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## Congo Forest Carbon Partnership Facility - Additional Financing FCPFR - Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Congo
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9268 - GEN07
Grant Start Date / End Date	12/08/2015 to 06/30/2019
Original Grant Amount	5,200,000.00
Grant Amount	5,200,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	5,137,754.00 as of 06/30/2018
Disbursed 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018	1,966,085.12
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Components, Outcome, Execution, Program(FCPFR), Disbursements.

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## OVERVIEW

### Overall Assessments

#### Grant Objectives:

To reinforce the Republic of Congo's capacities to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) and to inform the development of a national reference emissions level for REDD+.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

##### Comment:

Overall progress has been moderately satisfactory. An extension to December 31, 2018 was granted to provide more time to complete activities and achieve project objectives. Notable achievements in FY18 include the approval of the latest version of the national REDD+ strategy by the National REDD+ Committee (CONA-REDD) in October 2017 (CONA-REDD is the highest authority for REDD+ in ROC with 45 statutory members representing all national stakeholders) and the Council of Ministers in April 2018, and the validation of the national reference emissions level was by UNFCCC in July 2017. In addition, the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) was approved by the World Bank (subject to minor revisions) along with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and of its several safeguards instruments including the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), Process Framework (PF), Physical Cultural Resources Management Plan (PCRMP) and Pest and Pesticide Management Plan (PPMP). Minor revisions are currently being made by CN-REDD to confirm official World Bank validation. Only the Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF) has yet to be submitted to the World Bank for approval (expected October 2018). A WB mission took place in ROC in August 2018 to support ROC in completing critical activities including 1) the development of a Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (validation workshop expected in October 2018); 2) the development of the safeguards information system (completion expected in November 2018); and 3) the design of principles for a benefit sharing mechanism (completion expected in November 2018).

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

##### Comment:

The extension to December 31, 2018 has proved necessary to allow the project implementation unit (i.e. CN-REDD) to continue implementing key activities and start the last ones. Bottlenecks delaying implementation and reducing effectiveness included deficient prioritization of key activities and procurement. A change of staff at the project's fiduciary agency in FY17 negatively impacted the effectiveness of support from the procurement and financial management specialists in FY17 (as reported by previous GRM Report). However, there has been progress on that front with the WB assessing financial management of the project as satisfactory (August 2018). It is to be noted that fiduciary functions of CN-REDD are supported by the FEDP (fiduciary agency).

### Grant follow-up and structure

#### Description and context of Grant:

Not applicable.

**Expected follow up (if any):** Follow up Bank project/loan/credit/grant

#### Comment on follow up:

As mentioned above one critical follow-up activity is the Sangha-Likouala Emissions Reductions Program (P163361) which is a result-based finance program supported by the FCPF Carbon Fund (US\$55 million). In addition, the Forest Investment Program, the Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, and the Central African Forest Initiative are all lined up (preparation) to provide REDD+ investments that will operationalize the REDD+ preparation work carried out under this grant.

**End Date of Last Site Visit:**

#### Restructuring of Grant:

Not applicable.

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## OUTCOME

### Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018

### Grant Outcome Indicators

No Outcome indicators are defined or used for this grant.

## COMPONENTS

### Output and Implementation by Component

#### Support to the coordination of the REDD+ Readiness Process and Multi-stakeholder Consultations

Status: Under Implementation  
Planned Output: CN-REDD is functional and equipped.  
Actual Output: CN-REDD is fully staffed, REDD+ workshops and stakeholder engagement process continue to support final activities

#### Contribution to the design of a national REDD+ strategy

Status: Under Implementation  
Planned Output: National REDD+ infrastructure: Strategy, SESA, ESMF  
Actual Output: National REDD+ Strategy approved by CONA-REDD (Oct. 2017) and Council of Ministers (April 2018); SESA and ESMF approved by the WB subject to minor revisions

#### Informing the national reference scenario for REDD+

Status: Completed  
Planned Output: None planned  
Actual Output: Reference scenario validated by UNFCCC in July 2017

### Comment on planned and actual Output

### Comment on component implementation progress

As specified above.

## EXECUTION

### Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P124292 - CG - FCPF REDD READINESS  
Project Status: Lending  
Global Focal Area: Climate change  
Product Line: CN - Carbon Offset

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## Implementing agency and contact details

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## PROGRAM

### Program Specific Questions

**1. Describe progress in how the Grant activities are being coordinated with other REDD+-related initiatives, including those funded by Describe progress in how the Grant activities are being coordinated with other REDD+-related initiatives, including those f**

UN-REDD has ended its activities. Financing from FIP, DGM, CAFI and GEF is being coordinated to maximize success of the FCPF Carbon Fund-led Emissions Reductions Program and the wider REDD+ agenda. However, there will be a time and thus finance gap between the end of this project (December 2018) and the start of the other projects (only GEF project is effective as of Sept. 2018). This puts at risk of sustainability of the project's output, that is the REDD+ infrastructure and tools.

**2. Describe any important changes in the technical design or approach related to the Grant activities.**

Not applicable.

**3. Describe progress in addressing key capacity issues (implementation, technical, financial management, procurement) related to this Grant.**

An in-depth supervision of the project was performed in August 2018 and concluded in the rating "moderately satisfactory". The Bank team is continuing to support CN-REDD on numerous technical activities yet to be completed (safeguards instruments, registry, GRM, benefit-sharing plan, etc.) to ensure overall quality of deliverables and completion of all project activities before grant closing.

**4. Describe progress in addressing social and environmental issues (including safeguards) related to the Grant. Is the SESA conducted in accordance with the Common Approach?**

The Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) was approved by the World Bank (subject to minor revisions) along with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and of its several safeguards instruments including the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), Process Framework (PF), Physical Cultural Resources Management Plan (PCRMP) and Pest and Pesticide Management Plan (PPMP). Minor revisions are currently being made by CN-REDD to confirm official World Bank validation. Only the Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF) has yet to be submitted to the World Bank for approval (expected October 2018). A WB mission took place in ROC in August 2018 to support ROC in completing critical activities including 1) the development of a Feedback and Grievance Redress Mechanism (validation workshop expected in October 2018); 2) the development of the safeguards information system (completion expected in November 2018); and 3) the design of principles for a benefit sharing mechanism (completion expected in November 2018).

**5. Is the ESMF prepared in accordance with the Common Approach?**

Yes.

**6. Describe progress in stakeholder consultation, participation, disclosure of information, and the FGRM related to this Grant.**

CN-REDD uses the national CSO and indigenous peoples platform, CACO-REDD, for regular consultations and to share information. In addition, it has placed increased emphasis on consultations in the departments, including during preparation of the SESA and safeguards instruments, FGRM, benefit sharing plan etc. Examples of activities which took place in FY18 include: 1/ Stakeholder consultations on the national GRM in the departments of Cuvette, Cuvette-Ouest, Plateaux, Niari, Lekoumou, Bouenza in October and November 2017; 2/ The organization of the national validation workshop of the GRM for the

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Sangha-Likouala Emissions Reduction Program which took place in Brazzaville in December 2017 and brought together 35 participants, including 23 government delegates, 4 indigenous people and 8 civil society people.

## DISBURSEMENTS

### Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2016	06/30/2016	0.00	0.00	1,286,721.97	1,286,721.97
07/01/2016	12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	2,001,803.15	715,081.18
01/01/2017	06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	3,171,668.88	1,169,865.73
07/01/2017	12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	4,732,510.86	1,560,841.98
01/01/2018	06/30/2018	0.00	0.00	5,137,754.00	405,243.14
07/01/2018	12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/01/2019	06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00