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## **Comments from United Kingdom on Burkina Faso's Investment Plan**

### **Burkina Faso investment plan**

The UK is pleased to note the approval in principle of the Burkina Faso investment plan. The plan includes a good analysis of the drivers of deforestation, and articulates the development benefits that will arise through managing forests sustainably. The investment plan also articulates a good analysis of forest governance issues, and indicates how the FIP will contribute to improvements under this vital area. We are confident that the plan provides a good basis for the design of projects to address the drivers of deforestation in the country. We also note that the Burkina Faso investment plan has the potential to generate important lessons for a large number of semi-arid African countries with widespread rural poverty and a high degree of dependence on natural resources.

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