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Forest Carbon Partnership Facility  
FCPF Facility Management Team  
The World Bank  
1818 H St. NW  
Washington, DC  
USA

***Subject:***

***ER-PIN for the Carbon Fund for Lao PDR***

Dear Sir/Madam,

Obtaining support from the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility's Carbon Fund to pilot payments-for-performance for REDD+ is considered a key step for rolling out REDD+ nationally in Lao PDR. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) of Lao PDR is the focal ministry for REDD+ in Lao PDR, and the ministry in charge of the preparation of an ER-PIN for FCPF Carbon Fund. The Government of Lao PDR is committed to REDD+ and to the Emissions Reduction Program as proposed in the attached Emissions Reduction-Program Idea Note (ER-PIN).

This ER-PIN has been drafted through close consultation and engagement among the Department of Forest Resource Management (DFRM), its National REDD+ Office and the REDD+ Office of the Department of Forestry (DOF) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), which is overseeing the FCPF readiness process together with MONRE. Initial consultations were also held with the six provinces proposed as the ER Program area.

The drafting of the ER-PIN has been undertaken through the ER Program Working Group led by the National REDD+ Focal Point, National REDD+ Office and Department of Forest Resources Management (DFRM) under MONRE, involving the REDD+ Office under the Department of Forestry (DOF), as well as international partners actively engaged in REDD+ in Lao PDR. These partners include GIZ, JICA, World Bank, Finland, and UN-REDD. The Government appreciates the assistance from the FCPF in preparing this ER-PIN. Both the

FCPF and FIP processes, which are on-going in Lao PDR, have been fully consulted. The draft ER-PIN has gone through a process of consultation and received general support from the National REDD+ Task Force and the Forestry Sub-Sector Working Group (FSSWG).

Therefore, I, on behalf of the Government of Lao PDR, am writing to request that the Carbon Fund consider accepting Lao PDR into the pipeline for the Carbon Fund.

The Government of Lao PDR looks forward to engaging with the Carbon Fund further. We greatly appreciate the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility's support to date, through the Readiness Fund grant.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



**Dr.Noulinh SINBANDHIT**

Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

Cc:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Ministry of Finance
- Department of National Disaster Management and Climate Change
- Department of Forest Resource Management, MoNRE
- Emission from Deforestation Management Division, DFRM
- Department of Forestry, MAF
- REDD+ Office, DoF
- Dr. Inthavy Akkharath, National REDD+ Focal Point, MONRE
- Ms. Sally Burningham, Country Manager, World Bank Country Office in Lao PDR
- **Attachment:** Emissions Reduction-Program Idea Note for Lao PDR