



**Request for Policy Board Inter-Sessional Decision on Extension to Sign the National Programme
Document for Colombia
18 February 2014**

Recalling decisions 1.16.3 and 1.16.4 taken by the Policy Board at the fourth Policy Board meeting¹:

1.16.3. To encourage rapid progress from preparation to implementation of the National Programmes, the Board decided that the National Programme document should be finalized no later than six months from the dates of approval of funding allocations by the Policy Board. The Board requested the Secretariat to provide all necessary support to ensure that the document is finalized as soon and as cost-effectively as possible.

1.16.4. The Board also decided that if it is not possible to finalize the document within six months, the submitting country is requested to ask the Board for an extension, justifying the reasons for it.

Also recalling, decision 8 taken by the Policy Board at the tenth Policy Board meeting²:

1. The Policy Board approved Colombia's budget allocation request as per the budget presented in the submission form and provided the following recommendations:
 - a. Clarify in the Readiness Preparation Plan (R-PP) document the channels through which the National REDD+ roundtable members could present their proposals to the decision-making bodies from the National Climate Change System.
 - b. Look into the existing coordination structures of IPs to ensure consultation is done through the proper channels and that it covers the diversity of these groups, as Colombia prepares its R-PP implementation plan.
 - c. That attention should be paid to trade-offs of the different strategy options during implementation of the R-PP.
 - d. Consider funding for gender activities in the detailed National Programme document work-plan and budget. (session 5a)

Noting that the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat received a letter dated 20 December 2013, from the Government of Colombia, indicating that they completed the revision of their National Programme document addressing the recommendations of the Policy Board, but the internal review and signature of the document require more time.

Noting also section 1.1 of the UN-REDD Programme Rules of Procedure allowing for decisions of the Policy Board to be made between meetings (referred to as "Inter-Sessional" decision-making).

¹ The decision is recorded in the Report of the fourth Policy Board meeting, available at:
http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=2031&Itemid=53

² The decision is recorded in the Report of the tenth Policy Board meeting, available at:
http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=7039&Itemid=53

Responding to the request sent by the Government of Colombia to extend the submission deadline of its signed National Programme document to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat, originally set for 27 December 2013.

Given the above, the Policy Board members are hereby requested to approve the following:

The Board approves, on a no objection basis, an extension for Colombia to submit its signed full National Programme document by 28 February 2014