support coordination of policies and measures and/or activities related to the deployment of Payment for Environmental Services. This support will be disbursed in two tranches over a maximum period of five-years.
6. Request the Government to identify, amongst the organisations which currently have access to the CAFI fund, its preferred implementing organisation for the project referred to in paragraph 5.
7. Requests the designated implementing organisation to work with the Government to submit a proposal for the project mentioned under point 5 following CAFI’s template and requirements for preparatory grants.
8. Requests the CAFI Secretariat to work with the Government and the implementing organisation to define the expected products and outcomes of the project mentioned under point 5.