

**Request for Policy Board Inter-Sessional Decision on Extension to Sign the National Programme
Document for Nigeria
25 May 2012**

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 also urged 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 11 taken by the Policy Board at the seventh Policy Board meeting²:

11. The Board approved Nigeria's funding allocation for a full National Programme as per the budget in the Submission Form.

Noting that the UN-REDD Programme received a letter dated 11 April 2012 from the Government of Nigeria indicating that they need additional time to have the document signed.

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

Responding to a request by the Government of Nigeria to extend the deadline for submitting their signed National Programme document to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat originally set for 13 May 2012.

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

The Board approves, on a non objection basis, an extension for Nigeria to submit its signed full National Programme document by 31 August 2012.

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 seventh Policy Board meeting, available at:
http://www.unredd.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=1291&Itemid=53