



Improved Forested Landscape Management Project (IFLMP)

Country / Region: **Congo, Democratic Republic of** | Project Id: **XFIPZR001A** | Fund Name: **FIP** |

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Comment Type	Commenter Name	Commenter Profile	Comment	Date
Comment 1	Gaia Allison	United Kingdom	<p>The UK is grateful for the detailed responses to our questions and is pleased to approve USD 36.9 million in FIP grant funding for the project proposal entitled, DRC: Improved Forested Landscape Management, submitted by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)</p> <p>This approval is provided on the understanding that the following points are taken forward:</p> <p>1.This project clearly demonstrates the intended purpose of the FIP; to create a link between REDD+ readiness preparation and future performance-based payments for emission reductions. The overlap between one of the FIP implementation areas and the forthcoming Emissions Reduction Programme under the FCPF CF provides a valuable opportunity for lesson learning along the REDD+ continuum. It also presents some methodological challenges relating to how activities funded by the FIP might be included in the results based payments systems developed by other REDD+ mechanisms.</p> <p>It is therefore important that further dialogue within the FIP Sub-Committee, and close coordination with other REDD+ funds, takes place to resolve these questions.</p> <p>2. Given the potential risks associated with the private sector fund under component 2, we ask that guidelines to address the risks are drafted and that these, along with details of Bank oversight procedures for this fund are included within the Project Appraisal Document (PAD) when it goes for Bank Board approval.</p> <p>The UK also takes note of and approves the final estimate of USD 1.275 million for project implementation and supervision services and approves USD 425,000 for the final tranche of funding for such costs.</p>	Mar 07, 2014
Comment 2	Katie Berg	United States	<p>We thank World Bank staff for their detailed answers to our questions about this project.</p> <p>This is a particularly interesting project that provides significant potential for learning. We thank the Government of DRC and the World Bank team for bringing it forward. We also appreciate that the project proposal builds on and makes connections to other REDD+ processes and programs.</p> <p>The United States supports approval of this project, on the understanding that the two issues outlined below will receive further consideration.</p> <p>1. The potential link between this project and the FCPF Carbon Fund is an important learning opportunity for the FIP and other REDD+ finance providers. One question that this linkage brings up is how activities and emissions reductions funded by the FIP should be treated with respect to payments for results under a potential ER Program in the FCPF. We suggest further consideration of this issue in the FIP, and encourage the FCPF Carbon Fund and BioCarbon Fund to consider this question as well.</p> <p>2. We strongly support efforts in the FIP to include work with the private sector. The approach to providing such support, however, requires careful consideration in order to produce the desired outcome. We are concerned that, by themselves, grants for private sector entities, extended without connection to the existing financial sector, may have limited effectiveness in spurring sustainable and scalable increases in private sector activity once FIP funding is gone. We therefore suggest inclusion, in the PAD that is presented to the World Bank Board, of measures the project will take to maximize the chances that support from other finance providers will be forthcoming once FIP funding winds down. In addition, we suggest that the PAD include a detailed outline of items that will be contained in the Project Implementation Manual (such as eligible activities and recipients, financing criteria, and safeguards), and information on the proposed composition (by type of organization/type of expertise) of the Screening Committee. With respect to process, we recommend that the PAD provide for World Bank review and approval of the</p>	Mar 07, 2014



Project Implementation Manual, as well as of the first several financing (grant) agreements, given the need for accumulation of experience in provision of such grants by the project implementing entity. The PAD should also include information on how implementation of environmental and social safeguards will be monitored under this component.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to review this interesting project.
Sincerely,