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Costa Rica REDD+ Emission Reductions Program  
Letter of Approval from the Ministry of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica**

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Letter of Approval dated March 23, 2018 from the Ministry of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica regarding the Costa Rica REDD+ Emission Reductions Program under the Carbon Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility.	
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cc: Emg-Servicedesk; ZTACT Team; Simon Whitehouse, GCCFM; Elly Baroudy, GCCFM; Stavros Papageorgiou, GEN04; Leonel Iglesias, GEN04



REPÚBLICA DE COSTA RICA  
*Ministerio de Ambiente y Energía*  
*Despacho del Ministro*

Letter of Approval

To: Simon Whitehouse, Fund Manager  
Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

San Jose, Costa Rica March 23, 2018  
DM-200-2018

Ref: Costa Rica REDD+ Emission Reductions Program

Dear Mr. Whitehouse

1. I wish to refer to the request by the National Forest Financing Fund (FONAFIFO, for its acronym in Spanish), assigned by the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MINAE, for its acronym in Spanish) with the responsibility to develop the National REDD+ Strategy, that the above mentioned Costa Rica REDD+ Emission Reductions Program (ER Program) be considered for funding by the Carbon Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), administered as a trust fund by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).

2. As authorized representative of the designated national authority for REDD+ of Costa Rica, and in my role as maximum authority MINAE, including the Directorate of Climate Change, I hereby:

- (a) endorse the further development of the ER Program and approve this ER Program to being implemented in Costa Rica; and
- (b) approve and authorize the voluntary participation of *Costa Rica*, the IBRD as trustee of the Carbon Fund, the Carbon Fund participants, and FONAFIFO in the ER Program.

3. By this endorsement and approval, Costa Rica is committing itself to facilitate and render such assistance as may be necessary in any potential future process related to ER Program registration, as well as verification and transfer to the Carbon Fund of greenhouse gas emission reductions generated by the ER Program.

4. The Government of Costa Rica represented by the undersigned also confirms that FONAFIFO is authorized, by Forest Law 7575, articles 46 and 47; its Regulation, Executive Decree 25721-MINAE and its reforms (article 63); and the Executive Decree 40464-MINAE, to enter into agreements for the sale and purchase of greenhouse gas emission reductions generated by forests through the ER Program, provided that it holds a contract that guarantees the endorsement by the legitimate owner, be it public or private.

5. This letter of approval is done in two originals in the English language.

Sincerely

  
Dr. Edgar E. Gutiérrez-Espeleta  
MINISTER

