

**Civil Society Concerns Regarding
the Forest Investment Program Preparation Grant for Indonesia**

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We are writing to seek information on the US\$250,000 Forest Investment Program Preparation Grant for Investment Strategy approved for Indonesia on December 21, 2010 by the MDB FIP Committee.

We understand, based on the enclosed documents, that the expected outcome of the grant is the development of a robust strategy for forest investments agreed by the Government, FIP Subcommittee and the MDBs in order to enhance carbon storage and sequestration benefits for sustainable livelihoods. As civil society organizations with a strong interest in protecting forests and the rights of forest dwelling communities, we are deeply interested in ensuring a transparent and public process for the development of this strategy. We feel that it will be difficult to ensure sustainable livelihoods in the context of forest investments without the full and robust participation of forest dependent communities and associated civil society networks in the design of the strategy. We would like to share with you a number of questions and concerns.

- 1) We note that the approach proposed is to synthesize existing analytical work by government and non-government actors “in a manner that can be communicated to all stakeholders, especially the prospective economic growth

and poverty reduction opportunities.”¹ We feel that it would also be of paramount importance to assess and communicate to all stakeholders not only the potential benefits and opportunities, but also the potential risks, especially for forest dependent communities and the environment, in order to define a specific methodology and safeguards to ensure that sustainable livelihoods, indeed, are the outcome of the process and that forest communities do not end up bearing substantial risks.

2) We understand that the timeframe specified in the grant application indicated that reference documentation for the investment strategy would be completed by January 2011. If the documentation has been drafted or completed, we respectfully request that it be made publicly available in an easily accessible manner including to potentially affected communities, translated into Indonesian as well as posted on-line. If the documentation has not yet been completed, please inform us as to the time schedule for completion.

3) The grant application specified that an inception workshop would take place in January-February 2011. Can you please inform us of the date of this workshop and the manner in which forest-dwelling communities and civil society groups will be involved in the setting of the agenda of the workshop and the development of a participatory format? Will civil society groups be allowed to self-select their own representatives to the workshop?

4) We note that the proposal calls for the identification of prospective projects and programs for the investment strategy and the preparation of draft concept papers for candidate investments by January 2011. This appears potentially to occur *prior* to consultation with civil society, and prior to field reconnaissance visits and an MDB Joint Mission in February 2011. Please clarify the manner by which public input will be sought and utilized in the development of these documents. Please provide information on the dates of the proposed “field reconnaissance visits” and the MDB Joint Mission as well as a list of those who will be undertaking or accompanying these activities. Please provide information regarding the manner by which civil society may help determine the location of the field visits and how a full transparent consultation process will be ensured.

5) We note that the budget request submitted with the proposal was for \$225,000 but the grant was for \$250,000. Please provide details regarding the rationale and proposed utilization of the additional \$25,000 which appears to be in excess of the requested budget.

6) While the MDB Committee approved the proposal, they requested that the Government of Indonesia elaborate on the following items in its investment strategy:

(a) to clearly articulate the links of proposed activities to other REDD+ efforts, particularly the FCPF and the Indonesia-Norway Cooperation on REDD,

¹Forest Investment Program Summary – Preparation Grant Request for Investment Strategy, approved December 21, 2010

(b) to establish results measurements consistent with the FIP results framework, and

(c) to ensure the link to the proposed Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.

Please provide documentation describing the completion of the above items.

- 7) We note that the ADB will be the administrator of the grant and seek clarification regarding the extent to which ADB environmental and social safeguard requirements, World Bank safeguards and other such safeguards will apply to grant activities.

We look forward to your response.

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