

**TUNISIA FOREST INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FIP)**  
**Terms of Reference of the Scoping mission**

**Dates: 28-30 September 2015**

**CONTEXT OF THE MISSION**

1. The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) set up by the Multilateral Development Banks (MDB) aims to promote the international cooperation on climate change and to support the development countries' efforts to mitigate the increase of greenhouses gas emissions and to adapt to climate change. Two trust funds have been created in the frame of CIF: (i) the *Clean Technology Fund* (CTF) that support projects and programs allowing the demonstration, the deployment and transfer of technologies with low emission carbon; (ii) the *Strategic Fund for Climate* (SFC) that work to fund programs and projects to promote innovative approaches to climate change. The SFC has three programs: (a) the *Pilot Program for Climate Resilience* (PPCR); (b) the *Forest Investments Program* (FIP); and (c) the *Scaling-Up Renewable Energy Program* for Low Income Countries.
2. The objective of the *Forest Investment Program* (FIP) is to mobilize policies, measures and substantially increased funding in order to facilitate the reduction of deforestation and forest degradation and to promote improved sustainable management of forest that must drive the decrease of greenhouses gas emissions, the protection of forest carbon stock and the fight against poverty. The FIP will not offer itself the incentive measures currently needed to significantly reduce the GHG emissions, but will allow to pilot countries to take advantage of the incentive measures if they are implemented in the frame of a mechanism to promote and value the forest sector, adopted by UNFCCC.
3. The main purpose of the FIP is to support developing countries' REDD-efforts, providing up-front bridge financing for readiness reforms and public and private investments identified through national REDD readiness strategy building efforts, while taking into account opportunities to help them adapt to the impacts of climate change on forests and to contribute to multiple benefits such as biodiversity conservation, protection of the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, poverty reduction and rural livelihoods enhancements
4. The FIP will be designed to achieve four specific objectives: (i) To initiate and facilitate steps towards transformational change in developing countries forest related policies and practices, through; (ii) To pilot replicable models to generate understanding and learning of the links between the implementation of forest-related investments, policies and measures and long-term emission reductions and conservation, sustainable management of forests and the enhancement of forest carbon stocks; (iii) To facilitate the leveraging of additional financial resources for REDD, including through a possible UNFCCC forest mechanism; and (iv) to provide valuable experience and feedback in the context of the UNFCCC deliberations on REDD.

5. The initial phase of the FIP has so far benefited eight countries: Brazil, Burkina Faso, DRC, Ghana, Indonesia, Laos, Mexico, and Peru. These countries have submitted their respective FIP investment plan to the FIP sub-committee and have obtained funds related to the implementation of the projects of their investment plan.
6. The Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) have to support the government in consultation with all stakeholders - UN agencies, bilateral partners, private sector and civil society organizations - to develop an investment strategy leading to the development of FIP. During the FIP sub-committee held in May 2015, new countries have been selected to integrate the FIP program. While some of these countries received the insurance to obtain funds to implement their respective IP/FIP, other countries have received just confirmation of grants for the preparation of the IP, but not of funds for the implementation of their IP. This is the case of Tunisia, which will receive an USD 250,000 grant to prepare its IP. If funds will not be made available for the implementation, some projects are likely to be submitted to other international climate funds, such as the Climate Green Fund.
7. In line with FIP procedures, MDBs will provide the Government of Tunisia (GoT) with adequate technical assistance, in collaboration with all stakeholders – such as UN organizations, bi-lateral partners, the private sector and the organization of civil society – to define the IP/FIP, by integrating different investment projects towards a sustainable management of forests. For the Tunisia FIP, the World Bank will be the “lead MDB” and will coordinate all partners for a harmonious support to the GoT.

### ***OBJECTIVES OF THE SCOPING MISSION***

1. In close concertation with the Government of Tunisia (GoT), the Multi-lateral Development Banks - World Bank, African Development Bank, International Finance Corporation, and European Reconstruction and Development Bank - will carry out a scoping mission for a FIP in Tunisia. This mission will have to initiate the dialogue with the government and main stakeholders to plan all activities of preparation of strategic investment program.
2. The specific activities of the scoping mission will be the following :
  - (i) Discuss and present the FIP program objectives, benefits and modalities of its implementation in Tunisia in order to ensure a common understanding and vision of the FIP by all stakeholders.
  - (ii) Solicit the views of stakeholders about the types of activities that should incorporate this program in Tunisia.
  - (iii) Identify and review existing analytical studies, strategic programming and planning in the areas of forestry, natural resource management, rural development, climate change, management of natural disasters, and any documentation that may guide the development of the investment strategy.
  - (iv) Prepare with the Government and MDBs the joint mission, including the dates of the joint mission, its composition, the role of each institutions, the budget, the next steps, by focusing on the skills required for the mission, the plan of various meetings to ensure full coverage of important topics and integrating the specific needs of government.

- (v) Convene, by involving all stakeholders, about the necessity of the creation of steering committee or, if a similar mechanism already exists, to use or adapt it.
  - (vi) Support GoT to prepare a request for a grant for the preparation of the program.
  - (vii) Set up with the Government a detailed action plan for the preparation of the FIP investment plan;
3. The scoping mission will be conducted in Tunisia under the lead of the FIP national focal point Mr. Moctar Ameur, FIP focal point and Director of Regulations and Control, General Directorate of Forests (DFG), Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources and Fishing, the World Bank will co-lead the mission.

## **METHODOLOGY**

4. Active participation of all stakeholders involved in the development and implementation of the program is a key to success. The components of the program will be identified after in-depth discussions with the beneficiaries. Technical and financial partners and NGOs, representatives of the private sector will be invited to the different meetings and will be extensively consulted.
5. Availability of high quality data is key element to assessing baseline. Desk reviews will complete collected information.

## **EXPECTED RESULTS**

6. The expected outputs of the scoping mission are as follows:
- Preliminary activities to mainstream sustainable management of forests in national development strategies are identified;
  - Key stakeholders and beneficiaries of the program are identified and their respective potential roles are defined;
  - Key strengths and weaknesses of the Tunisian forestry sector are identified;
  - The Terms of reference (ToR) for the preparation and implementation of the joint mission are jointly prepared and agreed with the stakeholders;
  - The action plan for the preparation and implementation of the joint mission is prepared and agreed with GoT and MDBs;
  - Key joint mission-related data to collect are identified;
  - Major institutional arrangements - including the coordination arrangements - are established;
  - The roles of each MDB in the preparation of the IP are defined;
  - Support is provided to the GoT for the preparation of a request of USD 250,000 grant for the preparation of the program.

## AGENDA

Date	Hour	Activity	Venue
<b>Day 1</b>	8:30 - 09:30	Internal MDBs meeting	WB
	10:00 - 10:30	Courtesy visit : Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fishing (MARHP)	MARHP
	10:30 - 12:30	Meeting MDBs and DGF and PIG National Group: Agenda and objectives of the mission, as well as identification of available documents and data to be collected during the preparation of the IP	MARHP
	15h00 - 18h00	Presentation of the FIP and discussions with national stakeholders: Discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of the sector, review of sectoral operations already implemented by national institutions, and discussion about potential synergies and partnerships for the preparation and the implementation of the FIP in Tunisia.	MARHP
<b>Day 2</b>	8:30 - 9:30	MDBs meeting : Synthesis of the first day and main conclusions	WB
	10.00 - 12.30	Meeting with development partners: Discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of the sector, review of sectoral operations already implemented by TFPs, and discussion about potential synergies and partnerships for the preparation and the implementation of the FIP in Tunisia.	MARHP
	14h00 - 16h00	Meeting with private institutions concerned by climate change and forest-related issues in the country: Discussion about their roles, the strengths and weaknesses of the sector, review of activities already implemented by private institutions and complementarities with the REDD+ process and discussions about potential collaboration in the preparation of the FIP in Tunisia.	MARHP
	16h00 -18h00	Meetings with major private sector operators and main NGOs concerned with climate change and forestry in the country. Discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of the sector, review of sectoral operations already implemented by national institutions and complementarities with the REDD+ process and discussions about potential collaboration in the preparation of the FIP in Tunisia.	MARHP
<b>Day 3</b>	8:30-9:30	MDBs meeting: Synthesis of the first day and main conclusions and preparation of the “joint MDBs budget »	WB
	10:00 – 12:00	MDBs and DGF meeting : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation and discussions on the agenda and the necessary steps leading to the preparation of the IP of the FIP</li> <li>- Agreement on the dates of the joint mission</li> <li>- Composition of the team</li> <li>- Role of the stakeholders</li> <li>- Budget</li> </ul>	WB
	12:00 – 16:00	Preparation of the final version of the Aide-memoir and of the ToR of the joint mission	WB
	16:30	Restitution of the Aide-Memoir	MARHP

## **TEAM COMPOSITION**

7. The team of the scoping mission is made up as follows:

➤ **Government :**

- Moctar Ameur, Director of Regulations and Control, General Forestry Direction (DFG, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fishing. FIP national focal point
- Youssef Saadani, General Director, General Directorate for Forestry (DGF), Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources and Fishing.
- General Director of Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Development and International Cooperation
- UN REDD national focal point
- GEF national focal point
- Climate change focal point
- Climate Green Fund focal point
- Climate change specialist at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Coordinator of Task force for monitoring and coordinating climate change issues at the ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fishing

➤ **World Bank:**

- Taoufiq Bennouna, Sr. Natural Resource Management Specialist
- Angelo Bonfiglioli, Social Development Expert, World Bank Consultant

➤ **African Development Bank**

- El Faleh Jalel, Agriculture and Agro-Industry Deptm. (OSAN); Environment and Sustainable Development Unit (OSAN 3)
- M. Jean Marc LEWIS, Forestry/REDD+ Consultant

➤ **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**

- Marta Simonetti : Senior Manager (Multilateral Funds, Climate and Environment)
- Banking team
- CSO team

➤ **International Finance Corporation**

- Remote support provided by Joyita M. Mukherjee Senior Operations Officer and Alla Ljungman IFC consultant

Annexe 1  
**Invitations des MDBs par le Gouvernement Tunisien**

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Sur cette base, nous avons l'honneur de vous informer que la Tunisie est disponible pour accueillir la mission de préparation de son Plan d'Investissement Forestier (PIF) et cela au cours de la semaine du 28 septembre 2015.

Cette mission aura pour objectif d'initier le processus de dialogue entre les BMDs, notre ministère et les autres partenaires clés sur les priorités nationales du secteur forestier et de planifier l'ensemble des activités de préparation du Plan d'Investissement Forestier National.

Tout en vous réitérant mes remerciements pour votre disponibilité et appui constants, je vous prie de croire, Monsieur le Représentant Résident, en l'assurance de ma haute considération.

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