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WORLD BANK SUPPORT TO REPUBLIC OF CONGO ER-PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

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Outline

1. Summary of ER-Program preparation support
2. Alignment with World Bank strategy
3. Due diligence
4. Next steps and timeline

Summary of World Bank ER-Program Preparation Support

- Technical support for the preparation of the ERPD, for example carbon accounting and business plans for program activities
- Direct technical support through preparation missions
- Full-time position in Brazzaville to support ER-Program preparation and REDD+ readiness
- Additional support for implementation of REDD+ readiness, including training on MRV and guidance on SESA and safeguards instruments
- Policy dialogue with government on the REDD+ agenda, including country visits by senior management, proposal of a governance matrix
- Knowledge product on REDD+ compatible, cocoa-based agroforestry models
- Support for National REDD+ Investment Plan preparation and coordination of financing sources, including FCPF, IDA, CAFI, FIP, GEF, GCF
- Integration of ER-Program into IDA operations, e.g. agriculture, governance

Alignment with World Bank Strategy and Donors

- Draft Strategic Country Diagnostic positions REDD+ as a key opportunity for economic diversification and emphasizes the importance of cross-sectoral integration
- ER-Program = Programmatic Approach to Forests

Finance source		Est. USD m supporting ER-Program activities
Secured sources (pledged or committed)	GEF (WB and UNDP)	8.08
	FIP	16.00
	FIP DGM	4.50
	VPA-FLEGT	5.02
	DFID	6.17
	AFD	13.81
	WB IDA (Integrated Public Sector Reform Project)	1.50
	WB IDA (Commercial Agriculture Project)	tbc
To be mobilized	CAFI	8.00
	GCF	tbc
Private investments	Companies and investors	29.54
Total		92.63

World Bank Due Diligence: Review Meeting

- Project Concept Note (PCN) Review Meeting: May 24, 2017
- Conclusion: Green light to proceed with project preparation leading to ERPA signature
- Development Objective: To make results-based payments for GHG emission reductions from reduced deforestation, forest degradation and the enhancement of forest carbon stocks in Sangha-Likouala, and to distribute these payments in accordance with an agreed-upon Benefit Sharing Plan.
- Comments provided will be taken into account during project preparation:
 - Inter-ministerial coordination, project implementation structures, and involvement of the private sector
 - Cross-GP collaboration and the pursuit of synergies with other Bank projects

World Bank Due Diligence: Key Risks

Risk Category	Rating
1. Political and Governance	High
2. Macroeconomic	High
3. Sector Strategies and Policies	Medium
4. Technical Design of Project or Program	Medium
5. Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	Substantial
6. Fiduciary	Medium
7. Environment and Social	Substantial
8. Stakeholders	Substantial
9. Other	
OVERALL	Substantial

World Bank Due Diligence: Safeguards Assessment

- Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet (ISDS) undergoing clearances for disclosure
- PCN Review Meeting found safeguards approach to be in line with emerging guidance for Carbon Fund operations
- Safeguards instruments prepared and under review by WB: ESMF, Integrated Pest Management Framework, Resettlement Framework, Process Framework, Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework, Physical and Cultural Resources Management Framework
- Design of Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (FGRM) ongoing, capitalizing on experiences of the IDA Forest and Economic Diversification Project
- Safeguards capacity building at departmental level proposed to be financed through IDA Integrated Public Sector Reform Project

Next Steps

- Finalize benefit sharing plan (ROC, November 2017)
- ER-Program preparation (November 2017)
- Decision Meeting (November 2017)
- Appraisal (January 2018)
- ERPA negotiations (December 2017 – May 2018)
- ERPA signature (May 2018)

Thank you