

Cover Page for Project/Program Approval Request

1. Country/Region:	Burkina Faso	2. CIF Project ID#:	(Trustee will assign ID)
3. Source of Funding:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIP	<input type="checkbox"/> PPCR	<input type="checkbox"/> SREP
4. Project/Program Title:	<i>FIP-Decentralized Forest and Woodland Management Project</i>		
5. Type of CIF Investment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed
6. Funding Request in million USD equivalent:	<i>Grant: \$16.5</i>		<i>Non-Grant:</i>
7. Implementing MDB(s):	<i>IBRD</i>		
8. National Implementing Agency:	Ministère de l'Environnement et Développement Durable (MEDD), Government of Burkina Faso		
9. MDB Focal Point and Project/Program Task Team Leader (TTL):	<i>Headquarters- Focal Point:</i> Gerhard Dieterle		<i>TTL:</i> Hocine Chalal
10. Project/Program Description (including objectives and expected outcomes):			
<p>The Project Development Objective is to promote a sustainable local development path consisting of poverty alleviation, increased resilience to climate change and lower GHG emissions from deforestation and woodland degradation.</p> <p>Key results: Specifically, this project aims to: (i) support country climate change governance, in particular through the design of a national REDD+ strategy that is applied to institutional and legislative frameworks in different sectors and results in concrete investments in targeted zones; (ii) improve land use planning and economic activities around forest and woodland resources; and (iii) establish guidance, best practices and a structure of knowledge management around sustainable natural resource management.</p>			
11. Consistency with Investment Criteria:			

(a) Climate change mitigation potential: This project will focus on avoided emissions through activities that aim at decreasing forest and woodlands degradation and deforestation resulting in 6.87 M tCO₂ of avoided emissions over the lifetime of the interventions. Activities for carbon stock enhancement are also planned, however since it is not known in advance exactly which activities will be financed, because of the “demand-driven” approach, it was deemed more appropriate to “commit” to an avoided/reduced emissions target. Below ground carbon makes up at least 1/3 of the total carbon content of the target areas and the degraded nature of the rangelands and woodlands in Burkina Faso increases the significant GHG emission mitigation potential that these areas hold through rehabilitation. Carbon stock enhancement will be monitored during implementation as relevant activities are financed and integrated into the overall climate change mitigation evaluation of investments. For further details see Annex 1 (results framework & monitoring) and Annex 6.

(b) Demonstration potential at scale: See Annex 6.

(c) Cost-effectiveness: Analysis in Annex 5 of the Project Appraisal Document (PAD) shows the activities likely to be requested by the local populations and their estimated unit cost. The formula presented in section VI-A of the main body of the PAD will be used to assess the extent to which the objectives of the project are reached. This tool will ensure that the investments’ prioritization will maximize both the carbon sequestered and the impact on poverty alleviation per dollar spent.

(d) Implementation potential: Over the past 30 years, the government of Burkina Faso has shown a very strong and long-term commitment to the environment. In particular, it has prepared sectoral strategies for the environment, forests, and climate adaptation and mitigation, and has developed a complete investment plan covering the years from 2008 to 2018. A list of projects and programs that have demonstrated some of the potential for successful REDD+ implementation as well as for this project are described in more detail (R-PP for REDD+, or paragraph 60/Annex 9 for initiatives more directly related to this project).

(e) Integrating sustainable development (co-benefits): The project is designed to align with the national and local plans and priorities, contributing to the social, environmental and development objectives of the country. See Annex 6 and Annex 2 for detailed description.

(f) Safeguards – All investments financed under this project will comply with World Bank safeguards policies and as essentially described in the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and the Process Framework (PF) (separate documents, available on request). (See sections VI E and VI F of the PAD.

Please see Annex 6 of the Project Appraisal Document for further elaboration on how the project addresses FIP objectives and investment criteria.

12. Stakeholder engagement:

A series of consultations will extend the discussion of REDD+ and climate change across the country. The project is expected to indirectly benefit nearly all of the 302 rural communes of Burkina Faso through national level consultations and engagement (component 1.2 and section 2.C of the country's Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP)). Specifically, targeted stakeholders will include regional territorial collectivities managed autonomously by regional councils with elected councilors; administrative entities that house the majority of decentralized public services; local communities, village populations and households, municipal councilors, Village Development Council (*Conseil Villageois de Développement - CVD*) representatives, civil society, service providers and decentralized technical services, as well as private contractors, NGOs, and Ministry staff as described in Burkina Faso's R-PP. During the Project Preparation a Special REDD+/ Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Consultative Platform, will be created as a specialized Commission of the National Advisory Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development (CONEDD) and will serve as the consultative body to oversee the elaboration of the national REDD+ strategy and more generally the implementation of the REDD+ readiness activities. The Consultative Platform will ensure multi-sectoral coordination as reflected in its composition and also ensures the appropriate level of political commitment. As defined in the R-PP, the Consultative Platform will be comprised of representatives from government ministries, development partners, NGO, Indigenous Peoples' and local communities, the private sector and others. (See also PAD section VI E).

13. Gender considerations:

(See section II B of the PAD). Women are an integral part of processing activities such as Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP). Developing gender sensitive activities will allow women to play a significant role and strengthen their ability to earn income. The support and development of processing activities in which women have traditionally been involved can serve as a channel to encourage further participation. This added participation may be boosted through the support for small and medium enterprises (formal or informal). Particular attention to gender specific activities and concerns with relation to rural development and climate change will be specifically addressed in the broad consultations as well as with targeted consultations with decision makers. Investments in target communities will follow a Community and Gender Driven Development approach where investments target activities that support local development (at the village and commune level) and also enhance forest and woodland management and carbon sequestration potential. Further the M&E system will be based on the Results Matrix and will focus on tracking project results and providing gender-disaggregated data whenever possible.

14. Indicators and Targets (consistent with results framework):

Core Indicator	Target
Indicator One: Number of sectoral policies that are influenced to take into account REDD+ and Sustainable NRM management in key sectors (Energy, Sustainable Land Management, Rural Development (PNSR), Mining).	4
Indicator Two: Effectiveness of sustainable natural resource management plans in targeted villages (this will be measured by percent (%) of local villages where FIP investments support activities).	75%
Indicator Three: Reduced emissions from reduced deforestation and forest degradation and relative to the 2012 reference emissions level based on the comprehensive IFN forest carbon inventory.	6.87 million tons of CO ₂
Indicator Four: People in targeted forest and adjacent communities with increased monetary or non-monetary benefits from forests (number) (% of which is female (estimated))	# TBD (50% women)

15. Co-Financing:		
	<i>Amount (in USD million):</i>	<i>Type of contribution:</i>
• Government	2.60	Cash and in kind
• MDB - IDA 16	TBD-Pending funding	Cash
• Bilateral (EU fully blended)	9.23	Cash
• Parallel Financing - Sweden – Coop Lux. - Swiss/FAO - PNGT project (IDA, GEF, Government of B.F., local communes in B.F.) - BioCF	28.00 5.00 93.41 TBD-Still under discussion	Cash and in kind
Co-Financing Total:	138.24	
16. Expected Board/MDB Management approval date:		
On or around January 15, 2014		