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Mr Mario Boccucci UN-REDD Programme Secretariat

Dear Mr Boccucci,

Request for UN-REDD Global Programme targeted support to strengthen informationand knowledge-sharing between REDD+ and FLEGT VPA processes in Ghana

I am writing in my capacity of National REDD+ Focal Point to request UN-REDD support and funding under the targeted support modality in order to promote information- and knowledge-sharing between REDD+ and FLEGT processes in Ghana. This project will contribute to national efforts to strengthen coordination within the forest sector as well as in relation to other land use sectors. Specific objectives of the project include:

- 1. Raising awareness of relevant stakeholders on common technical areas between REDD+ and FLEGT and encouraging their participation in the coordination between the processes;
- 2. Facilitating regular information- and knowledge-sharing between REDD+ and FLEGT processes and stakeholders, in the context of cross-sectoral coordination.

This request is fully aligned with the UN-REDD Programme's objectives under Activity 2.5.3: Strengthen capacity for coordination between REDD+ and FLEGT in national planning processes of its Global Programme Framework. An overview of the request and its financial needs is presented in the table below.

Project objectives and activities	Budget requested to UN-	Supporting UN agency
v .	REDD (in USD)	8.
Objective 1: Raise awareness of relevant stakeholders on the common technical areas between		
REDD+ and FLEGT and encourage their participation in the coordination between the		
processes		
National workshop on REDD+	24,000 USD	FAO
and FLEGT	u,	χ.
Technical backstopping	5,000 USD	FAO
Objective 2: Facilitate regular information-sharing between REDD+ and FLEGT processes and		
stakeholders, in the context of cross-sectoral coordination		
Seminars on technical issues	7,000 USD	FAO
common to REDD+ & FLEGT		
Bi-monthly information bulletins	4,000 USD	FAO
on REDD+ & FLEGT activities		
Total request to FAO	40,000 USD	

The project will insert itself in national efforts towards REDD+ readiness, for which the FLEGT VPA process provides valuable opportunities for synergies in achieving common objectives such as effective stakeholder participation and robust forest data collection. It is expected that sharing information and knowledge between the processes will be conducive to a greater coordination at activity and policy levels.

A second phase of the project may be considered for 2014, possibly in collaboration with other organizations, in which case another formal request for support would be sent to the UN-REDD Programme in due time.

Yours faithfully,

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