

Naoko Ishii CEO and Chairperson

May 20, 2020

Mr. Ayanleh Daher Aden GEF Coordinator African Development Bank 01 B.P. 1387 Abidjan Cote D'Ivoire

Dear Mr. Aden

I am pleased to inform you that I have endorsed the full-sized project detailed below:

| Decision Sought: | CEO Endorsement of Full-sized Project | |
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| GEFSEC ID: | 9383 | |
| Agency(ies): | AfDB | |
| Focal Area: | Multi Focal Area | |
| Project Type: | Full-Sized Project | |
| Country(ies): | Benin | |
| Name of Project: | Sustainable Forest Management and Conservation Project in Central and South Benin | |
| GEF Project Grant: | \$2,627,226 | |
| Agency Fee: | \$249,587 | |
| Funding Source: | GEF Trust Fund | |

| Break-down of Agency Fee | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--|
| Agency | Trust | 40% Fees committed at | Fees to be committed at | Total (US\$) | |
| | Fund | Council Approval | CEO Endorsement | | |
| AfDB | GET | \$99,835 | \$149,752 | \$249,587 | |

I am endorsing this project based on the understanding that the project is in conformity with the GEF focal areas strategies and in line with GEF policies and procedures.

Sincerely.

Naoko Ishii Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson

Copy to: Country Operational Focal Point, GEF Agencies, Trustee