



**Republic of Serbia
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY AND WATER
MANAGEMENT**

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Belgrade

Mr. Nabil Gangi
FAO Deputy Regional Representative

Subject: Enhancing the resilience of Serbian forests and the carbon storage potential of the country to support and boost the decarbonization process through adaptation and mitigation investments

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), for the support provided in developing the Concept Note referred in the subject and that will see, for the first time, a diverse range of actors partnering with the Republic of Serbia in achieving the climate change targets of the country.

The Government of the Republic of Serbia, represented by the Directorate of Forests of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, hereby communicate its appreciation for the Concept Note and confirms that the objectives of the perspective project align with the national priorities as defined in the Country Work Programme with GCF as well as the Nationally Determined Contribution to Paris Agreement.

Overall, the project will enhance the resilience of Serbian forests and expand the carbon storage potential of the country as precondition to execute the decarbonization process of the country.

We look forward to working closely with FAO as Accredited Entity (AE), to start the full design of the project, including finalising the needed co-financing arrangements with the other identified possible cofinanciers (EBRD, EU, the Autonomus Province of Bolzano and GEF).

Please accept the assurance of our highest appreciation.

**Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management
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