

Green Climate Fund (GCF)

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Subject: Support to Mexico Restoration for Climate Change Adaptation (RIOS) Project

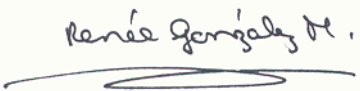
On behalf of the Mexican Fund for the Conservation of Nature (FMCN), as a Direct Access Entity accredited by the Green Climate Fund (GCF), I am pleased to confirm co-financing support for the Restoration for Climate Change Adaptation (RIOS) Project (P131709), which request funding in the amount of US\$ 9,000,000 from the GCF.

RIOS aims to increase the adaptive capacity in watersheds vulnerable to climate change through river restoration and connectivity by: (i) conducting restoration, conservation and improved productive activities, implemented by local organizations in the states of Jalisco and Veracruz, (ii) increasing local monitoring capacities to reduce climate vulnerability, (iii) catalyzing public and private climate-smart investments; and (iv) supporting the development of climate policy in a National River Restoration Strategy.

FMCN will provide co-financing to the RIOS project in the order of US\$1 million over a five-year period. RIOS is expected to begin its implementation in 2021. FMCN is in the process of receiving a US\$ 13,761,448 by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the World Bank as the GEF Implementing Agency. CONECTA aims to improve integrated landscape management (ILM) in selected watersheds considering climate change in the states of Chiapas, Chihuahua, Jalisco and Veracruz with focus on promoting regenerative ranching and sustainable agroforestry practices. GEF and the World Bank have already approved the Child Project, and negotiations for the grant agreement with FMCN as the Recipient are expected take place in the first trimester of 2021. The Project is expected to be effective no later than mid-2021, and will be implemented until mid 2026. The co-finance from CONECTA to RIOS will focus on supporting livestock and agroforestry producers to access credits, the implementation of a learning community and a community water monitoring system.

The combined efforts of RIOS and CONECTA will boost the climatic resilience of the targeted watershed through the improvement of the ecosystem services that they provide.

Sincerely,



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