

Terms of Reference for the joint mission of the Forest Investment Program (FIP) in Tunisia 5-9 September 2016

Background to the mission

In May 2015 the Sub-Committee of the Forest Investment Program¹ (FIP) selected Tunisia as one of the programme's pilot countries. As a result, a subsidy of USD 250,000 was granted to the country to draft its forest investment plan with the support of the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) which cooperate with all the relevant stakeholders (UN organisations, bilateral partners, private sector and civil society organisations), in order to provide the necessary technical assistance to the Tunisian Government. As the lead MDB of the FIP, the World Bank is coordinating the work of the various stakeholders.

The MDBs have therefore provided support to the Tunisian Government in organising several missions, including the following main ones:

- Scoping mission for the FIP/IP (28-30 September 2015). The aim of this mission was to officially launch the process of preparing the FIP with the stakeholders and plan the FIP preparation activities with the national officials involved.
- Drafting of the Terms of Reference (ToR), launching of an international invitation to tender and recruiting a consortium to support the drafting of the FIP/IP.
- Technical mission of experts of the consortium and MDBs (7-24 March 2016), which has allowed exchanges to be organised with the operators involved in the forestry sector and in managing natural resources in Tunisia and a better understanding to be gained of the realities in the field. This mission also served to discuss the approach to drafting the FIP, to refine the main directions of the investment plan with the experts and to agree on an action plan for producing the expected documents.
- First joint mission (20-24 June 2016) whose objective was mainly to ensure that the FIP/IP project follows the FIP guidelines, both in terms of the co-benefits being linked together, the stakeholders' involvement, agreement on the investment priorities and projects identified and on the synergy and complementarity with the other institutions, opportunities and activities contributing to the REDD+ programme. This first joint mission has allowed the new versions of the FIP/IP and R-PP to be presented and discussed with all the stakeholders and to ensure that they are in line with their expectations and guidelines. The stakeholders, including the MDBs and FIP/IP Steering Committee, have assessed overall the initial versions of the documents drafted (FIP/IP, R-PP and investment projects). Their comments, recommendations and guidelines have been recorded in the mission's aide memoire, which also sets out the future stages to be carried out until the FIP/IP is submitted to the FIP/IP Sub-Committee.

The second joint mission, which is the subject of these terms of reference, is part of the implementation of the action plan and is based on the results obtained and recommendations made during the first joint mission in June 2016.

¹ The FIP is one of three programmes included in the Strategic Climate Fund. The other two programmes are the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) and the Scaling Up Renewable Energy in Low Income Countries Program (SREP).

This joint mission will be overseen by senior officials from the Tunisian Government in the person of Mr Ameer MOKHTAR, Tunisia's focal point for the FIP and Director of Sylvo-Pastoral Development, General Forestry Department (DGF), Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fishing. On behalf of the MDBs, the mission will be led by Mr Taoufiq BENNOUNA, chief expert in natural resources management at the World Bank (WB) and will include: Ms Ouafa Sahli (World Bank consultant), Mr Jalel El Faleh, irrigation engineer at the African Development Bank (AfDB), as well as Mrs Marianna Wiedenbeck, Associate Civil Society Manager and Mr Ryan Alexander, climate analyst, both at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

Objectives of the joint mission

In agreement with the Tunisian Government, the participating MDBs will carry out from 5 to 9 September 2016 the second joint mission for the FIP in Tunisia with the following objectives:

- to ensure that all the recommendations made during the first joint mission in June 2016 have been properly taken into account and implemented;
- to hold more in-depth consultations with all the stakeholders about the new version of the FIP/IP and R-PP;
- to discuss and validate the concept notes for the investment projects proposed (presented as an appendix to the FIP/IP);
- to ensure complementarity and synergy between the FIP/IP and activities contributing to the REDD+ programme;
- to agree on the strategy for mobilising funds to finance the projects proposed by the FIP/IP;
- to agree the definitive action plan to finalise the FIP investment strategy and concept notes for the projects and then submit them to the FIP Sub-Committee so that they can be presented during its meeting, which will take place in early December 2016.

The second joint mission will be held in the form of a workshop involving the participation of all the stakeholders. The new versions of the documents will be presented to all the participants during plenary sessions. Each category of stakeholder (civil society, private sector, national institutions, technical and financial partners) will then have the opportunity to comment on, debate and discuss them during the working group sessions.

Expected results

The following results are expected from the second joint mission:

- To confirm that the guidelines and recommendations of the first joint mission have been properly taken into account and that the new versions of the FIP/IP and R-PP are in keeping with the stakeholders' expectations;
- To continue and consolidate consultation with the main operators (national institutions, non-governmental organisations and civil society, private sector, local communities, technical and financial partners) and confirm their involvement in the process of drafting the FIP/IP;
- The proposed investment priorities are consistent and complement on-going projects;
- The logical framework of the FIP/IP is set up;

- The funds mobilisation strategy for investment projects is established;
- An action plan for the completion and submission of the FIP/IP is agreed and implemented.

Implementation timeframe

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Monday	8:30 - 9:30	MDB internal meeting	WB
	10:00 - 12:30	Meeting involving MDB – Consortium – DGF – FIP Steering Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finalisation of the mission's agenda and its objectives ▪ Organisation of the mission ▪ Review of FIP/IP and R-PP presentations 	MARHP (Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fishing)
	(Time to be specified)	Courtesy and review visit to the Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fishing	MARHP
	14:00 - 15:00	Official opening of the workshop reviewing the FIP/IP and R-PP	TBC
	15:00 - 15:30	Follow-up on the FIP and R-PP process in Tunisia, Ameer Mokhtar, Tunisia's focal point	TBC
	15:30-16:00	Follow-up on the consortium's terms of reference and the approach adopted for preparing the FIP/IP and R-PP, FRMi	TBC
	16:00 - 17:30	Discussion and organisation of the work to be done after the workshop	TBC
Tuesday	8:30 - 9:30	MDB internal meeting	WB
	10:00 - 18:30	R-PP day: Agenda to be proposed by the consortium	TBC
Wednesday	8:30 - 9:30	MDB internal meeting	
	10:00 - 12:30	Presentation and discussion of the FIP/IP and proposed projects Constitution of the groups (civil society, private sector, national institutions, TFPs) and ToR for the working groups	
	14:00 - 17:30	Working groups	
Thursday	8:30 - 9:30	MDB internal meeting	
	10:00 - 12:30	Debrief of the working groups and plenary discussions	
	14:00 - 17:30	Procedure for finalising the FIP/IP, MDB and Consortium Summary of the decisions and closure of the workshop	
Friday	8:30 - 12:30	Drafting and finalisation of the aide memoire	WB
	14 :30-17 :30 (Time to be specified)	Handover of aide memoire to the Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fishing (MARHP)	MARHP
		Handover of aide memoire to the Minister of Development, Investment and International Cooperation (MDCI)	MDCI