

**May 11, 2017**

**[Approved by mail] Request for Extension - Investment Plan for Rwanda (FIP) – Approval Notification**  
**Approved on May 11, 2017**

Dear FIP Sub-Committee members:

We are writing regarding the request from Government of Rwanda to extend the two-year period for submitting their Investment Plan to the FIP Sub-Committee for endorsement.

The time period provided for submission of comments and any objection to the decision has now expired. No objections were received. We are, therefore, pleased to inform that the following decision is approved:

**The FIP Sub-Committee reviewed the request from Rwanda to extend the two-year period for submitting their Investment Plan to the FIP Sub-Committee for endorsement.**

**The Sub-Committee approves the extension, up to the FIP Sub-Committee meeting in December 2017, for submitting the Investment Plan to the Sub-Committee for endorsement.**

Sincerely,

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May 5,2017

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ADB Responses to Comments from the United Kingdom**

History of the FIP in Rwanda:

- PPG approved by FIP SC on April 2016
- Approval of the IPPG by the Bank on June, 2016
- TOR for the development of the IP finalized on June 2016
- Request for EOI published on September 2016
- Opening of the EOIs on October 10 2016
- Grant agreement signed on December 2016,
- Request for proposal sent to shortlisted consultants on February 24, 2017
- Proposals opened on March 16, 2017 are under evaluation.

The following findings emerge:

- The long delay between the Bank approval of the grant and the signing of the letter of agreement as a result of the long exchanges with the Government on the implementation's modalities;
- The national procurement process for a consultant is relatively long. The process began in September 2016 with the publishing of the EOIs and is still incomplete. Note that this process was not impacted by the deadline for signing the letter of agreement as it began before.
- The recruitment process is scheduled to be completed on May 5, 2017, which, we are confident, gives ample time to develop the investment plan and submit it to the FIP SC in November 2017.

May 2, 2017

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Comments from the United Kingdom**

Dear FIP Sub-Committee members:

We are writing regarding the request from Rwanda to extend the two-year period for submitting their Investment Plan to the FIP Sub-Committee for endorsement. The representative from the United Kingdom has requested an update on progress towards milestones in the revised IP preparation schedule. We are therefore extending the deadline for no-objection until two working days after the submission of a suitable response.

The full text of the decision is below:

**The FIP Sub-Committee reviewed the request from Rwanda to extend the two-year period for submitting their Investment Plan to the FIP Sub-Committee for endorsement.**

**The Sub-Committee approves the extension, up to the FIP Sub-Committee meeting in December 2017, for submitting the Investment Plan to the Sub-Committee for endorsement.**

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**[Approved by mail] Request for Extension - Investment Plan for Rwanda (FIP) – Proposed Decision**

Dear FIP Sub-Committee members:

You will recall that in January 2017 the FIP Sub-Committee approved the document entitled, FIP/SC.17/5/Rev.1, *Pipeline Management policy (FIP)*, for effectively managing the pipeline under the Forest Investment Program.

The document notes that new pilot countries accepted into the FIP should submit their investment plans for endorsement within a 24-month (2-year) timeframe from the date of acceptance into the SCF, or as directed by the Sub-Committee. It further states that should any of the pilot countries be unable to submit their Investment Plan (IP) for endorsement within the two-year period, these countries may request an extension, to be presented to the Sub-Committee, who will then determine if an extension can be granted and if so, for what timeframe.

We are writing to notify you that Rwanda is requesting an extension to the two-year period for submitting their Investment Plan to the FIP Sub-Committee for endorsement.

Please find attached the request for an extension for your review and approval.

The FIP Sub-Committee is requested to approve the following decision:

**The FIP Sub-Committee reviewed the request from Rwanda to extend the two-year period for submitting their Investment Plan to the FIP Sub-Committee for endorsement.**

**The Sub-Committee approves the extension, up to the FIP Sub-Committee meeting in December 2017, for submitting the Investment Plan to the Sub-Committee for endorsement.**

If we do not receive an objection to the proposed decision by close of business on April 26, 2017, the decision will be approved.

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