

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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**FIP INVESTMENT PLAN FOR COTE D'IVOIRE
COMMENTS FROM UK**

Cote D'Ivoire IP

- The UK welcomed this well set out, clear and ambitious Investment Plan and was happy to endorse it. It has a strong focus on restoration in increasingly fragmented and degraded forest, which will provide a good example of what can be achieved in countries with similar challenges. This presents valuable opportunities for lesson learning with Ghana, particularly around the restoration of shaded cocoa agroforestry systems. The UK is also pleased to see that the plan is strongly aligned with REDD+ and FLEGT processes in-country, and with potential for complementary MDB and other private sector investments in the land use sector.
- The UK would also like to thank the reviewer for very thorough comments with which we very much agreed, and for the government's full responses. These have largely reassured us
- We have a number of questions and will expect these issues to be clearly addressed in the projects that come forward for approval.
 - Although we fully appreciate that no relocations are taking place under project 1— if people are encouraged through incentives to return to areas they abandoned, and others have occupied those lands, there are likely to be tensions. The IP speaks of migrants – Ivorian and non-Ivorian in the central belt. Has an analysis of overlapping claims on the degraded lands of the central belt been carried out? How will disputes be resolved?
 - It will be important for the projects as they come forward for approval to set out clearly the theory of change, underlying assumptions and risks associated with the various interventions.
 - We will expect to see much stronger gender and social analysis and design in projects coming for approval
 - Under project 2, it will be important to set out clearly the sustainability plan for ensuring recurring/operational costs for the national park in the longer term beyond the project
 - The PES scheme will need to be set out clearly, including measures for ensuring sustainability.
 - We would like to reiterate the advice of the expert reviewer to mine the historical record for the region on information relating to enrichment, reforestation and natural regeneration of native high value species.
 - We will be looking with interest at project coherence and/or complementarity with other initiatives and the extent to which FIP resources have helped to leverage and/or enhance other investments.
 - We would welcome seeing ideas or concepts for seeking additional finance via the GCF