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SUBMISSION OF THE UGANDA FOREST INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FIP)

The Government of Uganda has finalized preparation of the Uganda Forest Investment Program (FIP) document facilitated by the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) grant support under agreement **No. TFA2648** with the World Bank.

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 who were 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).

The Uganda FIP is targeting three key investment areas, while maximizing synergies with the parallel Strategic Programme for Climate Resilience (SPCR) viz: Climate Resilient Landscapes, Integrated Catchment Management and Nature-Based Tourism in Uganda's Albertine Rift (US\$129 million); Climate Resilient Landscapes, Integrated Catchment Management and Nature-Based Tourism in the Lake Kyoga and Upper Nile Water Management Zone (US\$83 million); and Strengthening Capacity for forestry governance and policy implementation (US\$22 million).

Overall, the key objective is 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 past efforts that have tended to focus solely on the forestry sector, the landscape-level investments approach proposed in the Uganda 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 of which grant funding of US\$136 million is expected as follows: the CIF Forest Investment Programme (US\$30 million); the CIF Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (US\$31 million); and US\$75 million from the Global Climate Funds (GCF), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Other Climate Funds.

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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 in June 2017.

The purpose of this letter therefore, is to formally submit the enclosed Uganda FIP document and to express the Government of Uganda's interest to acquire a grant of US\$ 61 million from the respective CIF portfolios - FIP (US\$30 million) and PPCR (US\$31 million). We believe that, upon approval, this document will enable Government and the CIF to solicit funding (US\$75 million) from other sources as identified in the document mainly from GCF and GEF for the implementation of the Uganda Forest Investment Programme.



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