

FOREST INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FIP)

INVESTMENT PLAN PREPARATION

SECOND JOINT MISSION

AUGUST 15TH - 17TH 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.

On April 28 2017, the FIP Sub-Committee approved the extension requested by the GoE and indicated that the Investment Plan (IP) must be submitted at the latest, during the next meeting of the FIP Sub-Committee¹.

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, 2016² to initiate the process for developing the Investment Plan (IP) under the FIP, through preliminary multi-sectoral dialogues and scoping of the work program.

¹ Planned to take place on December 11th.

² Due to the devastating earthquake that took place in Ecuador 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.

Later, a first joint mission took place on April 18th-19th where the first draft of the IP was presented and discussed (sections 1-5). Additionally, the Ministry of the Environment (MAE) presented the REDD+ Implementation Plans under the 'Plan de Acción REDD+ del Ecuador' (equivalent to the national REDD+ strategy).

II. OBJECTIVE

The second joint mission will take place on August 15-17 and will be led by the MAE (as FIP's focal point). The main objective of the mission is to advance the process of IP development through multisectoral dialogues. In this regard, it will focus on the discussion of pending issues, the definition of project profiles to be financed by the FIP and the steps to be taken to finalize it.

III. MEMBERS OF THE MISSION

Gloria Visconti (CSD/CCS), Cristina Villalba (CAN/CEC), Pamela Ferro (CSD/CCS); Paloma Marcos (SCL/GDI); Lorena Mejicanos (IDB/MIF); Christian Parra Meneses, (IIC- INO/NFP); Specialist from the World Bank to be confirmed (see contact details in section VII).

IV. ACTIVITIES AND NEXT STEPS

1. Analysis of the progress of the Investment Plan, focusing in particular on the pending sections of the document.
2. Definition of the investments to be financed by the FIP included in the Investment Plan. This includes the financing scheme related to identified projects.
3. Socialization of the progress of discussions with relevant actors (government entities, civil society, REDD+ Working Table, representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, academia, private sector, representatives of bilateral and multilateral cooperation, etc.).
4. Definition of a specific timetable to finalize the Investment Plan, including deadlines for the determination of concrete projects to be financed by the FIP.
5. Discussions of the design and development of the Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (DGM).
6. Meeting with the Ministry of Finance

V. 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 finalization of the IP.

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

The joint mission tentative agenda is as follows:

Tuesday, August 15th 2017

Time	Activities	Participants	Venue
9:30–10:00	Joint Mission Opening with IDB Representative	Representative, IDB Joint Mission Members, Chief of Operations	IDB
10:00-11:00	Internal coordination meeting MDBs	Joint Mission Members (IDB, WB) BID, Chief of Operations	TBD
11:00 – 11:30	Joint Mission opening and meeting with the Ministry of Environment (MAE)	Joint Mission members, MAE	MAE
11:30 -13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the IP draft • Discussion on potential investment interventions • Discussion on next steps, including regional and national workshops 	Joint Mission members, MAE and MAG	MAE
<i>13:00-14:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>		
14:00 -17:00	Socialization on the state of the IP	Joint Mission members, MAE, MAGAP, Mesa de Trabajo REDD+, indigenous peoples representatives, bilateral agencies, private sector	Swissotel (TBD)
<i>17:00</i>	<i>End of first day</i>		

Wednesday, August 16th 2017

Time	Activities	Participants	Venue
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09:00 – 13:00	Continuation on potential investment interventions, including specific financial aspects and instruments.	Joint mission members , MAE	MAE
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>		
14:00 – 15:30	Continuation on potential investment interventions, including specific financial aspects and instruments.	Joint mission members, MAE	MAE
15:30 – 17:00	Discussion on the design and development of the 'Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities' (DGM)	Joint mission members, MAE	MAE
17:00	<i>Cierre del Segundo Día</i>		

Thursday, August 17th 2017

Time	Activities	Participants	Venue
09:30 – 11:30	Continuation on potential investment interventions, including specific financial aspects and instruments.	Joint mission members, MAE	TBD
12:00 -13:00	Meeting with the Ministry of Finance (TBD)	Joint mission members, Mr. Mauricio Villacreces	
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Almuerzo</i>		
14:00- 15:00	Continuation on potential investment interventions, including specific financial aspects and instruments and/or Discussion on pending matters (XXX)	Joint mission members, MAE	TBD
15:00 – 16:00	Discussion on the next steps for the IP, conclusions of the mission, definition of timetable and closure	Joint mission members, MAE	TBD

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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