



## Regional Private Sector Facility: Selection of Criterion Africa Partners inc.(CAP) to develop a project document for “sustainable charcoal production ”

### **EB.2023.32**

Considering:

- Decision EB.2023.12 approving the launch of the Regional Private Sector Facility;
- Decision EB.2023.24 approving the Call for Expressions of Interest for the Private Sector Facility (2023/09);
- The Call for expression of interest (2023//03/PRIVATE SECTOR) which was launched on 19/09 2023, which was widely advertised;
- The complete expression(s) of interest(s) received from eligible organisations; and
- The technical analysis report prepared by the Secretariat and its recommendations.
- For profit organisations do not have direct access to CAFI funds but are nonetheless invited to submit expressions of interests which the CAFI Secretariat will refer to CAFI implementing organisations to accelerate the development of a project pipeline.

The Executive Board,

1. Invites Criterion Africa Partners inc.(CAP) to conduct a feasibility study for a project focused on “sustainable charcoal production ” to be implemented by a CAFI implementing organisation in line with the rules of the private sector facility with an approximate budget of USD\$58 million for a period of 3 years including an investment grant of up to USD\$15 million from the CAFI Fund and co-financing of at least USD \$42.5 million from other sources.
2. Requests that UNOPs initiate its due diligence with a view to provide a 500,000 USD preparatory grant to CAP in the context of the UNOPS regional technical assistance project approved by CAFI.
3. Invites CAP and UNOPs to work together to prepare a grant support agreement for a budget of up to USD 500,000 in line with UNOPs requirements for consideration by the Secretariat. The terms of reference of this grant support agreement should contain sufficient detail to provide assurance that CAP will develop a full project proposal providing all of the elements required for the CAFI Executive

Board to make an informed investment decision including: the number and location of sites, expected efficiency of the retort systems and the expected emissions reductions to be achieved as well as the detailed methodology and theory of change to be used that aligns with CAFI objectives and the CAFI Letters of Intent. The proposal should also set out a clear fund management strategy, remuneration policy, finance mobilisation expectations and sources and a risk management plan

4. Recalls that feasibility studies and the design of projects and programmes should place strong emphasis on (i) gender equality and social inclusion, including in terms of sex-disaggregated data, impact and how the project will support development objectives (ii) human rights and non-discrimination, (iii) conflict prevention and resolution, in particular with regards to land tenure, (iv) monitoring and learning, while ensuring strong alignment with the CAFI results framework and the CAFI Letters of Intent, (v) analysis of the link with forest conservation, (vi) analysis of opportunities for scale-up and means to achieve them , (vii) analysis of risks, including risks of corruption and conflicts of interest, as well as the stakeholders likely to gain or lose as a result of the initiative.
5. Reiterates that the present decision does not represent a funding allocation decision. Funding will be approved based on agency submissions and according to the Terms of Reference of the Trust Fund.