**Mozambique’s forest plan endorsed by Climate Investment Funds**

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Mozambique and the Climate Investments Funds are today celebrating the endorsement of the country’s investment plan under the CIF’s dedicated fund for forests, the Forest Investment Program (FIP.)

FIP funding of $24 million (USD) will focus on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation while promoting rural development by supporting legal and institutional reform, addressing major drivers of deforestation as well as supporting communities to engage with the private sector.

Over half of Mozambique is comprised of forests and they are a key part of Mozambique’s economic development.

Momade Nemane from the Government of Mozambique said: “Forests are very important because the community uses forests to get all natural resources for their lives and to have income in term of building their lives.”

Senior FIP Coordinator Ian Gray said: “This FIP funding helps Mozambique to put forests at the heart of their low-carbon, sustainable development. It will increase government capacity and strengthen governance in the forest sector.

“Forest communities are often among a country’s poorest and most vulnerable. These projects will help create an enabling environment and improving management of one of Mozambique’s biggest natural resources, its forests, to support them and lift local communities out of poverty.”

**About the Climate Investment Funds and the Forest Investment Program**

The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) is providing 72 developing and middle income countries with urgently needed resources to mitigate and manage the challenges of climate change and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The CIF allocates financing through four funding windows.

The $771 million Forest Investment Program (FIP) supports efforts of developing countries to reduce deforestation and forest degradation and promote sustainable forest management that leads to emissions’ reductions and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (REDD+).

About Ian Gray

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