

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Dear Mr. Manivong,

**Endorsement of Lao PDR's Investment Plan under the Forest Investment Program (FIP)**

It is my pleasure to inform you that the FIP Sub-Committee reviewed the supplemental document submitted by the Government of Lao PDR and fully endorsed the investment plan of Lao PDR.

The FIP Sub-Committee agreed that in addition to the project, "*Scaling-Up Participatory Sustainable Forest Management*," to be implemented by the World Bank, the Government of Lao PDR may proceed to prepare the following projects to be financed by FIP:

- (i) "*Protecting Forests for Ecosystem Services*", to be implemented by the Asian Development Bank; and
- (ii) "*Smallholder Forestry Project*" to be implemented by the International Finance Corporation.

We would like to warmly congratulate you and your team on reaching this important milestone and look forward to receiving the proposals for the projects and programs identified in the investment plan for Lao PDR for approval of FIP funding by the Sub-Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact the CIF Administrative Unit or the staff from the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank working with you on the investment plan if you have any questions or need further clarification.

Sincerely,



Patricia Bliss-Guest  
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Attachment:

FIP Sub-Committee Approval of Supplemental Document for Lao PDR Investment Plan (E-mail)

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