

**FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF)
SIXTEENTH PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**December 12-15, 2013
Geneva, Switzerland**

Resolution PC/16/2013/4

Côte d'Ivoire's Readiness Preparation Proposal

Whereas:

1. The Participants Committee (PC), through its Resolution PC/14/2013/2, specified the criteria and the process by which Qualified Eligible REDD Countries may be selected into the FCPF;
2. Côte d'Ivoire submitted a Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) to the Facility Management Team (FMT) in July 2013, in accordance with Resolution PC/14/2013/2, and the R-PP was reviewed by a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), and a working group consisting of Participants Committee (PC) members established for this purpose;
3. The PC reviewed the R-PP in accordance with Section 11.1 (b) of the Charter Establishing the FCPF (Charter) at its sixteenth meeting;
4. The PC acknowledged the extensive efforts made by Côte d'Ivoire, and the high quality of the R-PP; and
5. The PC recalls that, as specified in Resolution PC/14/2013/2, Côte d'Ivoire shall meet both of the following conditions to have guaranteed access to Readiness Preparation Grant funding: 1) submit their Revised R-PP within nine months of being allocated Readiness Preparation Grant funding by the PC through this Resolution; and 2) sign their Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement within fourteen months of being allocated Readiness Preparation Grant funding by the PC through this Resolution.

The Participants Committee,

1. Decides to allocate funding to Côte d'Ivoire to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness, subject to signing of the REDD Country Participation Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire and the Trustee of the Readiness Fund.
2. For this purpose, requests:
 - i. Côte d'Ivoire to submit a revised R-PP (Revised R-PP) to the FMT, reflecting the key issues in the summary report prepared by the FMT included in the annex of this Resolution;
 - ii. The FMT to check on the Revised R-PP for completeness, make it available on the FCPF website and notify the PC of its availability;
 - iii. The World Bank, as the Delivery Partner, to complete its due diligence, in particular with regard to the World Bank's Operational Policies and Procedures, working

closely with Côte d'Ivoire, in order to provide a grant of up to US\$ 3.8 million, in accordance with Resolutions PC/3/2009/4 and PC/Electronic/2012/1;

- iv. Côte d'Ivoire to consider the issues identified in the TAP's R-PP assessment as well as those raised by the FCPF PC at this meeting during readiness preparation; and
- v. Côte d'Ivoire to report to the PC on progress made in accordance with Section 6.3 (b) of the Charter and to carry out its responsibilities in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

Annex

Summary Report Prepared by the FMT

The PC noted that the R-PP offers good opportunities for other REDD countries to learn from Côte d'Ivoire's experience.

Further, the feedback provided by the PC and TAP indicated that it would be beneficial for Côte d'Ivoire to closely coordinate with the other ongoing processes and reforms which may have a major impact on the potential success of the implementation of the R-PP. Cote d'Ivoire should also pay particular attention to planning and establishing meaningful milestones and indicators to monitor progress towards achieving its ambitious strategic goals, particularly in the agriculture sector.

Key Issues

The following are the key issues that Côte d'Ivoire needs to address before entering into a Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement with the Trustee of the Readiness Fund.

1. In component 2c, the R-PP should clarify the role of the REDD+ process in relation to the FLEGT process in supporting sustainable forest management, in particular, how the SEP (REDD+) would include the CTN (FLEGT) in decision-making regarding the allocation of budget related to the REDD+/FLEGT civil society platform.
2. In components 3 and 4a, clarify the institutional arrangements for the development of Côte d'Ivoire's reference level and forest monitoring system, including roles and responsibilities for data collection, forest mapping, and carbon accounting.