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Dear Ms. Thais Juvenal,

Request for UN-REDD Global Programme Support to Kenya's REDD+ Readiness Activities

This is in reference to the letter from the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat to the UN-REDD Policy Board members on 19th December 2011, and the material communicated to the UN-REDD Policy Board members at the occasion of its 8th meeting in Asuncion, Paraguay, in March 2012. I am writing in my capacity as Kenya's National REDD+ Focal Point to request funding under the Global Programme's *Targeted Support* modality to achieve the following results:

1. Preparing governance for REDD+ in Kenya: Anti-corruption measures, carbon rights and benefit-sharing issues (to be conducted with technical and financial support of UNDP).
2. Catalyzing green economy investments in forests: A workshop and high level dialogue on the role of REDD+ in attracting green economy investments in forests. The targeted support should include evidence-based outreach material and communication. This will also build upon priority directions identified in Kenya's REDD+ Readiness process.

This request is complemented by a recent request to FAO for technical and financial support on legal preparedness for REDD+, under the same modality.

This request is fully aligned with the UN-REDD Programme's objectives, under Outcome three (3) of its Global Programme. An overview of the request and its financial needs is presented in the table below.

| UN-REDD Global Programme Outcomes, and outcomes of the current <i>targeted support request</i> | Budget requested to UN-REDD (US\$) | Co-financing (if appropriate) (US\$) | Supporting UN agency |
|--|---|---|-----------------------------|
| UN-REDD Outcome 5.- Transparent, equitable and accountable management of REDD+ payments | | | UNDP |
| 1. Anti-corruption capacities for carbon finance & REDD+ are enhanced | 40,000 | tbd | UNDP |
| 2. The policy framework around carbon rights and benefit-sharing arrangements for REDD+ is analysed and discussed among stakeholders | 40,000 | tbd | UNDP |
| <i>Total request to UNDP</i> | <i>80,000</i> | <i>tbd</i> | <i>UNDP</i> |
| UN-REDD Outcome 6.- REDD+ as a catalyst for transformations to a green economy | | | UNEP |
| 3. Resources and investments for REDD+ aligned with Kenya's Green Economy efforts. | 60,000 | tbd | UNEP |
| <i>Total request to UNEP</i> | <i>60,000</i> | | |
| Total | tbd | | |

Specific concept notes, with work plan and detailed budget, will soon follow. The overall objective of this request is to contribute to the development of effective approaches to the governance of REDD+ and to promote further investments in forests and REDD+ in Kenya. This will be realised through ensuring that the Kenya's REDD+ readiness process incorporates effective measures to address REDD+ corruption risks, a strong legal and institutional framework that promotes investment while ensuring effective benefit sharing arrangements. It will also contribute strongly in providing technical lessons on the potential of Kenya's forests to be a cornerstone for Kenya's green economy and sustainable development strategies. Detailed activities to achieve these

results are currently being discussed with UNDP's Kenya office, the UN-REDD/UNDP regional adviser for Africa, UNEP Headquarters and global REDD+ advisers.

The activities, which are intended to be realised during the second semester of 2012, seek to complement and prepare Kenya for the implementation of its approved REDD+ RPP

Yours truly,



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