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## **RE - Request to join the UN-REDD Programme**

Dear Mr Egziabher

Thank you for submitting Ethiopia'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 Ethiopia's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. Please allow me to detail what this participation entails.

Ethiopia will have access to our online collaborative community of practice, receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops where possible, and will be placed on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work.

In addition, Ethiopia may be invited to submit a funding request to receive funding for a National Programme in the future if selected through a set of criteria to prioritize funding for new countries approved by the Policy Board.

The UN-REDD Programme traditionally invites countries with the status of an observer, to participate in Policy Board meetings. Ethiopia, as an observer, can attend these meetings but the Programme does not sponsor observers.

Ethiopia will receive an invitation to the upcoming UN-REDD Policy Board meeting in Berlin, Germany and along with my colleagues in the UN Agencies we look forward to discussing our collaboration further

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

Sincerely,



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Head, UN-REDD Programme Secretariat

