



HIGHLIGHTS - BOARD MEETING OF 20 JANUARY 2016

INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors held its meeting at the Bank's Headquarters in Abidjan, at the CCIA building, on 20 January 2016. The Meeting was chaired by **Mr Charles BOAMAH**, Acting First Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer. Please find below the key decisions reached during consideration of the agenda items.

CAMEROON: Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (AVC-DP)

Board members noted that the proposed project will contribute to wealth and job creation, particularly for the youths, and food and nutritional security through the improvement of three agricultural value chains (oil palm, plantain, and pineapples). They welcomed the project's alignment to the priorities of the Government and the Bank and its expected impact on revenue and job creation, particularly for youths and women. However, they recommended, among other things, the need for reference baseline for measuring progress indicators, the need to strengthen women's rights to property deeds so as to ensure an improvement in productivity and long term development, and the need to work more closely with the private sector.

At the end of the deliberations, the Board approved the proposed project.

UGANDA: Farm Income Enhancement and Forestry Conservation Programme – Phase 2 (FIEFOC-2)

The Board noted that the proposed programme will contribute to the improvement of agricultural revenue, rural livelihoods, food security and resilience to climate change. Sustainable natural resource management and agribusiness development will also be strengthened through this programme.

At the end of the deliberations, the Board approved the proposed project.