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October 3, 2011

Mr. Giorgio Valentini  
Representative  
The World Bank  
6 St. Lucia Avenue  
Kingston 5

Dear Mr. Valentini:

**Re: Request for financing under the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)**

The Planning Institute of Jamaica, on behalf of the Government, hereby requests financing under the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility to support efforts to stem deforestation, thereby contributing to global efforts to reduce carbon emission.

Jamaica's forests contribute significantly to the protection of the island's biodiversity, especially its endemic flora and fauna with many of Jamaica's rare and threatened animals depending on the forest for their survival. In addition, the forests provide protection for and stability to soils in steep terrain, thereby reducing incidences of erosion, landslides, flooding and general destruction of life and property.

About 30 per cent of Jamaica, approximately 336,000 hectares, is classified as forest, with the majority of these areas being disturbed and degraded; and only 8 per cent remaining as relatively undisturbed natural forest. Over the last decade, the island has experienced devastating natural catastrophes in the form of increasingly intense weather events directly attributable to climate change. The effects of these events have been exacerbated by deforestation and land degradation. The Government of Jamaica is committed to ensuring that these trends are halted.

FCPF's financing will support efforts aimed at increasing the management and conservation of Jamaica's forests for current and future generations are outlined in the Strategic Forest Management Plan (2010 -2014 ) and are also supported in the Country's 25-year National Development Plan – Vision 2030 Jamaica. These strategies include:

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1. Maintain and restore forest cover ;
2. Increased participation of communities, placing those people affected by or dependent on, forests at the centre of forestry development;
3. Providing opportunities for equitable participation in the management, conservation and enjoyment of forests; and
4. Building partnerships between government, private sector and non-government organisations (NGOs) based on shared goals and values.

The Government requests that the technical assistance be executed by the World Bank.

We anticipate your favourable consideration.

Yours truly,



Barbara Scott  
For Director General

cc. Ms. Marilyn Headley, CEO and Conservator of Forests