

Summary of the Co-Chairs
Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Forest Investment Program (FIP)
Washington, D.C
Wednesday, December 13-Thursaday, December 14, 2017

Co- Chairs

Mr. Muhammad Jaiteh, The Gambia
Mr. Ben Green, United Kingdom

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING

1. The meeting of the FIP Sub-Committee was opened by the CIF Program Manager, Ms. Mafalda Duarte.
2. In accordance with paragraph 25 of the Rules of Procedure for the SCF Trust Fund Committee, the Sub-Committee elected from among its members a representative from an eligible recipient country and a representative from a contributor country to serve as Co-Chairs of the Trust Fund Committee for a term of 18 months, beginning with this meeting.
3. The eligible recipient countries elected Mr. Muhammad Jaiteh from the Gambia to represent the eligible recipient countries and the contributor countries elected Mr Ben Green from the United Kingdom to represent the contributor countries for this meeting,

AGENDA ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. The FIP Sub-Committee adopted the provisional agenda document FIP/SC.19/1.

AGENDA ITEM 3. FIP OPERATIONAL AND RESULTS REPORT

5. The FIP Sub-Committee reviewed the document, FIP/SC.19/3, FIP Operational and Results Report, and welcomes the progress that has been made in advancing the work of the FIP in the pilot countries.
6. The Sub-Committee appreciates the analysis conducted by the CIF Administrative Unit, in collaboration with the MDBs and Trustee, on achievement of results, resource availability, pipeline review, and portfolio updates.
7. The Sub-Committee notes the decision by the SCF Trust Fund Committee (TFC) to pause the approval of any funding other than that of project preparation grants, until such time that the SCF TFC has decided on a way forward at an intersessional SCF TFC meeting to be held no later than Feb 28, 2018. To give effect to this decision, the Sub-Committee agrees to pause the approval of any funding under FIP, other than that of project preparation grants.

AGENDA ITEM 4. FIP INVESTMENT PLAN FOR CONGO REPUBLIC

8. The FIP Sub-Committee, having reviewed document FIP/SC.19/4, FIP Investment Plan for Congo Republic endorses the Investment Plan in principle.
9. The Sub-Committee notes that the Investment Plan is also currently being reviewed by Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) and may be revised following such review. As such, the Sub-Committee invites the Government of Congo Republic to submit any revisions to the Investment Plan to the Sub-Committee for information.

10. The Sub-Committee takes note of the request for funding in the amount of USD 24 million (USD 6.1 million in grant funding and USD 17.9 million in loan financing). The Sub-Committee reaffirms that all allocation amounts are indicative for planning purposes and that approval of funding will be on the basis of high-quality investment plans and projects, subject to the availability of funds at such time.

11. The Sub-Committee recalls its decision from May 2015 that up to USD 30 million in grant financing be made available for the implementation of the DGM (including the global and national component), subject to availability of funds at such time. The Sub-Committee also recalls its subsequent decision of Oct 2015 endorsing indicative allocations (up to USD 4.5 million each) for the national component of the DGM in the six new FIP pilot countries, and the allocation for the global component of the DGM.

AGENDA ITEM 5. FIP INVESTMENT PLAN FOR ECUADOR

12. The FIP Sub-Committee, having reviewed the Document FIP/SC.19/5, FIP Investment Plan for Ecuador endorses the Investment Plan.

13. The Sub-Committee takes note of the request for the amount of USD 24 million (USD 3.15 million in grant funding and USD 20.85 million in loan financing). The Sub-Committee reaffirms that all allocation amounts are indicative for planning purposes and that approval of funding will be on the basis of high-quality projects, subject to the availability of funds at such time.

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AGENDA ITEM 6. FIP INVESTMENT PLAN FOR NEPAL

15. The FIP Sub-Committee, having reviewed document FIP/SC.19/6, FIP Investment Plan for Nepal, endorses the Investment Plan.

16. The Sub-Committee takes note of the request for the amount of USD 24 million (USD 6.1 million in grant funding and USD 17.9 million in loan financing). The Sub-Committee reaffirms that all allocation amounts are indicative for planning purposes and that approval of funding will be on the basis of high-quality projects, subject to the availability of funds at such time.

17. The Sub-Committee approves USD 500,000 as preparation grants for the following five projects:

- a. "Sustainable forest management through CBFM" (USD 100,000)

- b. "Forest management for a forest-based economy" (USD 100,000)
- c. "Private land forest development" (USD 100,000)
- d. "Enhanced environmental services through nature-based tourism" (USD 100,000)
- e. "Watershed management through innovative technologies" (USD 100,000)

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AGENDA ITEM 7. FIP INVESTMENT PLAN FOR BANGLADESH

19. The FIP Sub-Committee, having reviewed the Document FIP/SC.19/7, FIP Investment Plan for Bangladesh, endorses the investment plan.

20. The Sub-Committee recognizes the extent to which the pledges by the contributing member countries to the FIP have been allocated, in line with its decision in May 2015. The Sub-Committee also notes that should resources become available following the implementation of the FIP pipeline management policy, these resources could be provided to the FIP new countries for implementation of their investment plans and the Sub-Committee will take a decision on allocation of these resources once they become available.

21. The Sub-Committee encourages the Government of Bangladesh and the MDBs to actively seek resources from other bilateral or multilateral sources to fund further development and implementation of the projects foreseen in the investment plan.

AGENDA ITEM 8. FIP INVESTMENT PLAN FOR CAMEROON

22. The FIP Sub-Committee, having reviewed the Document FIP/SC.19/8, FIP Investment Plan for Cameroon, endorses the investment plan in principle.

23. The Sub-Committee notes that the Investment Plan is also currently being reviewed by Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) and may be revised following such review. As such, the Sub-Committee invites the Government of Cameroon to submit any revisions to the Investment Plan to the Sub-Committee for information.

24. The Sub-Committee recognizes the extent to which the pledges by the contributing member countries to the FIP have been allocated, in line with its decision in May 2015. The Sub-Committee also notes that should resources become available following the implementation of the FIP pipeline management policy, these resources could be provided to

the FIP new countries for implementation of their investment plans and the Sub-Committee will take a decision on allocation of these resources once they become available.

25. The Sub-Committee encourages the Government of Cameroon and the MDBs to actively seek resources from other bilateral or multilateral sources to fund further development and implementation of the projects foreseen in the investment plan

AGENDA ITEM 9. FIP INVESTMENT PLAN FOR RWANDA

26. The FIP Sub-Committee, having reviewed the Document FIP/SC.19/9, FIP Investment Plan for Rwanda, endorses the Investment Plan.

27. The Sub-Committee recognizes the extent to which the pledges by the contributing member countries to the FIP have been allocated, in line with its decision in May 2015. The Sub-Committee also notes that should resources become available following the implementation of the FIP pipeline management policy, these resources could be provided to the FIP new countries for implementation of their investment plans and the Sub-Committee will take a decision on allocation of these resources once they become available.

28. The Sub-Committee encourages the Government of Rwanda and the MDBs to actively seek resources from other bilateral or multilateral sources to fund further development and implementation of the projects foreseen in the Investment Plan.

AGENDA ITEM 10. FIP INVESTMENT PLAN FOR ZAMBIA

29. The FIP Sub-Committee, having reviewed the Document FIP/SC.19/, FIP Investment Plan for Zambia, endorses the investment plan as a high-level strategic framework.

30. The Sub-Committee recognizes the extent to which the pledges by the contributing member countries to the FIP have been allocated, in line with its decision in May 2015. The Sub-Committee also notes that should resources become available following the implementation of the FIP pipeline management policy, these resources could be provided to the FIP new countries for implementation of their investment plans and the Sub-Committee will take a decision on allocation of these resources once they become available.

31. The Sub-Committee encourages the Government of Zambia and the MDBs to actively seek resources from other bilateral or multilateral sources to fund further development and implementation of the projects foreseen in the investment plan.

AGENDA ITEM 11. OTHER BUSINESS

32. The Co-Chairs proposed to include an additional paragraph to the approval decisions for the Investment Plans for Congo Republic, Ecuador and Nepal in relation to the DGM. The Sub-

Committee approved the wording which is now reflected in the final approved decision for those agenda items.

33. Members from Mexico, Brazil, Zambia, and Democratic Republic of Congo expressed support for the work that is being done under the FIP, and encouraged members to further discuss funding options and how to bring more resources to the countries.

34. The representative from civil society observer organization, Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (DAR), informed the Sub-committee that the observers will present a statement of support to the FIP and requested the CIF Administrative Unit to post this statement and share it with the members of the Sub-Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 12. CLOSING

35. The meeting was closed at 1:15 pm on Thursday, December 14, 2017.