CAFI - Central African Forest Initiative - DRAFT

Launch Event Programme

New York, 29 September 2015

CAFI
is an innovative partnership of donors, partner countries and international partners, namely UNDP, FAO and Worldbank. The objective of the initiative is preserve the value of the Central African forests to mitigate climate change, reduce poverty, and contribute to sustainable development.

WELCOME

6.45 Registration of the participants

7.00 **Welcome Remarks** by UNDP BPPS Director, Mr. Magdy Martinez-Soliman

7.05 **UNDP Administrator,** Ms. Helen Clark

7.15 **Signing of Joint Declaration**

7.20 **United Kingdom**
Minister of State for International Development, Rt Hon Grant Shapps

7.25 **Democratic Republic of Congo**
Minister of Finance, Mr. Yav Mulang

7.30 **FAO**
Director General, Mr. José Graziano Da Silva

7.35 **Norway**
Minister of Environment, Ms. Tine Sundtoft

7.40 **Gabon**
Minister of Economy, Mr. Regis Immongault

7.45 **France**
Minister of State for Development and Francophony, Ms. Annick Girardin

7.50 **Republic of Congo**
Minister of Forest Economy and Sustainable Development, Mr. Hénri Djombo

7.55 **Brazil**
Ministry of External Relations
Ambassador J.A Marcondes

8.00 **European Commission**
Director of International & Climate Strategy, Mr. Artur Runge-Meztger

8.05 **World Bank**
Senior Director, Environment and Natural Resources Global Practice, Ms. Paula Caballero

8.10 **Closure Remarks** by UNDP MPTF Office Executive Coordinator, Ms. Jennifer Topping

8.15 **Cocktails and Discussions with Media**