

FOREST INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FIP)

INVESTMENT PLAN PREPARATION

JOINT MISSION

APRIL 18TH – 19TH, 2017

QUITO, ECUADOR

TERMS OF REFERENCE

I . BACKGROUND AND FIP OBJECTIVES

In May 2015 Ecuador was selected by the FIP Sub Committee to become a pilot country under the FIP Program following the recommendations of an independent panel of experts who selected the proposal submitted by the Government of Ecuador (GoE) through an expression of interest. In December 2015, the FIP Sub Committee approved the allocation of USD 250,000 for the elaboration of the Investment Plan (IP). These resources will support the consultation and participation processes for the design of the IP and its articulation with the National REDD+ Strategy and the National Climate Change Strategy.

The general objectives of the FIP are supporting developing countries efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and promote sustainable forest management and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (REDD+), including:

- Promoting forest mitigation efforts, including protecting forest ecosystem services
- Providing support outside of the forest sector to reduce pressure on forests
- Helping countries strengthen institutional capacity, forest governance, and forest-related knowledge
- Mainstreaming climate resilience considerations and contributing to biodiversity conservation, protecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, and poverty reduction through rural livelihoods enhancement.

The FIP addresses the underlying drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, as well as the barriers identified by upstream REDD+ programs such as those of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), GEF, UN Collaborative Program on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD Program).

A scoping mission involving the Government of Ecuador (GoE) and the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs -World Bank Group and the Inter-American Development Bank Group) took place in the city of Quito, Ecuador, from 27 – 29 September, 2016 with the

objective to initiate the process for developing the Investment Plan (IP) under the FIP, through preliminary multi-sectoral dialogues and scoping of the work program.

Due to the devastating earthquake that Ecuador suffered in April 2016 the first original Scoping Mission planned for April had to be cancelled. This caused changes in the overall FIP-Ecuador Timetable and the first Scoping Mission could not take place until September (as described above). Accordingly, Ecuador submitted a Request for an Extension to the CIF-AU on March 3rd, 2017 proposing a new timetable to conclude the IP.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE MISSION

The first joint mission between the GoE and multilateral banks (World Bank Group and IDBG) will take place from April 18th – 19th with the aim to continue with the process of elaboration of the FIP IP through a multi-sectoral dialogue.

The mission will be led by the GoE through MAE (as FIP's focal point). The mission will focus on reviewing, discussing and analyzing the first partial FIP IP draft (sections 1-5) as well as on the next steps to finalize it.

III. PARTICIPANTS (TBC)

Participants: Gloria Visconti (CSD/CCS), Cristina Villalba (CAN/CEC), Pamela Ferro (CSD/CCS); Paloma Marcos (SCL/GDI); Christian Parra Meneses, (IIC- INO/NFP); Gabriela Encalada (World Bank).

IV. ACTIVITIES AND NEXT STEPS

1. Discussion and feedback on the content of the first partial draft of the IP (sections 1-5).
2. Preliminary discussion on the direct and indirect drivers of deforestation included in the partial draft IP and its implications for the identification and prioritization of projects to be potentially financed by the FIP.
3. Presenting and discussing the role of the preparatory resources for the elaboration of the IP.
4. Presenting the REDD+ Implementation Plans (REDD+ IP), which were developed in close collaboration with national institutions and relevant stakeholders (including local actors). Informative session on the FIP IP design status to Mesa de Trabajo REDD+
5. Discussing and defining the criteria to prioritize the REDD+ IP to be financed
6. Reviewing and adjusting the timetable for finalizing the IP, including a timetable to identify specific projects to be financed by the FIP.
7. Establishing the link between UNFCCC safeguards and the Ecuadorian safeguards interpretation with the World Bank Safeguards.
8. Setting the date for the second joint mission.

IV. AIDE MEMOIRE

Upon completion of the mission, an Aide Memoire will be prepared containing all findings, agreements and conclusions reached on key issues and next steps to guide the preparation of the IP.

V. MISSION DRAFT AGENDA/SCHEDULE (MEETINGS HAVE YET TO BE CONFIRMED)

The joint mission tentative agenda is as follows:

Tuesday, April 18th, 2017

Time	ACTIVITIES	PARTICIPANTS	LOCATION
9.00 – 9.30	Joint Mission Opening with IDB Representative	Representative, Joint Mission Members, Chief of Operations	IDB
10:00 – 10:30	Joint Mission opening and meeting with the Ministry of Environment (MAE)	Joint Mission members, MAE	TBD
10:30-12:30	Presentation of the IP draft and discussion on next steps	Joint Mission members, MAE	
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>		
14:00 -17:00	Presentation of the Implementation Plans to the mission and information on the status of the Investment Plan	Joint Mission members, MAE, MAGAP, Mesa de Trabajo REDD, bilateral agencies	TBD
17:00	<i>End of first day</i>		

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Time	ACTIVITIES	PARTICIPANTS	LOCATION
09:30 – 11:30	Discussing methodologies for prioritizing the Investment Plans	Joint Mission members, MAE, MAGAP	MAE

11:30 – 12:30	Meeting with the Ministry of Finance	Joint Mission members, MAE, Ministry of Finance	MAE
12:30 –	<i>Lunch</i>		
13:30- 14:30	Social and Environmental Safeguards	Joint Mission members, MAE	MAE
14:30 – 16:00	Discussion on the next steps for the IP, conclusions of the mission, definition of timetable and closure	Joint Mission members, MAE.	MAE
16.00 – 17.00	Preparation and signature of Aide Memoire	Joint Mission members, MAE.	MAE
17:00	<i>End of second day</i>		

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