

Aide Memoire

Joint Technical Mission for Climate Investment Funds (CIF) Nature, People, and Climate Program in Rwanda¹

1. Overview

Date	February 12 - 16, 2024
Mission Objective	The mission's main objectives were to conduct the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) Joint Mission with the African Development Bank (AfDB) and International Finance Corporation (IFC).
Mission Participants (World Bank)	The mission was led by Elisson Wright and Hisham Osman, and included Yacob Wondimkun Endaylalu, Diji Chandrasekharan Behr, John Kalisa, Peter Katanisa, Ines Angulo, Sisay Hailemariam, Douglas Macfarlane, Denis Rugege, Sylvie Noella Umwere, Sharon Akanyana; Siet Meijer and Emanuela Migliaccio (virtual).
Mission Participants (African Development Bank - AfDB)	Nnaemeka Korie, Asmeron Gilau, Ken Johm
Mission Participants (International Finance Corporation)	Fantu Farris Mulleta, Alexander Larionov
Climate Investment Funds (CIF)	Paul Hartman
Mission Participants (Pegasys)	Simon Johnson, Petrina Rowcroft, Joanne Crimes, Caroline Solik, Richard Niyongabo,
Lead government agencies	Rwanda Green Fund (RGF), Rwanda Environmental Management Agency (REMA), Ministry of Environment (MoE).

2. Progress summary

This mission made progress on the CIF NPC Investment Plan² preparation, including:

1. **CIF NPC:** In support of RGF, conducted CIF NPC program joint mission to support the development of the NPC investment plan. The CIF NPC support included three segments:
 - a. A technical field visit (February 6-9) to the districts of Nyanza, Nyamagabe, and Ruhango that included WB, REMA, Pegasys and district officials. The proposed target sites for CIF NPC support for the Kaduha-Gitwe-Kabagali corridor are located in these

¹ This Aide Memoire (AM) captures key activities, decisions, and actions for the CIF NPC joint mission. This AM was drafted with input from mission participants and will be disseminated with respective joint commitments captured in the document.

² CIF NPC will be processed as additional finance to the Volcanoes Community Resilience Project - VCRP (P178161).

districts. The technical field visit allowed for ground-verification of the desk-based analysis conducted by the project team. It also provided insights of these climate vulnerability hotspots, learnings from nature-based solutions (NBS) implemented to date, and options for interventions that could be supported with CIF-NPC funds.

- b. A stakeholder workshop³ at the Milles Collines Hotel in Kigali on 13th February 2024. Key points discussed throughout the day included: (i) programmatic approach to avoid duplication; (ii) explore opportunities for co-financing; and (iii) explore greater engagement of local communities in implementation of NBS (iv) explore how major climate funds can improve their complementarity and coherence together on NPC to improve the delivery of program in the southern province.
 - c. A CIF-GoR-MDB field visit to Nyanza, Nyamagabe, and Ruhango Districts of the Southern Province (February 14-15, 2024). The joint field visit showcased NBS solutions effectively implemented (i.e., Nyanza Hillside Irrigation Dam to reduce soil erosion and siltation, improve soil infiltration and improve the overall slope stabilization). Participants also visited potential target sites in the three districts to address land degradation drivers related to deforestation, ineffective cultivation practices, erosion, and landslides.
 - d. Degradation of water resources was witnessed from extensive siltation of rivers, streams and wetlands resulting from hillside erosion, landslides, and improper mining practices. The district leadership, comprising Vice Mayors responsible for economic development in the three respective districts, guided the field visits and demonstrated deep knowledge of climate induced vulnerability as well as possible solutions their administrations were considering. Key NBS interventions considered within the analytical work to support the investment plan include: (i) re/afforestation; (ii) agroforestry; (iii) rehabilitation of riverbanks and critical parts of wetlands to mitigate flood damage; (iv) climate smart agriculture; (v) terracing; and (vi) cover cropping. District leadership is enthusiastic for CIF-NPC support and expressed strong ownership to implement programs and appealed to participants of the field visits to expedite the preparation processes. The senior government officials indicated there are productive existing and planned engagements with private investors, including small hydropower enterprises, across the three districts and there are opportunities for collaboration on NBS investments.
2. **Coordination with Global Environment Facility (GEF-8):** The CIF NPC joint mission included collaboration with REMA colleagues leading the GEF-8 investment. This included advancing the ecosystem-based restoration approach for Nyungwe-Kaduha-Gitwe-Ruhango Corridor project preparation for GEF CEO submission to secure project funds. The

³ The workshop included over 60 participants, representatives from the Government of Rwanda, the multilateral development banks, development partners, non-government organizations, and private sector. These participants work on sustainable land and water resources management, climate-resilient agriculture, forestry, protected areas, and biodiversity. The workshop included discussion on opportunities to leverage complementary activities and initiatives (including CIF NPC). The SLM framework was discussed as part of Rwanda's programmatic approach to ecosystem protection and restoration. Presentations and discussions also highlighted critical issues, investment gaps across Rwanda and in the target districts. The workshop included a breakout session for participants to engage in smaller groups to identify and prioritize NBS for consideration by CIF NPC, GEF, and the SLM framework in the Kaduha-Gitwe corridor and beyond.

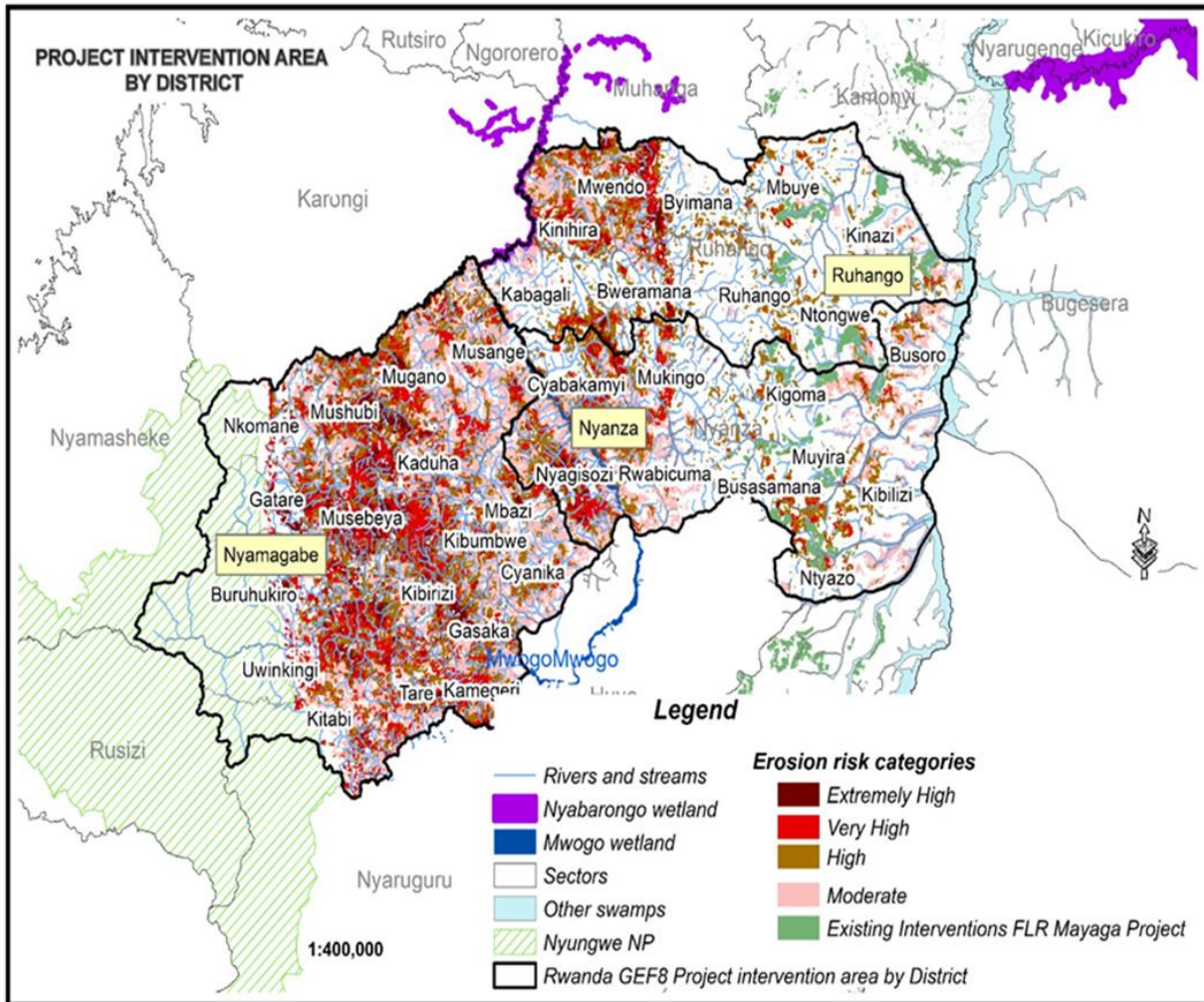
GEF-8 support is focused on GoR's efforts to integrate this investment with CIF NPC investments in the same intervention areas. The GEF-8 investments will focus on addressing degradation hotspots in the three districts supported by CIF NPC and will be prioritized for rehabilitation and sustainable land management.

3. **Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Bond (WCB):** The mission discussed the opportunity to leverage limited CIF NPC resources to secure GEF Non-grant Instrument (NGI) funds and other donors to pilot a wildlife conservation bond in Rwanda. This project concept will be developed alongside and submitted for consideration for CIF NPC support.
4. **Rwanda Green Fund IFC Advisory (RGF IFC AS)** – In Support of RGF, IFC team presented the overall approach and outline for climate smart agriculture investment plan development. The RGF IFC AS support included conducting technical working sessions with RGF kicking off the process for development of a programmatic investment plan on climate smart agriculture (CSA) that capitalizes on private sector-sponsored opportunities. The overall approach and outline for CSA investment plan and private sector opportunities was presented by IFC team during the CIF NPC Joint Mission Workshop.

3. Next steps and agreed actions.

#	Task	Date	Responsible
1	Submit draft <u>CIF NPC Findings Report</u> , Draft Investment Plan (IP), and in-person workshop	20 Mar 2024	Pegasys, Green Fund, WB, and relevant stakeholders
2	<i>CIF NPC stakeholder validation of Findings Report</i> . Final IP and public disclosure on government website for comments. Completion mission.	4 Apr 2024	Pegasys, RGF, WB & MDBs
3	Share CIF NPC IP with CIF Sec for independent review	16 Apr 2024	WB
4	Submit IP to the CIF Sec	30 April 2024	RGF
5	Present IP to GCAP sub-committee	14 June 2024	RGF

Annexes 1 – Map of the proposed CIF NPC and GEF-8 Intervention Areas



Annex B - List of CIF NPC Joint Mission Workshop Participants - Hotel des Mille Collines -

13th February 2024

Name	Organisation
1. Michael Baingana	CNFA-Hinga Wunguke
2. J. Bosco Mugwaneza	REMA
3. Julia Balowinski	GIZ
4. Habimana Thaddée	Nyamagabe District
5. Janet Akayenzi	Rwanda Finance Limited
6. Kanyana Ariane	RMB
7. Malaika Rousseau	Rwanda Finance Limited
8. Moses Maniragaba	Kinazi Cassava Plant Ltd.
9. Sabiti Fred	MINECOFIN/ NDCP
10. Byiringiro Emmanuel	Dir. Agriculture at Ruhango District
11. Ndayambaye Janvier	Nyamagabe District
12. Mzvigir Gustave	Nyanza District
13. Bernadette Arakuziye	World Resources Institute
14. David Kahan	EU Support Agriculture and Climate
15. Alphonse C. Guzha	IUCN Rwanda
16. Penny M. Kurabo	Private Sector Federation
17. Alex Larionos	IFC
18. Gies Daniel	USAID/FTF Huga Wunguke
19. Alexis Bizimanza	Bank of Kigali
20. Pamela Ruzigana	Rwanda Water Resources Board
21. Diji Chandrasekharon Behr	World Bank
22. Mary Balikungeo	Rwanda N. Network
23. Joas Tugizimana	Ministry of Agriculture
24. Patrice Nsakimana	African Wildlife Foundation
25. Providence Akayezu	African Leadership University
26. Hitayezu Jerome	Rwanda Agricultural Board
27. Kangonao Angelique	Rwanda Institute for Conservation Agriculture
28. Sarato Jean Marie	Rwanda Forestry Authority
29. Sibomawa Brie	APEFA
30. Fortunato Constantino	EU Delegation
31. Ken B Johm	AfDB
32. Asmeron Gilau	AfDB
33. Hnaemeka Korie	AfDB
34. Isaac Rugamba	Development Bank of Rwanda

Name	Organisation
35. Emmanuel Ndajimana	EPD
36. Heinrich Wyes	SACA-EU
37. Fred Tumwebaze	MINEMA
38. Douglas Macfarlane	World Bank
39. Yacob Wonderinken	World Bank
40. Sisay Nune Hailemariam	World Bank
41. Fantu Farris Muileta	IFC
42. Jessica Torrens-Spence	USAID
43. Olly Griffin	WCS
44. Paul Hartman	CIF
45. Hisham Osman	World Bank
46. Faustin Murayakwiye	REMA
47. Teddy Mugabo	RGF
48. Dukuze Marie Dalie	REMA
49. Kabandana Benjamin	REMA
50. Nkurunziza Philbert	REMA
51. Sylvie Nodla Umwere	World Bank
52. Sharon Akanyana	World Bank
53. Rurangirwa Thierry	Rwanda Chamber of Tourism
54. Lonyzhe Muye	Eos-Kvjie
55. Ndamage John	RGF
56. Christian Manzi	MoE
57. Ngoga Telesphere	RDB
58. Dushimeyezu Bertrand	MINAGRI
59. John Bosco Mutabazi	MINECOFIN
60. Mane Manyefoka	WRI
61. Amath Paithi	AFS-Forum
62. Petrina Rowcroft	Pegasys
63. Simon Johnson	Pegasys
64. Caroline Solik	Pegasys
65. Jo Crimes	Pegasys
66. Richard Niyongabo	Pegasys
67. Denis Rugege	World Bank
68. Emilie Uwase	RGF
69. Yvan Rugwinzagoga	RGF