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### **SUBMISSION OF THE UGANDA FOREST INVESTMENT PLAN (FIP)**

The Ministry of Water and Environment has finalized preparation of the Uganda Forest Investment Plan document through World Bank support under agreement **No. TFA2648** with Government of Uganda.

The preparatory process involved multi-step engagement with stakeholders within the related Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). Local Governments, Civil Society Organizations, the Private Sector, Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and Local communities were all involved through consultations, special studies and key informant channels. The World Bank supported the process as the lead facilitating Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) working together with the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Overall, the Uganda FIP is designed to promote the sustainable use of forest resources, protection of gazetted forests and creation of incentives for maintaining natural forests on private land and improve forest policy performance. Different from most of previous efforts that have tended to focus solely on the forest sector, the landscape-level investments approach proposed in the FIP will address the full range of underlying drivers of forest loss and degradation in an integrated way for the selected locations. As outlined in the document, the total requirement for the Uganda FIP is US\$234 million.

In accordance with the CIF schedule for approval, the country document is due to be tabled at the next sitting of the respective Sub-Committee of the CIF in June 2017.

The purpose of this letter therefore, is to submit the enclosed Uganda FIP document to enable your preparatory work as a formal submission is made by the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.



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