

## Global Forest Partnership Phase II

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<b>Financial Arrangements for FY09 (Amount in US \$ Million)</b>	
<b>Total Budget:</b>	11.95
<b>Total DGF Funding Request:</b>	3.80
<b>Total DGF Percentage:</b>	31%
<b>Objectives and Expected Outcomes</b>	
<p>The Global Forest Partnership is an action-oriented initiative that aims to promote partnerships among national governments, civil society organizations, development and financing agencies and the private sector in support of sustainable forest management and efforts towards reducing rural poverty. Working with and through its partners, the GFP seeks to create a framework that targets forest sector related development assistance more effectively. This will occur by promoting a better understanding of local needs, sectoral and cross-sectoral developments and national priorities related to Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and by incorporating these concerns to the international discussion on global public goods.</p> <p>Outcomes: (i) improved information and stakeholder awareness of the potential of forests, (ii) reinvigorated nfps and other forest governance processes and plans, (iii) improved coordination, coherence and utility of international initiatives that support – or influence – forests and forest stakeholders, (iv) mobilized and improved local capacities, linked to new sources of learning, (v) extra-sectoral constraints to better forest use tackled through improved decision making (and powers to make decisions) on forest use at sub-national levels, (vi) a financing platform to support developing country needs by linking stakeholders and providing a shared implementation framework.</p>	
<b>Main Components</b>	
<p>GFP (i) promotes the delivery of global public goods using mechanisms that also support local public private partnerships; (ii) develops multi-stakeholder visions and programs for improving the value of forest land; (iii) catalyzes institutional innovations towards more responsive interagency work (e.g. the Collaborative Partnership on Forests or the NFP Facility) to national visions and programs; (iv) develops a menu-based program of support on the basis of country pilots; (v) leverages new forest investments through the above by improving the knowledge and confidence of investors and consequent public and private resource flows to solid investments in forests and forest stewards (e.g., provide region- and country-specific blueprints for how large climate-related investment funds might be applied effectively). The components that will be supported principally through DGF resources relate to (ii), (iii), and (iv) above.</p>	
<b>Performance Indicators</b>	
<p>1) Organizational implementation of the GFP in a phased approach (3 overlapping phases):  0-12 months: GFP development group to convene, agree on initial governance arrangements and plans; initiate 5 country/subregional processes; develop means to inform intergovernmental processes. 6-30 months: 5 country/subregional multi-stakeholder diagnostics and vision exercises, development of menu of pilot activities based on learning, linking in knowledge and finance networks for effective 21st century forestry, assessment of international institutions re local needs. 18-36 months: to develop full GFP operations.</p> <p>(2) Establish integrated, inclusive knowledge management program under GFP to reinforce analytical work addressing new forest management challenges. (3) Develop country-specific investment options to be considered by the governing council of the emerging Forest Invest Fund (FIF).</p> <p>(4) Implementation of activities achieving REDD in selected countries.</p>	

(5) Support the improvement of governance as related to forests (measured through proxy indices).

### Progress and Achievements

Progress will be measured through the achievement of the above performance indicators. It is important to note that this initiative will develop menu-based options in support of sustainable forest management initiatives that would be object of subsequent funding through the currently emerging FIF (one pillar of the WB's strategic Climate Investment Funds). The initiative will also be evaluated based on its outreach to and support of practitioners of social accountability across the region, the development and wide dissemination of knowledge on SFM and GPGs, and the fostering of exchange of cross-regional and global experience. Of crucial importance for this demand driven initiative is country/regional ownership with broad representation by relevant stakeholders. The GFP will operate under an indicative annual work plan that defines priority actions linked to the achievement of targets. This summary WP would be developed on the basis of aggregating the annual work plans of key GFP implementing partners (and their sub-grantees). An independent body will be entrusted to monitor progress and performance based on verifiable indicators.

### Partners

The GFP is envisaged as a multi-stakeholder partnership that links governments, civil society organizations (CSOs), donors, foundations, the private sector, networks such as the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), and intergovernmental bodies, like the UN Forum on Forests and UNFCCC.

**Core partners:** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), International Institute for the Environment and Development (IIED).

**Partners at large:** WWF, TNC, Conservation International, philanthropic foundations, IP organizations, National Governments, private sector, donor agencies (e.g. UK, Holland, Australia and Norway).

### Governance and Management

In this development phase, GFP would (i) set-up a small GFP Coordination Entity (CE), (ii) establish a GFP Multi-donor Trust Fund and associated financing arrangements; (iii) provide grants to two of CPF's member organizations (IUCN and FAO with a sub-grant provision to other GFP collaborators of regional/national representation) plus fund the GFP Development Group. As the work progresses, the option of a formal GFP council/forum for decision-making amongst partners will be pursued. As one of the CE partners, the Bank would have its own internal working group with representation by the Bank's regional departments and a focal point within the Bank's SDN Network. A GFP Development Group (DG) operates independently and at arm's length from the Bank. The DG would be constituted of an initial group of nine who share the broad vision and timescale and who have credibility, e.g., three CPF members, three international civil society/private organizations, plus three local/regional forest protagonists. The DG's principal task would be to further shape and refine the actual GFP, develop a comprehensive and meaningful work program and take all major decisions as to the GFP's strategic orientation. In the first stage, the program would entail intensive in country interaction between local communities, conservation agencies, private companies, financial institutions and national governments. It would entail a 'people' and 'community' driven formulation of forest sector related issues and proposals for follow-up program initiatives that incorporate recommendations for policy reforms that create an enabling environment for 'people participation'. Secondly, parallel interaction would be fostered between forest-product-based private sector companies, local communities and financial institutions to ascertain their perceptions and proposals for increased private sector participation and recommended policy reforms that attract responsible private sector investment. Thirdly, interaction between environmental and policy research institutions and international aid and conservation agencies will be fostered.

### Exit Strategy

FY11 will be the last year of DGF Window Two funding. Bank engagement - as a key GFP partner - is expected to be for the long term, well beyond the DGF Window 2 funding period of three years. This is justified by the fact that GFP's objectives and activities correspond fully to the pillars of the World Bank's Forests Strategy.