

Terms of Reference of the first joint mission of the Forest Investment Program (FIP) in Tunisia

20th to 24th of June 2016

Mission Context

The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) are promoting international cooperation on climate change and are supporting the efforts of developing countries to mitigate the rise in greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to climate change. Two trust funds have been created within the CIF: (i) The Clean Technology Fund (CTF), which supports projects and programmes that contribute to the demonstration, deployment and transfer of low carbon emission technologies; (ii) The Strategic Climate Fund (SCF) finances programmes and projects promoting innovative approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation. The SCF consists of three programmes: the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR), the Scaling up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries (SREP) and the Forest Investment Program (FIP). The main purpose of the FIP is to support developing countries' REDD efforts, providing up-front bridge financing for readiness reforms and public and private investments identified through national REDD readiness strategy building efforts, while taking into account opportunities to help them adapt to the impacts of climate change on forests and to contribute to multiple benefits, such as biodiversity conservation, protection of the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, poverty reduction and rural livelihood enhancements. The FIP will finance efforts to address the underlying causes of deforestation and forest degradation and to overcome barriers that have hindered past efforts to do so. Tunisia was selected in May 2015 by the FIP Subcommittee as a FIP country and has received a grant of USD 250,000 to prepare its forest investment plan with the support of the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) in close collaboration with all stakeholders' concerned (United Nations organisations, bilateral partners, private sector, civil society organisations. As the "lead MDB" of the FIP, the World Bank is coordinating the work of various stakeholders.

Tunisia was among the first countries to ratify the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 1993 and the Kyoto Protocol in 2002. Many initiatives have been undertaken by the Tunisian authorities supported by international cooperation and contributed to elaborate a National Strategy on Climate Change (NSCC), which takes into account the new challenges and directions of the post-revolutionary Tunisia. Tunisia has also submitted its intended nationally determined contribution (INDC), which contains the country' mitigation objective of reducing its carbon intensity 41% by 2030 compared to its 2010 carbon intensity level. 13% reduction is an unconditional goal, and an additional 28% can be achieved, conditional on support from international financing, capacity building and technology transfer.

In this context, the World Bank, the African Development Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development organised from 28th to 30th September 2015 a FIP investment plan scoping mission in support of the Tunisian government. The objective of the

mission was to formally initiate the program preparation process with stakeholders and to identify FIP investment plan preparation activities with national officials. This mission had as its main results (i) an agreed understanding of the programme, (ii) confirmation of the institutional anchoring of the FIP to the Directorate general of Forests (DGF) with the support of a national committee and a group of experts, (iii) identification of the main challenges of the forestry sector to be considered in the preparation of the FIP investment plan, (iv) identification of an action plan and (v) the identification of priority activities of the programme following discussions with the government and private sector representatives and civil society. The activities were aiming in particular at the involvement of civil society and private entities, determining the economic value and environmental services of forests and rangelands and promotion of the role of scientific research.

The preparation mission has also identified an agreed action plan for the preparation of the joint mission, which anticipates the following:

- Development of ToRs for consultants to be recruited to support the technical team in preparing the FIP investment plan
- Recruitment of consultants by the WB
- Preparation of a first draft of the FIP investment plan
- Organisation of progress review meetings (VC/AC)

Activities implemented since the scoping mission

To implement the action plan defined during the scoping mission, the following actions were taken:

- Development of ToRs for the joint mission by the MDBs and the FIP focal point
- Publication of the ToRs for the consulting services under World Bank procurement
- Evaluation of the technical and financial bids and selection of the FRM Engineering - EDA Consult – APEX Consortium and contract signature on 17/02/2016
- Realization of first mission of the Consortium from the 7th to the 23rd of March 2016 and the MDBs' first technical mission from the 21st to the 24th of March 2016.

The mission of consortium experts, which took place from 7th to 23rd March 2016, organised exchanges with forest sector actors in Tunisia, including representatives of administrative institutions, private sector, civil society and forest producers and operators; in addition. Field visits were made to the governorates of Sidi Bouzid and Beja in particular to meet local stakeholders (forest districts, GDA – Groupements de Développement Agricoles, micro-enterprises, ODESYPANO - Office de Développement Sylvo Pastoral du Nord-Ouest, etc.) and to better understand realities in the field.

The technical mission also served to discuss the approach for developing the FIP investment plan, to refine the main directions of the investment plan with experts and to agree on an action plan for the production of the expected documents (Appendix 1).

Objectives of the joint mission

By agreement with the Tunisian government, the participating MDBs (World Bank, African Development Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development) will undertake the 1st joint mission for FIP in Tunisia with the following objectives:

- Ensure that the FIP IP follows the FIP guidelines;
- Ensure that the co-benefits benefits are considered as part of the FIP IPFIP IP , such as Poverty, Biodiversity and Adaptation, are articulated;
- Agree with stakeholders on the investment priorities and projects identified;
- Ensure wider consultation with all stakeholders
- Ensure complementarities and synergies of FIP IP FIP IP with other institutions, opportunities and activities contributing to the REDD+ programme;
- Agree on the funds mobilisation strategy to finance the FIP IPFIP IP
- Make recommendations to finalise the FIP's investment strategy and concept notes of projects for submission to the FIP Subcommittee in November 2016.

The joint mission will be conducted under the leadership of the Tunisian Government in the person of Mr. Ameer MOKHTAR, focal point of Tunisia to the FIP and Director of Forests and Rangeland Development, General Directorate Forestry (DGF), Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries. For the MDBs, the mission will be led by M. Taoufiq BENNOUNA, Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist at the World Bank (WB), and will comprise: M. Adnen Bezzaouia (Environment Expert, World Bank) M. Jalel EL FALEH, Irrigation Engineer at the African Development Bank (AfDB), M. Ryan Alexander, Environment Analyst at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Mrs Marianna Wiedenbeck, Associate Civil Society Manager at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

Expected results

The FIP IP FIP IP will be designed to achieve four specific objectives:

- Initiate and facilitate steps towards transformational change in developing countries in relation to forestry policies and practices
- Pilot replicable models to generate understanding and knowledge of the links between investment implementation, forestry policies, long-term emission reduction measures and conservation, sustainable forest management and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries. By committing to apply a priori and a posteriori evaluation of programmes and impact projects, the FIP IP FIP IP will ensure that the results and effectiveness of supported interventions in reducing deforestation and forest degradation can be measured
- Facilitate the mobilization of additional financial resources for REDD+ to enable effective and sustainable reduction of deforestation and forest degradation, thereby enhancing sustainable forest management; and
- Provide valuable experience and feedback in the context of the UNFCCC deliberations on REDD +

In pursuit of the above objectives, the FIP will support and promote, inter alia, investments in the following areas:

- Building of institutional, governance and forestry information capacity, , such as: implementation of forest monitoring systems, information and inventory management, support for legal, financial and institutional development, including enforcement of forestry regulations, mapping and land tenure reform, removal of counterproductive incentives encouraging deforestation and forest degradation, inter-sectoral and landscape planning exercises, transfer of environmentally sound technologies, local communities capacity strengthening and consultation with local civil society organizations;
- Investments in forest mitigation measures, including services such as forest ecosystems: forest conservation, promotion of payments for environmental services and other equitable benefit-sharing arrangements, restoration and sustainable management of degraded forests and landscapes, afforestation and reforestation of deforested land, restructuring of forest industries and promotion of partnerships between community enterprises on the one hand and between civil society and the private sector on the other hand, forest protection measures, improving land management practices, and promoting forest certification and sustainability;
- Investments outside the forestry sector necessary to reduce pressure on forests, such promoting livelihoods and poverty reduction, alternative energy programmes, agricultural investments in the context of streamlining land planning, and agricultural intensification, including agroforestry.

The expected results of the joint mission are:

- Confirm that the direction and development focus of FIP IP in Tunisia are in line with the specific objectives mentioned above;
- Ensure that key stakeholders (national institutions, NGOs and civil society, private sector, local communities, and technical and financial partners) are involved in the preparation process of the FIP IP and are consulted on the directions proposed by the IP
- The proposed investment priorities are consistent and complement on-going projects
- The logical framework of FIP IP is set up
- The funds mobilisation strategy for investment projects is established
- An action plan for the completion and submission of the FIP IP is agreed and implemented

Time frame

Date	Time	Activity	Location
20 - 06	8:30 - 9:30	MDB internal meeting	WB
	10:00 - 12:00	Meeting MDB – Consortium – DGF – FIP Steering Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalisation of the agenda of the mission and its objectives; - Review of FIP IP and R-PP presentations - Discussion of the operation of the FIP Steering Committee 	MARHP
	13:00 – 15:30	Presentation of FIP IP and R-PP and discussions with national institutions: discussion of guidelines, gathering input.	MARHP
21 - 06	8:30 - 9:30	MDB internal meeting	WB
	10:00 – 12:30	Presentation of FIP IP and R-PP and discussions with private sector representatives: Discussion of guidelines and input gathering.	MARHP
	13:30 – 15:30	Presentation of FIP/IP and R-PP and discussions with technical and financial partners: Discussion of guidelines and input gathering.	MARHP
22 - 06	8:30 – 9:30	MDB internal meeting	WB
	10:00 – 12:00	Meeting with civil society representatives	MARHP
	13:00 – 15:30	Meeting FIP focal point – Consortium – MDB to discuss recommendations and suggestions gathered from all stakeholders	MARHP
23 - 06	9:00 – 12:00	Meeting FIP Steering Committee – Consortium – MDB to agree the strategic guidelines for the FIP/IP and validate them	MARHP
	13:00 – 15:30	Finalisation of aide-mémoire	MARHP
24 - 06	8:30 – 9:30	MDB internal meeting	WB
	10:00 – 12:00	Submission of aide-mémoire to the Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries(MARHP)	MARHP
	13:30 – 14:30	Submission of aide-mémoire to MIDCI	

Team membership

The team of the joint mission is made up as follows:

Government:

- Ameer Mokhtar, Director of Forests and Pasture Development, Directorate General of Forests (DGF), Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources and Fisheries. National focal point FIP
- Habib Abid, General Director of Forests, Directorate General of Forests (DGF), Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources and Fisheries.
- Director General of the Investment Financing and Professional Organisations of Investment Financing and Professional Organisations
- Director General of Multilateral Cooperation at the Ministry of Development and International Cooperation
- FIP focal point
- UN-REDD focal point
- Coordinator of the Working Group for the Monitoring and Coordination of Climate Change at the Ministry of Agriculture
- Focal point for climate change
- Focal point, Green Fund
- GEF focal point
- Official responsible for Climate Change at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

World Bank

- Taoufiq Bennouna, Senior Expert in Natural Resource Management
- Mohamed Adnen Bezzaouia, Environment Expert

African Development Bank

- El Faleh Jalel, Department of Agriculture and Agro-Industry (OSAN), Sustainable Environment and Development Division (OSAN 3)

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

- Marianna Wiedenbeck, Associate Civil Society Manager
- Ryan Alexander, Environment analyst

Representatives of the FRM Ingénierie – AED Consult – APEX conseil Consortium

- Samir Amous, Institutional Expert
- Habib Kraiem, Socio-economic Expert
- Baptiste ALGOËT, Forestry Engineer responsible for studies
- Mr Ali NEFZAOUI, Grazing Expert

Appendix 1: Action Plan for FIP/IP

Activities ¹ / Year, months and weeks		2016																														2017									
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1	Start of the consultancy																																								
2	Preparation of the mission																																								
3	Mission in Tunisia : meetings and consultation workshops																																								
4	Kick-off meeting																																								
5	Mission technique (MDBs)																																								
FIP/IP and R-PP																																									
6	Document writing																																								
7	First draft of R-PP and FIP/IP (-> WB)																																								
8	MDB and national team comments																																								
9	Revision (according to MDB and national team comments)																																								
10	Preliminary versions of conceptual notes of investments projects																																								
11	v2 - Revised versions of R-PP and FIP/IP																																								
12	Consultative workshop with key stakeholders																																								
13	1 st MDBs Joint Mission																																								
14	MDBs internal meetings																																								
15	Revision (according to consultative workshop and MDBs internal meetings)																																								
16	v3 - Revised versions of R-PP and FIP/IP																																								
17	National workshop (during MDBs 2 nd joint mission)																																								
18	Revision (according to national workshop)																																								
19	v4 - Revised versions of R-PP and FIP/IP																																								

Deliverables overview:

Version number	Document description	Date of delivery
FIP/IP and R-PP		
v1	Preliminary versions of the FIP/IP and R-PP	29 April 2016
v2	Revised versions, according to MDBs and national team comments, including preliminary versions of the concept notes of investment projects	15 June 2016
v3	Revised versions, according to MDBs internal meetings and workshop with key stakeholders comment, including investment projects concept notes	30 July 2016
v4	Final versions, taking into account comments of the joint mission and national workshop participants, including investment projects concept notes	30 September 2016
v5	Definitive version, taking into account last amendments, including those asked by the FIP Sub-Committee	30 June 2017
WB and AfDB investment project documents under GCF guidelines		
v1	Project concept notes (PCN) of WB and AfDB investment projects	15 May 2016
v2	WB investment project PCN revised according to WB comments	31 May 2016
	AfDB investment project PCN revised according to AfDB comments	15 June 2016
Project document (funding proposal)	WB investment project document funding proposal	30 June 2016
	AfDB investment project document funding proposal	15 September 2016