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## **Request to join the UN-REDD Programme**

Excellency,

I have the honour to express our gratitude to you for submitting the Republic of Zimbabwe's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. I am pleased to inform you that the UN-REDD Programme's Policy Board has agreed to the Republic of Zimbabwe's request to participate in the UN-REDD Programme. Please allow me to detail what this participation entails.

The Republic of Zimbabwe will have access to our online collaborative community of practice ([www.unredd.net](http://www.unredd.net)), be included on the UN-REDD Programme's mailing list for key documents and information emerging from the Programme's body of work and, when possible, will receive sponsorship to attend regional training sessions and workshops.

In addition, in the future, the Republic of Zimbabwe's may be invited to submit a funding request for a National Programme, if selected by the Policy Board in accordance to the UN-REDD Programme set of criteria to prioritize funding for new countries.

The UN-REDD Programme traditionally invites countries to participate in Policy Board meetings with the status of an observer. The Republic of Zimbabwe will receive invitation to the upcoming UN-REDD Policy Board meetings and can attend as an observer but unfortunately the UN-REDD Programme does not sponsor observers' participation.

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We look forward to discussing our collaboration further with the cooperation of my colleagues of the UN Agencies. The UN-REDD Programme welcomes the Republic of Zimbabwe's participation as a further sign of its engagement and commitment to the REDD+ agenda.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mario Bocucci'.

Mario Bocucci  
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UN-REDD Programme Secretariat