Forest Carbon Partnership Facility
Thirtieth Meeting of the Carbon Fund (CF30)
Paris, France | June 12, 2025
Chair's Summary

Dear Carbon Fund Participants and Observers,

I would like to thank the Carbon Fund Participants and Observers – from REDD Country Participants, civil society, UNFCCC, UN-REDD, and the private sector – who took part in the 30th FCPF Carbon Fund meeting on June 12th, 2025. I am also grateful for the participation of those affiliated with other World Bank Green Carbon Funds and who participated in this week of joint meetings and attended CF30 as observers. I would also like to thank the World Bank Facility Management Team and other colleagues for their efforts in preparing and running this Carbon Fund meeting, as well as the technical staff here and online, including the interpreters, for their assistance in running a smooth hybrid meeting.

The chair notes that the Joint Green Carbon Funds meetings saw a joint knowledge sharing day on Wednesday, 11 June, at which several topics were presented and discussed that would ordinarily take place as part of the CF meeting. During this informative and valuable knowledge sharing day, the topics of monetization, private sector participation, the legal and regulatory frameworks of carbon markets, and updates and lessons learned of jurisdictional credits were discussed. While strictly speaking not part of CF30, the chair appreciates the presentations by REDD+ countries, observers, and FMT, and the insightful discussions that followed.

Please find below the main conclusions from the meeting. All relevant materials from this meeting (including this summary as well as background resources, presentations, and resolutions) are available on the FCPF website at https://www.forestcarbonpartnership.org/meetings.

UPDATE ON CARBON FUND PROGRESS

The FMT presented progress made under the Carbon Fund since CF29, including updates on communications and knowledge management, social inclusion and gender, MRV, and the Bank's Registry. CFPs appreciated the progress since CF29, with payments made to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Côte d'Ivoire (both in June 2025). CFPs also note the significance of Excess ERs issued to both countries, which they may monetize in the carbon market, and are keen to hear from these and other countries with such Excess ERs as to their experiences in the monetization process.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT UPDATE

CFPs expressed their appreciation for the in-person presentation by five of the CF countries on their progress, focusing on their experiences and lessons learned in the process. FMT presented an update on the implementation, ER delivery, and benefit sharing implementation by the remaining ten countries.

While encouraged about general progress made, CFPs expressed concern that six countries are yet to receive their first payment while ERPAs are currently still scheduled to close at the end of the calendar year.

HFLD Labeling

At the request of the DRC, in March 2025 CFPs approved an FMT proposal to allow for credits to be given an HFLD label on a case-by-case basis and at the request of the REDD+ country, while requesting further explanation on the need and appropriateness of this general approach. CFPs expressed their appreciation for the presentations by FMT and the DRC, and the ensuing discussion to provide further clarity on this topic. CFPs expressed their general support to the labelling of HFLD but they suggested that the approval of these requests are approved on an ad hoc basis. CFPs agreed with the next steps presented by the FMT, and suggested some improvements to the socialization of the FCPF requirements with buyers.

ERPA Extensions & Transition Strategy

The increased clarity provided by FMT and REDD+ countries present on the extension status of countries, as well as their intentions, is much appreciated by CFPs. CFPs expressed concerns about the reputational risks if the ERPAs close when BSPs are not implemented, strongly encouraged both REDD+ countries and the WB to move forward with extensions as soon as possible where these are deemed appropriate, and requested the FMT to keep them informed. CFPs stressed that the implementation and monitoring of the BSPs is of utmost importance and therefore a main reason for the ERPA extension.

CFPs appreciate the FMT proposal to provide support to countries to transition to a post-FCPF ER program. While some REDD+ countries have proven to have adequate capacity and resources to make this transition on their own, CFPs recognize that the transition to a new standard poses many obstacles and challenges. CFPs stressed that providing support for the transition is an absolute priority to ensure the overall sustainability of the FCPF Carbon Fund. As such, CFPs approve the proposed transition strategy to provide these REDD+ countries the necessary support to successfully make this transition and continue the legacy of the FCPF. An allocation of up to $4 million was approved by CFPs for this purpose and the FMT will request countries through task teams to provide proposals and will evaluate them against the selection criteria, taking into account the support the countries are receiving from other donor partners.

NEXT MEETING

The 31st Carbon Fund meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 27-29, 2026. The location is yet to be determined and will be communicated as soon as possible. Following the successful visit to a Carbon Fund country for CF29, CFPs expressed interest in visiting a different CF country in the future.

IN CLOSING

- At CF30, we celebrate the FCPF having paid $213 million for over 42 million credits. Côte d'Ivoire has become the second country, after Viet Nam, to fulfil its contract volume, and a first payment was made to the DRC. Furthermore, we are pleased to note that a total of over 16 million Excess

ERs have been issued to four countries, which triples the total volume of Excess FCPF ERs available for monetization in the carbon market.

- At the same time, CFPs also note that only six months remain to extend the ERPAs, and that ER delivery is still lagging behind the pace once envisioned. That said, the expected ER delivery until the next CF meeting is encouraging, and the putting in place of an expedited process for ERPA extension and transition strategy are reassuring. In this light, CFPs are also encouraged about the proposed collaboration with ART to provide FCPF programs a path forward for their ER programs.
- The FCPF is entering a crucial time with ER delivery, ERPA closures and extensions, payments, monetization of credits, and the implementation of benefit sharing plans all occurring at the same time. This poses unprecedented challenges, but also great opportunities for countries to prove the carbon crediting concept while raising necessary additional climate finance to benefit their stakeholders, most notably Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and women.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the FCPF FMT at fcpfsecretariat@worldbank.org.

Sincerely,

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CF30 Chair