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Dear Mr Badira and Dr Mataki,

With reference to your letter received on 24 March 2014, requesting targeted support from the UN-REDD Programme, I am pleased to inform you that the requested funding from the Governments of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands for strengthening the regional assistance to National Forest Monitoring Systems (NFMS) for REDD+ in the Pacific has been approved.

The UN-REDD Programme, through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), will provide support with a total amount of US\$ 1,415,000 to reach the objectives outlined in the request;

- I. awareness of and support for NFMS for REDD+ is enhanced at the regional Pacific and international level;
- II. a regional forest *monitoring* support facility and web-portal is established and capacity increased through training to staff from the Pacific Islands Countries (PIC); and
- III. a regional forest *inventory* support facility is established and regional inventory support is enhanced.

The amount refers to the first year of activities as outlined in the overall proposal received "Strengthening Regional Support to National Forest Monitoring Systems for REDD+ in the Pacific", building on initial targeted support from the UN-REDD Programme to Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. We would like to highlight that the use of provided funds is limited to UN-REDD partner countries.

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The FAO focal point for targeted support, Ms. Maria Sanz Sanchez (maria.sanzsanchez@fao.org) and Mr Joel Scriven, Forestry Officer, Bangkok, (joel.scriven@fao.org) are available for any further information and discussing the next steps.

We noted in your letter that Fiji is planning to apply for becoming a UN-REDD partner country and we very much welcome an application and to collaborate with the country, as well as looking forward to continued collaboration with Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

Sincerely,

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