## FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) FOURTEENTH CARBON FUND MEETING

June 20-22, 2016 Paris, France

## Resolution CFM/14/2016/1

Selection of Emission Reductions Program Document of the Democratic Republic of Congo into the Portfolio of the Carbon Fund of the FCPF

## Whereas:

- 1. As per Resolution CFM/9/2014/2, the Carbon Fund (Carbon Fund) of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) provisionally selected the Democratic Republic of Congo's Emission Reductions Program Idea Note (ER-PIN) into the pipeline of the Carbon Fund and provisionally provided additional funding for the Democratic Republic of Congo to develop an Emission Reductions Program Document (ER-PD) for the 'Mai-Ndombe Emission Reductions Program' in the Democratic Republic of Congo (ER Program). Carbon Fund Participants finally selected the revised ER-PIN into the pipeline of the Carbon Fund and provided the additional funding through no objection in May 2014;
- 2. On May 17, 2015, as per Resolution PC/19/2015/1, the Participants Committee of the FCPF endorsed the Democratic Republic of Congo's Readiness Package;
- 3. The Democratic Republic of Congo issued its draft ER-PD on January 15, 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 on February 7, 2016. The Carbon Fund Participants reviewed the draft ER-PD and the TAP Review document and submitted their consolidated comments to the FCPF Facility Management Team (FMT) in March 2016. Based on the findings of the TAP Review and the comments of Carbon Fund Participants, the Democratic Republic of Congo submitted to the FMT a final ER-PD on May 16, 2016. The TAP reviewed such final ER-PD and issued its final TAP Review document to the FMT on May 30, 2016; and
- 4. The Democratic Republic of Congo has presented its final ER-PD during this meeting.

## The Carbon Fund Participants,

- 1. Acknowledge the extensive efforts made by the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the high quality of the ER-PD;
- 2. Decide to provisionally include the Democratic 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 Agreements (ERPAs);
- 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 Democratic Republic of Congo for the ER Program, in accordance with the ERPA negotiation process presented and agreed during this meeting 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 Democratic 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 Democratic Republic of Congo are deemed approved upon fulfillment of the following condition:

Revision of ER-PD: Revision by the Democratic 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 28 calendar days prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Carbon Fund (indicatively scheduled for November/December 2016), and (2) in substance satisfactory to the Trustee, with the consent of the Carbon Fund Participants on a two week no objection basis. The revised ER-PD shall address the following issues:

Finalize the establishment of the reference level:

- Update of the emission and removal factors taking into account the upcoming version of the biomass map and possibly other data sources, and
- Conduct an accuracy assessment of the activity data on deforestation, forest degradation and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in the reference period, and provide information on the methodology applied.
- 5. Unless decided otherwise by 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 negotiation process and notify the FMT accordingly.
- 6. Encourage the Democratic 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.