Dear Mr. Gichu,

With reference to your letter received on 18 October 2013, requesting a second targeted support from the UN-REDD Programme, I am pleased to inform you that the requested funding from the Government of Kenya for effective approaches to REDD+ governance has been approved.

The UN-REDD Programme, through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), will financially support the proposal with a total amount of US$ 250,000. It is noted that the planned activities will build on the previous UN-REDD targeted support to Kenya, approved in December 2012 for REDD+ anti-corruption measures, carbon rights, benefit-sharing issues and legal preparedness. This new support will particularly focus on the following results: 1) policy dialogue undertaken with stakeholders; 2) transparency in REDD+ and mitigation of corruption risks enhanced; and 3) national guidelines on stakeholder engagement and FPIC developed and applied. We understand that a due project document will be prepared before the onset of activities.

The UNDP focal point for targeted support, Mr. Tim Clairs (tim.clairs@undp.org), will be pleased to provide any further information on the delivery of the above actions.

It is encouraged that the activities are carried out in coordination with other national initiatives such as those under FCPF’s assistance.

The requested support relates to the UN-REDD’s outcome 2 (“Credible, inclusive national governance systems are developed for REDD+ implementation”) and outcome 4 (“Indigenous Peoples, local communities, civil society organizations and other stakeholders participate effectively in national and international REDD+ decision making, strategy development and implementation”) of the Support to National REDD+ Action Global Programme Framework 2011-2015.
The UN-REDD Programme is looking forward to continued collaboration with Kenya in the country’s preparation for the implementation of its R-PP and other REDD+ efforts.

Sincerely,

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