FOREST CARBON PARTNERSHIP FACILITY (FCPF) THIRTEENTH PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING

October 21-22, 2012 Brazzaville, Republic of Congo

Resolution PC/13/2012/2

Cameroon's Readiness Preparation Proposal

Whereas:

- 1. Cameroon submitted a Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) to the Facility Management Team (FMT) in August 2012, which was reviewed by a Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), a working group consisting of Participants Committee (PC) members established for this purpose, and the World Bank. The R-PP was subsequently revised and re-submitted to the FMT in September and October, 2012;
- 2. The PC reviewed the R-PP in accordance with Section 11.1 (b) of the Charter Establishing the FCPF (Charter) at its thirteenth meeting; and
- 3. The PC acknowledged the extensive efforts made by Cameroon, and the high quality of the R-PP.

The Participants Committee,

- 1. Decides to allocate funding to Cameroon to enable it to move ahead with the preparation for readiness, subject to fulfillment of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) below:
 - i. Cameroon 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; and
 - ii. The FMT to check the Revised R-PP for completeness, make it available on the FCPF website, and notify the PC of its availability for consideration on a 14 day no-objection basis, in accordance with Article VI of the Rules of Procedure.
- 2. For the purpose of allocating the funding to Cameroon, as provided above, requests:
 - i. The World Bank, as the Trustee of the Readiness Fund (Trustee), to complete its due diligence, in particular with regard to the World Bank's Operational Policies and Procedures, working closely with Cameroon, in order to provide a grant of up to US\$3.6 million, in accordance with Resolutions PC/3/2009/4 and PC/Electronic/2012/1;
 - ii. Cameroon 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
 - iii. Cameroon 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 Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement.

Annex

Summary Report Prepared by the FMT

The PC recognized the efforts made by Cameroon in advancing in REDD+ Readiness, the quality of its R-PP and the country's willingness to address feedback in a constructive way.

Key Issues

The following are the key issues that Cameroon needs to address before entering into a Readiness Preparation Grant Agreement with the Trustee of the Readiness Fund.¹

1. **Component 1a**:

- (i) Revise the description of the national readiness management arrangements that ensure plural and inclusive structures that allow for broad participation in decision making by relevant stakeholders, and for resolving disputes, including at the local level.
- (ii) Reconsider the decision making process of the Steering Committee.
- 2. <u>Component 1b</u>: Revise the appendix 1b of the R-PP to provide additional information on the dialogue meetings held to date, including information on the participants and outcomes of the meetings, and if available, include the minutes of such meetings in the annex to the R-PP.

3. **Component 1c**:

- (i) Provide further details on the proposed feedback and grievance redress mechanisms.
- (ii) Elaborate on how the consultation process for FLEGT VPA may be capitalized on in the consultation process for REDD+ Readiness process.

4. Component 2a:

- (i) Revise the description of forest governance, taking into account the existing experiences of Cameroon in this field including under FLEGT VPA, by providing information on interministerial coordination and streamlining of sectoral policies, in particular the mining and agriculture sectors.
- (ii) Review the studies proposed under the R-PP so as to maximize the outcomes achieved by these studies while reducing the costs associated with such studies.
- (iii) Indicate the intention that the terms of reference for some of the studies a) will address distinction between temporary and permanent deforestation; b) will be based on detailed information on the pressures on forests from mining and agriculture activities; and c) will consider legal aspects of land tenure.

5. Component 2b:

- (i) Strengthen the narrative on the interface between forest and agriculture, so that the possible success of the proposed strategies to reducing degradation and deforestation can be ascertained.
- (ii) Provide more details on pilot REDD+ projects currently under implementation and those planned in Cameroon that are relevant for the R-PP, including the funding for and outcomes of such projects, as available.
- (iii) Provide a work plan for assessing the risks of internal leakage.

¹ If necessary, Cameroon may consult the synthesis reviews prepared by TAP and the PC for clarification on the key issues identified in this Annex.

6. <u>Component 2d</u>: Building on the existing SESA experience in Cameroon, provide further explanation on how the SESA process will take into account issues of land-use, land tenure, carbon rights ownership, and benefit sharing among affected populations.

7. Component 3:

- (i) Describe how the adjusted baseline will be established, taking into account the impacts from the specific drivers of deforestation and available data, such as forest concession inventories.
- (ii)Provide more information on capacity building activities currently under implementation and those planned in Cameroon, as available, including information on the participants and outcomes of such activities.

8. Component 4a:

- (i) Elaborate on how the recently launched FAO/COMIFAC/CBFF regional MRV project will contribute to Cameroon's own MRV system.
- (ii) Clarify the role of local communities in data collection for the monitoring system.
- (iii) Describe how the monitoring system would ensure transparency of the procedures for collecting and accessing the information generated by such monitoring system.
- 9. <u>Component 4b</u>: List potential co-benefits (both social and environmental), and set priorities for data capture and analysis.

10. Component 5:

- (i) Revise the budget proposal for each of the components, to include information on the existing and planned activities related to the R-PP, the amount of funding and key contributions of such activities to the R-PP, the complementarity between these activities and those proposed to be carried out with FCPF funding, and prioritization and uses of the FCPF funds to carry out the Readiness activities.
- (ii) Provide details on the coordination mechanism for the relevant Ministries and development partners, which would ensure that available funds are used as efficiently as possible.

11. Component 6:

- (i) Revise the Monitoring and Evaluation Matrix by specifying the activities related to each of the objectives and measurable indicators for such activities.
- (ii) Describe the system of reporting to the Technical Secretariat.