



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Cameroon - No-Cost Extension of the Preparatory Grant Project – UNDP-MINEPAT Coordination Support Project ([00140410](#))

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EB.2025.10

Considering:

- The CAFI declaration and the persistent challenge of forest loss and food security in Cameroon.
- The letter of intent between CAFI and Cameroon signed on 08 October 2024 as well as decision [EB.2024.34](#) approving it.
- Decision [EB.2023.08](#) approving the Call for Expressions of Interest for the implementation of the start-up phase projects of the CAFI-Cameroon partnership (2023/02/CMR);
- The approval of funding by the CAFI Secretariat, on behalf of the Executive Board, for the [Preparatory Grant UNDP-MINEPAT Coordination support](#) in Cameroon, dated October 9, 2023;
- Decision [EB.2024.09](#) approving the no-cost extension of the preparatory grant until June 30, 2024;
- Decision [EB.2024.28](#) approving a cost extension for a total amount of USD 1,458,000 until March 14, 2025, to support the implementation of the milestones of the Letter of Intent;
- Decision [EB.2024.40](#) approving an additional budget allocation of USD 41,284.99 to cover the costs of the Executive Board's field mission in December 2024 in Cameroon;
- Satisfactory progress in activities during the year 2024, with the narrative and financial report currently being finalized and set to be submitted by March 30.
- The fact that some preparatory grant activities are still ongoing, notably the development of key plans defined in the SND30, considered as priority milestones in the Letter of Intent. Consequently, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) requests a no-cost extension of the preparatory grant until December 31, 2025, to ensure the completion of ongoing activities and the achievement of sustainable results.

The Executive Board:

1. Thanks the UNDP (referred to here as "the implementing organization") for its progress assessment and the justifications provided in support of the no-cost extension request.
2. Approves the no-cost extension of the preparatory grant for a period of nine (09) months, until December 31, 2025.

3. Recalls that, while respecting its own rules and regulations, the implementing organization commits to applying zero tolerance towards fraud, corruption, sexual exploitation, and abuse. It must also protect whistleblowers, inform the public, promote gender equality and social inclusion, and establish appropriate complaint mechanisms. Furthermore, it commits to ensuring rigorous management of all contextual and programmatic risks identified by the Executive Board and must act proactively in reporting these risks to the CAFI Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of CAFI's Trust Fund.
4. Recalls that feasibility studies and the design of projects and programs should place strong emphasis on:
 - Gender inclusion, including through sex-disaggregated data;
 - Human rights and non-discrimination;
 - Conflict prevention and resolution, particularly regarding land tenure;
 - Monitoring and learning, while ensuring strong alignment with CAFI's results framework;
 - Assessment of corruption risks and conflicts of interest, as well as identifying stakeholders likely to gain or be impacted by the initiative;
 - Development of a well-defined exit and sustainability strategy.
5. Recalls that the implementing organization must report on progress towards both the objectives and milestones of the Letter of Intent (where applicable) and the indicators of CAFI's results framework, in accordance with CAFI guidelines and templates.
6. Reminds the implementing organization of its reporting obligations under the current CAFI Operations Manual, for both narrative and financial reports.