



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Equatorial Guinea – Call for Expressions of Interest

Adopted at EB18 on 25 June 2021

EB.2021.09

Considering :

- Decision EB.2016.02 to provide a preparatory grant to the Government of Equatorial Guinea Republic to develop a National Investment Framework, and decisions [EB.2018.22](#) and [EB.2019.02](#) to extend this grant
- Decisions [EB2019.07](#) 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 mobilize 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 finalization of the National REDD+ Investment plan of Equatorial Guinea
- The letter received from the Minister of Finance, dated 11 November 2020, expressing his renewed commitment
- The 17th Board CAFI Executive Board’s meeting, during which the CAFI Secretariat was requested to develop Terms of Reference for the launch of an expression of Interest in the areas of policy dialogue and exploratory studies for areas identified in the National Investment Framework
- The Governmental Decree of May 2021 establishing a new Agency for Development and Civil Society Observatory

- [The meeting on 24 June 2021 held between CAFI, represented by France and the CAFI Secretariat, the Vice Minister of MHEP and the Delegate Minister of MAGBOMA during which the Authorities expressed their major interest, willingness to work together and domestic funding commitment towards land-use planning
- Equatorial Guinea's engagement on the decision of the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa) is moving towards an export ban on logs

The Executive Board

- 1) Encourages the Government of Equatorial Guinea to continue exploring opportunities for results-based payments
- 2) Approves the draft Terms of Reference pertaining to a call for Expression of interest
- 3) Requests the CAFI Secretariat to gather final recommendations from the Government of Equatorial Guinea, circle back to the EB and when a final consensus is reached, launch the call for Expression of Interest at the nearest possible time to identify a capable implementing agency to support the policy dialogue between CAFI and the government of Equatorial Guinea and conduct studies to identify preliminary data and the most suitable relevant opportunities in the land use and forestry sector for a potential future collaboration partnership between CAFI and Equatorial Guinea
- 4) Requests the submitting agencies to describe in detail how the synergies with other planned and ongoing initiatives will be identified and integrated in work plans to maximize efficiency and impacts of all initiatives - *including the project on "Mejora de la Capacidad Institucional y Técnica de Guinea Ecuatorial en la Agricultura, la Silvicultura y otros sectores de uso de la tierra para una mayor transparencia en el marco del Acuerdo de París" and the project 'Apoyo a la formulación del Plan de Ordenación Territorial de Guinea Ecuatorial'*
- 5) Encourages joint submissions and partnerships with established actors in the region or country
- 6) In line with decision EB.2021.07, requests the submitting agencies to provide a provisional and realistic timeline, and to strive to demonstrate how they will make operational recommendations that help inform a future potential collaboration.