



Preparatory Grant
to the FAO for Republic of Congo
(Program proposal to the Green
Climate Fund)

Adopted on 30 November 2018

EB.2018.25

In accordance with paragraph 12 of the Rules and Procedures of the CAFI Executive Board, in line with Decision EB.2018.14 on the amendment of the Terms of reference of the CAFI trust Fund on CAFI program cycle, having received an additional preparatory grant request for the Republic of Congo on June 11, 2016, the Executive Board:

1. approves in principle, subject to the joint communication by AFD and FAO of the revised proposal, the grant of US\$ 314,173 to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to further develop the program proposal of the Republic of Congo to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and contribute to the implementation of the National Investment Framework;
2. Requests the Secretariat to ensure that the comments below are addressed in a revised version of the proposal before it is submitted to the MPTF-O for fund transfer;
3. Recalls the decision EB.2016.19 requesting FAO's default implementation modality of "direct execution";
4. Underlines that this preparatory grant aims to contribute to the programming efforts of the Republic of Congo for the implementation of its National Investment Framework and expects the deliverables to inform CAFI programming exercise in parallel of the negotiation of a Letter of Intent with the country;
5. Underlines CAFI's particular interest in the Components 4 and 5 of the concept note submitted to the GCF and understands that the future program will aim in promoting local private sector activities in the development of sustainable agriculture and wood energy value chains;

6. Requests that the activities covered through this preparatory grant help justifying the economic and financial viability of the future program outputs, ensure synergies and avoid duplication with other programming activities
7. Requests that the national counterparts identified for the negotiation of the Letter of Intent with CAFI in accordance with decision EB.2018.13 Republic of Congo National Investment Framework, be informed, consulted and associated to the implementation of the present grant;
8. Requests FAO to share the terms of reference of future activities funded by the present grant (consultations, reports, studies) for potential comments, as well as its deliverables with CAFI;
9. Encourages FAO to share other feasibility studies, notably the ones previously undertaken for the development of the program;
10. Requests the Government of the Republic of Congo and the FAO to provide further details and make the following changes to the grant request before the signature of the request to be submitted to the MPTF-O:
 - a. Identify together with the AFD the potential remaining studies and activities to be undertaken to demonstrate the economic and financial viability of future program outputs and ensure the finalization of a sound project proposal, and modify the budget accordingly;
 - b. Provide more clarity on targeted outputs and activities of the future program proposal to the Green Climate Fund;
 - c. Complete the budget of the grant request with type of expenses (UN category);
 - d. Specific comments related to Output 3 : « Cadre pour la question du Genre »:
 - i. Be more specific and provide more details on targeted analysis: how to ensure the quality of the deliverable and presentation of sound evidence on gender impacts on a broad range of areas: agriculture, REDD+ benefits, safeguards, local governance, etc.
 - ii. Try to limit the scope and be more focused: given the importance of gender with respect to agriculture and land tenure, an emphasis should be put on those aspects (or explained if other aspects are selected).
 - iii. Explain how consultations will be sufficient to provide sound analysis on gender aspects in such diverse and complex thematic areas and how the expertise will be mobilized.
 - iv. Regarding agriculture, explain the role of the Ministry of Agriculture.
11. Requests the CAFI Secretariat to develop a programming note in line with the decision EB.2018.16 to explain and justify the provision of a grant to the FAO for this programming exercise and submit it to the EB for later approval, considering this grant request as a legacy as it was submitted by the Government of the Republic of Congo on June 2018 before the adoption by the EB of decisions EB.2018.14 and EB.2018.16;
12. Requests FAO, together with AFD, to provide, by the next EB meeting, more details and clarity on:
 - submission modalities to the GCF (joint submission, potential executing arrangements, lead submitter etc.)
 - financial instruments expected to be mobilized from GCF (by implementing agencies, estimated amounts and types of financial instruments).