

**FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)
SIXTEENTH CARBON FUND MEETING
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Paris, France**

**Resolution CFM/16/2017/2
Selection of Emission Reductions Program Document of the Republic of Congo into the
Portfolio of the Carbon Fund of the FCPF**

1. As per Resolution CFM/10/2014/2, the Carbon Fund (Carbon Fund) of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) selected the Republic of Congo's Emission Reductions Program Idea Note (ER-PIN) into the pipeline of the Carbon Fund and provided additional funding for the Republic of Congo to develop an Emission Reductions Program Document (ER-PD) for its Emission Reductions Program (ER Program);
2. In September 2016, as per Resolution PC/22/2016/3, the Participants Committee of the FCPF endorsed the Republic of Congo's Readiness Package;
3. The Republic of Congo issued its advanced draft ER-PD in October 2016. The Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) reviewed the ER-PD against the ER-PD requirements in the Carbon Fund's Methodological Framework dated December 20, 2013 and issued its TAP Review document in November 2016. The Carbon Fund Participants reviewed the advanced draft ER-PD and the TAP Review document and submitted their consolidated comments to the FCPF Facility Management Team (FMT) in January 2017. Based on the findings of the TAP Review and the comments of the Carbon Fund Participants, the Republic of Congo submitted to the FMT a final ER-PD in April 2017. The TAP reviewed such final ER-PD and issued its final TAP Review document to the FMT in May 2017; and
4. The Republic of Congo has presented its final ER-PD during this meeting.

The Carbon Fund Participants,

1. Acknowledge the extensive efforts made by the Republic of Congo, and the high quality of the ER-PD;
2. Decide to provisionally include the Republic of Congo's ER-PD into the portfolio of both Tranche A and Tranche B of the Carbon Fund, provided that any commercial terms (such as advance payments, price etc.) included in the ER-PD are subject to subsequent negotiations of the Emission Reductions Payment Agreement (ERPA);
3. Provisionally authorize the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Bank), as trustee of Tranche A and Tranche B of the Carbon Fund (Trustee), to lead the ERPA negotiations with the Republic of Congo for the ER Program, in accordance with the ERPA negotiations process and subject to completion of Bank due diligence and final Bank approval, provided that ERPA negotiations shall not start before Bank management has appraised the ER Program;
4. The provisional inclusion of the Republic of Congo's ER-PD into the portfolio of both Tranche A and Tranche B of the Carbon Fund and the provisional authorization of the Trustee to lead the ERPA negotiations with the Republic of Congo are deemed approved upon fulfillment of the following condition:

Revision of ER-PD: Revision by the Republic of Congo of the ER-PD and submission of such revised ER-PD to the FMT (1) preferably as soon as possible after this meeting but, in any case, no later than December 31, 2017, unless otherwise stated below or agreed with the Carbon Fund Participants, and (2) in substance satisfactory to the Trustee, with the consent of the Carbon Fund Participants on a three (3) week no objection basis. The revised ER-PD shall summarize the outcomes of the following actions to be taken by the Republic of Congo:

- a) Finalize and submit to the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI), by October 31, 2017, a comprehensive and ambitious National REDD+ Investment Plan, in accordance with the qualitative and procedural requirements of CAFI, which: 1) is endorsed by the Ministerial Chamber of the National REDD+ Committee confirming the country's high-level and cross-sectoral engagement on REDD+; and 2) will include a process for developing a national land use plan. The Republic of Congo will update the Carbon Fund Participants, through the FMT, on the steps it has taken to comply with the qualitative and procedural requirements of CAFI by December 31, 2017;
 - b) As presented by the Republic of Congo at this meeting, adopt and publish in the official journal:
 - i. The decrees establishing the National Council on Land Use Management and the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Land Use Management;
 - ii. The decree establishing in the National REDD+ Committee the Ministerial Chamber, chaired by the Prime Minister, and the Technical Chamber;
 - iii. The decree canceling the mining permits overlapping with Odzala Kokoua National Park;
 - iv. The new Forest Code, after consultations with relevant stakeholders; and
 - v. The new Agriculture Law, including specifications for agricultural activities in forest areas related to forest carbon.
 - c) Conduct at least one workshop and prepare draft national principles on sustainable palm oil production, in accordance with the process for the Tropical Forest Alliance's (TFA) Africa Palm Oil Initiative (APOI);
 - d) Formalize a governance matrix agreed upon by the Ministry of Planning, Statistics, and Regional Integration and the World Bank to monitor progress on REDD+ related policy developments, including items a) - c) above, and the organization of sessions of the two bodies mentioned under b) i. above, as needed; and
 - e) Revise the adjustment to the reference level by: i) removing the projected emissions associated with palm oil development in the agriculture macro-zone of Sembe; and ii) taking into consideration converted forest areas and forest areas to be converted annually under the existing palm oil concessions.
5. Unless decided otherwise by the Carbon Fund Participants and subject to fulfilment of the condition in paragraph 4 above, commit to nominate, prior to the start of ERPA negotiations, for each Tranche of the Carbon Fund one (1) representative to act as Carbon Fund Representative of the respective Tranche of the Carbon Fund throughout the ERPA negotiations process and notify the FMT accordingly; and
 6. Encourage the Republic of Congo to further develop the additional issues identified by the Carbon Fund Participants in the Chair's Summary for this meeting, not listed under paragraph 4 above, and inform the FMT about corresponding developments, if any, to be shared with the Carbon Fund Participants and Observers, prior to ERPA signature.