

Mr. Alfred Gichu
Senior Assistant Director
Kenya Forest Service
Kenya

11 February 2010

Re: Request to join the UN-REDD Programme

Dear Mr. Gichu,

Thank you for submitting Kenya's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. We are pleased to inform you that the UN-REDD Programme's Policy Board has agreed with Kenya's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. Please allow me to detail what this participation entails.

Kenya will now be able to participate in Policy Board meetings with the status of a observer. Additionally, Kenya will have access to our online collaborative community of practice, receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops where possible, and be placed on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work.

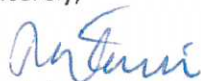
Regrettably, we do not have funds available at this time to support national REDD+ Readiness activities in Kenya. We are however pursuing several funding options which we hope will allow us to expand the nature of our support on REDD+ to Kenya in the future. In the meantime, we are very keen to support the exchange of experiences and engage with you on Kenya's REDD+ Readiness process.

Kenya will receive an invitation to the upcoming UN-REDD Policy Board meeting from March 17-19 precisely in Nairobi, Kenya and along with my colleagues in the UN Agencies we look forward to discussing our collaboration further.

We are very pleased to offer to support the costs of participation of your designated delegate for this first meeting. Travel support to any future meetings will depend on decisions of the Policy Board and available funding.

The UN-REDD Programme welcomes Kenya's participation as a further sign of its engagement and commitment to the REDD+ agenda.

Sincerely,



for
Yemi Katerere

Head

UN-REDD Programme Secretariat



Sr. Juan Manuel Torres Rojo
Director-General
Comisión Nacional Forestal
Mexico

11 February 2010

Re: Request to join the UN-REDD Programme

Dear Mr. Torres,

Thank you for submitting Mexico's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. We are pleased to inform you that the UN-REDD Programme's Policy Board has agreed with Mexico's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. Please allow me to detail what this participation entails.

Mexico will now be able to participate in Policy Board meetings with the status of a observer. Additionally, Mexico will have access to our online collaborative community of practice, receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops where possible, and be placed on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work.

Regrettably, we do not have funds available at this time to support national REDD+ Readiness activities in Mexico. We are however pursuing several funding options which we hope will allow us to expand the nature of our support on REDD+ to Mexico in the future. In the meantime, we are very keen to support the exchange of experiences and engage with you on Mexico's REDD+ Readiness process.

Mexico will receive an invitation to the upcoming UN-REDD Policy Board meeting from March 17-19 in Nairobi, Kenya and along with my colleagues in the UN Agencies we look forward to discussing our collaboration further.

We are very pleased to offer to support the costs of participation of your designated delegate for this first meeting. Travel support to any future meetings will depend on decisions of the Policy Board and available funding. The UN-REDD Programme welcomes Mexico's participation as a further sign of its engagement and commitment to the REDD+ agenda.

Sincerely,

for



Yemi Katerere

Head

UN-REDD Programme Secretariat



H.E. Henri Djombo
Ministère du Développement Durable, d'Économie Forestière Et d'Environnement
République Du Congo

11 February 2010

Re: Request to join the UN-REDD Programme

Your Excellency,

Thank you for submitting Congo's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. We are pleased to inform you that the UN-REDD Programme's Policy Board has agreed with Congo's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. Please allow me to detail what this participation entails.

Congo will now be able to participate in Policy Board meetings with the status of a observer. Additionally, Congo will have access to our online collaborative community of practice, receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops where possible, and be placed on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work.

Regrettably, we do not have funds available at this time to support national REDD+ Readiness activities in Congo. We are however pursuing several funding options which we hope will allow us to expand the nature of our support on REDD+ to Congo in the future. In the meantime, we are very keen to support the exchange of experiences and engage with you on Congo's REDD+ Readiness process.

Congo will receive an invitation to the upcoming UN-REDD Policy Board meeting from March 17-19 in Nairobi, Kenya and along with my colleagues in the UN Agencies we look forward to discussing our collaboration further.

We are very pleased to offer to support the costs of participation of your designated delegate for this first meeting. Travel support to any future meetings will depend on decisions of the Policy Board and available funding.

The UN-REDD Programme welcomes Congo's participation as a further sign of its engagement and commitment to the REDD+ agenda.

Sincerely,



Yemi Katerere

Head

UN-REDD Programme Secretariat



Mr. Jorge Mario Rodríguez Zúñiga
Director General
FONAFIFO
Costa Rica

11 February 2010

Re: Request to join the UN-REDD Programme

Dear Mr. Rodríguez,

Thank you for submitting Costa Rica's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. We are pleased to inform you that the UN-REDD Programme's Policy Board has agreed with Costa Rica's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. Please allow me to detail what this participation entails.

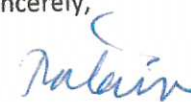
Costa Rica will now be able to participate in Policy Board meetings with the status of a observer. Additionally, Costa Rica will have access to our online collaborative community of practice, receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops where possible, and be placed on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work.

Regrettably, we do not have funds available at this time to support national REDD+ Readiness activities in Costa Rica. We are however pursuing several funding options which we hope will allow us to expand the nature of our support on REDD+ to Costa Rica in the future. In the meantime, we are very keen to support the exchange of experiences and engage with you on Costa Rica's REDD+ Readiness process. We recognize Costa Rica's rich and innovative experiences in forest and ecosystem management.

Costa Rica will receive an invitation to the upcoming UN-REDD Policy Board meeting from March 17-19 in Nairobi, Kenya and along with my colleagues in the UN Agencies we look forward to discussing our collaboration further.

We are very pleased to offer to support the costs of participation of your designated delegate for this first meeting. Travel support to any future meetings will depend on decisions of the Policy Board and available funding. The UN-REDD Programme welcomes Costa Rica's participation as a further sign of its engagement and commitment to the REDD+ agenda.

Sincerely,

for 
Yemi Katerere
Head
UN-REDD Programme Secretariat



Mr. Eleazar P. Quinto
Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Republic of the Philippines

11 February 2010

Re: Request to join the UN-REDD Programme

Dear Mr. Quinto,

Thank you for submitting the Philippines' request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. We are pleased to inform you that the UN-REDD Programme's Policy Board has agreed with the Philippines' request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. Please allow me to detail what this participation entails.

The Philippines will now be able to participate in Policy Board meetings with the status of a observer. Additionally, the Philippines will have access to our online collaborative community of practice, receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops where possible, and be placed on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work.

Regrettably, we do not have funds available at this time to support national REDD+ Readiness activities in the Philippines. We are however pursuing several funding options which we hope will allow us to expand the nature of our support on REDD+ to the Philippines in the future. In the meantime, we are very keen to support the exchange of experiences and engage with you on the Philippines' REDD+ Readiness process.

The Philippines will receive an invitation to the upcoming UN-REDD Policy Board meeting from March 17-19 in Nairobi, Kenya and along with my colleagues in the UN Agencies we look forward to discussing our collaboration further.

We are very pleased to offer to support the costs of participation of your designated delegate for this first meeting. Travel support to any future meetings will depend on decisions of the Policy Board and available funding. The UN-REDD Programme welcomes the Philippines' participation as a further sign of its engagement and commitment to the REDD+ agenda.

Sincerely,

for 

Yemi Katerere

Head

UN-REDD Programme Secretariat



Dr. Abdelazim Mirghani Ibrahim
General Manager
Forests National Corporation
Sudan

11 February 2010

Re: Request to join the UN-REDD Programme

Dear Mr. Ibrahim,

Thank you for submitting Sudan's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. We are pleased to inform you that the UN-REDD Programme's Policy Board has agreed with the Sudan's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. Please allow me to detail what this participation entails.

Sudan will now be able to participate in Policy Board meetings with the status of a observer. Additionally, Sudan will have access to our online collaborative community of practice, receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops where possible, and be placed on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work.

Regrettably, we do not have funds available at this time to support national REDD+ Readiness activities in Sudan. We are however pursuing several funding options which we hope will allow us to expand the nature of our support on REDD+ to Sudan in the future. In the meantime, we are very keen to support the exchange of experiences and engage with you on the Sudan's REDD+ Readiness process.

Sudan will receive an invitation to the upcoming UN-REDD Policy Board meeting from March 17-19 in Nairobi, Kenya and along with my colleagues in the UN Agencies we look forward to discussing our collaboration further.

We are very pleased to offer to support the costs of participation of your designated delegate for this first meeting. Travel support to any future meetings will depend on decisions of the Policy Board and available funding.

The UN-REDD Programme welcomes Sudan's participation as a further sign of its engagement and commitment to the REDD+ agenda.

Sincerely,



for
Yemi Katerere
Head
UN-REDD Programme Secretariat



Dr. V. Fodeke
Head
Special Climate Change Unit
Nigeria

11 February 2010

Re: Request to join the UN-REDD Programme

Dear Dr. Fodeke,

Thank you for submitting Nigeria's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. We are pleased to inform you that the UN-REDD Programme's Policy Board has agreed with Nigeria's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. Please allow me to detail what this participation entails.

Nigeria will now be able to participate in Policy Board meetings with the status of a observer. Additionally, Nigeria will have access to our online collaborative community of practice, receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops where possible, and be placed on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work.

Regrettably, we do not have funds available at this time to support national REDD+ Readiness activities in Nigeria. We are however pursuing several funding options which we hope will allow us to expand the nature of our support on REDD+ to Nigeria in the future. In the meantime, we are very keen to support the exchange of experiences and engage with you on Nigeria's REDD+ Readiness process.

Nigeria will receive an invitation to the upcoming UN-REDD Policy Board meeting from March 17-19 in Nairobi, Kenya and along with my colleagues in the UN Agencies we look forward to discussing our collaboration further.

We are very pleased to offer to support the costs of participation of your designated delegate for this first meeting. Travel support to any future meetings will depend on decisions of the Policy Board and available funding.

The UN-REDD Programme welcomes Nigeria's participation as a further sign of its engagement and commitment to the REDD+ agenda.

Sincerely,

for 
Yemi Katerere

Head
UN-REDD Programme Secretariat



Mr. Rence Sore
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Meteorology
Solomon Islands

11 February 2010

Re: Request to join the UN-REDD Programme

Dear Mr. Sore,

Thank you for submitting the Solomon Islands' request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. We are pleased to inform you that the UN-REDD Programme's Policy Board has agreed with the Solomon Islands' request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. Please allow me to detail what this participation entails.


The Solomon Islands will now be able to participate in Policy Board meetings with the status of a observer. Additionally, the Solomon Islands will have access to our online collaborative community of practice, receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops where possible, and be placed on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work.

Regrettably, we do not have funds available at this time to support national REDD+ Readiness activities in the Solomon Islands. We are however pursuing several funding options which we hope will allow us to expand the nature of our support on REDD+ to the Solomon Islands in the future. In the meantime, we are very keen to support the exchange of experiences and engage with you on the Solomon Islands' REDD+ Readiness process.

The Solomon Islands will receive an invitation to the upcoming UN-REDD Policy Board meeting from March 17-19 in Nairobi, Kenya and along with my colleagues in the UN Agencies we look forward to discussing our collaboration further.

We are very pleased to offer to support the costs of participation of your designated delegate for this first meeting. Travel support to any future meetings will depend on decisions of the Policy Board and available funding. The UN-REDD Programme welcomes the Solomon Islands' participation as a further sign of its engagement and commitment to the REDD+ agenda.

Sincerely,

for 
Yemi Katerere
Head
UN-REDD Programme Secretariat



Mr. Robert Mbitikon
Executive Secretary
COMIFAC

9 February, 2010

Dear Mr. Mbitikon

On behalf of the UN-REDD Programme, I sincerely thank you for COMIFAC's interest in our Programme. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize COMIFAC's efforts to harmonize forest and environmental policies in the Congo Basin Region. COMIFAC has taken important steps to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable development through regional-level policies and actions. We also consider the participation of COMIFAC member countries in REDD+ as being essential for achieving climate change mitigation globally.

The UN-REDD Programme endeavors to respond to the priorities of our Policy Board, and is willing to support regional approaches - such as the regional component of the UN-REDD programme in the Democratic Republic of Congo – when requested by the Board. Consequently, should the COMIFAC Secretariat encourage COMIFAC member countries to submit national applications to join the UN-REDD Programme (template attached); we would be pleased to present such requests to the Policy Board in a positive light.

Currently the benefits for countries to join the UN-REDD Programme are relatively limited and include access to our online collaborative community of practice, regional training sessions and workshops, as well as the possibility to participate as observers to the Policy Board. While we do not have funds available at this time to initiate collaborative activities at national level on REDD+ in any but the original nine UN-REDD member countries, we are pursuing several funding options to allow us to expand the nature of our support in the future.



In order to discuss the details of our collaboration in person, it is our pleasure to invite COMIFAC's Chairperson and Secretary to attend as *ad hoc* observers to the next Policy Board meeting. This will allow a close COMIFAC-UN-REDD dialogue on this matter. The meeting will be in Nairobi, Kenya on March 18th-19th, details and logistics will be specified on a follow-up communication to be sent later this week.

Sincerely,

for 
Yemi Katerere

Head
UN-REDD Secretariat

cc :

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