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Dear Mario Boccucci,

As part of the Government of Nepal's efforts to transform our forest management and delivering REDD+ the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation has formed a technical committee to review the current accounting system and propose appropriate methodological options to adequately appreciate the value of forests ecosystems. This is also a crucial building block of Nepal's Low Carbon Economic Development Strategy.

Therefore we are requesting support from the UN-REDD Programme/UNEP to conduct a national valuation of forest ecosystem services and develop an Experimental Ecosystems Accounts for Forests in Nepal. This work would be closely coordinated with the Central Bureau of Statistics to ensure institutionalization and inclusion in the existing system of national accounts, as a sector account.

We would further like to field pilot this to test the accounts in practice. The establishment of the accounts would require awareness raising and national workshops to support the process and provide capacity building at the national level on environmental accounting and its benefits.

We kindly request Targeted Support from the UN-REDD Programme to supplement this work and our intention to utilize REDD+ as a catalyst for a wider transformation of the forest sector and to contribute effectively to the implementation of the Low Carbon Economic Development Strategy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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