Context

The FCPF Participants Committee adopted <u>Resolution PC/24/2017/6</u> at PC24 in Lao PDR in September 2017 whereby it decides to allocate funding to Gabon to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness and requests the country to submit a revised R-PP to the FMT, addressing the key issues identified in the Resolution.

Gabon has revised its R-PP and submitted a revised version of the document to the FMT on July 24, 2018. The note below shows how the key issues have been addressed in the revised R-PP. It is the FMT's view that this revised final version of the R-PP fully responds to the key issues identified in Resolution PC/24/2017/6.

Key issues identified in PC Resolution PC/24/2017/6	Response in the revised R-PP
Consolidate monitoring and evaluation plan, including schedule for implementation	The revised R-PP has provided (in Annex D, M& E Plan, Table 22) with a consolidated M&E plan with an implementation schedule that has clarified the activities, costs, and responsible agencies, schedule and verification/indicators as described below. Activities:
	Activity 1.1 - Develop and compare improved methodologies for calculating emissions from degradation. Verification indicator- Existence of methodological protocols.
	Activity 1.2. Design national scale sampling program and train inventory team to conduct work at a national scale. Verification indicator- Study design and protocols available. Training manuals and reports and Number of trained personnel.
	Activity 1.3. Implement improved degradation methodology in forestry concessions at national scale to calculate emissions from forestry sector Verification indicator- Data available in the NNRFOS and Number of forestry concessions completed
	Activity 2.1. Design and implement a strategy to Reduce Emissions from logging operations (building on and expanding data from Activity 1.1) Verification Indicator- Annual impact assessments and reports

Activity 2.2. Evaluate the potential of reforestation and or wood plantation programs, particularly in highly degraded forests as an additional means of reducing emissions from the forestry sector

Verification Indicator- Technical report

Activity 2.3. Design and implement a strategy for certifying forestry concessions engaged in the Gabon emissions reduction program with the "Green Gabon" Label Verification Indicator- Technical report

Costs: The budgeted costs are \$1.946 million for the activities, with \$1.536 million allocated for 1st year and \$0.363 million allocated for 2nd year.

 Clarify in the R-PP that SESA (Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment) will be funded by Gabon and other available funding sources The revised document clarifies that CAFI (Central African Forest Initiative) will fund the SESA (Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment), which is further detailed in Table 14, (Activities Calendar for Activities Planned within the NIF and R-PP Framework), under Outcome -1, Key Land-Use Planning Activities being conducted in partnership with CAFI to evaluate the impact of the sustainable development of the NLUP V2.

The R-PP describes that Sustainable Development Law requires that a formal Environmental and Social Evaluation be completed prior to its validation, which is in line with the requirements of the ESMF.

The program objectives and outcomes, (Outcome 1 - Completion and implementation of a National Land Use Plan will result in minimized emissions from new development activities) and Output 5(evaluation and impact of sustainable development finalized and approved, and development of a methodology and guidelines for conducting a sustainable development impact assessment.

Further, Page 63, mentions that "Costs associated with the Land Use Planning Process, and more specifically for the completion of the Environmental and Social Evaluation (Output 5) and "Development of a methodology and guidelines for conducting a Sustainable Development Impact Assessment" and "Conducting the Sustainable Development Impact Assessment" will be undertaken with financing from CAFI.