

PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE EXPERTS'
FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON THE N'DJAMENA
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

BRAINSTORMING REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Yaoundé, 6 September 2019 - The meeting hall of the GIZ's Sustainable Management of Congo Basin Forests Programme hosted a preparatory meeting in view of the experts' follow-up meeting on the N'Djamena International Conference of Ministers of Defense, Security and Protected Areas on the fight against poaching and other cross-border criminal activities.

The meeting was attended by close to fifteen participants, namely: The FAO, GIZ, IUCN, KFW, OCFSA, UNDP, TRAFFIC, RIOFAC, AWF, WCS, WWF and the CBFP Facilitation team.

The purpose of the brainstorming meeting was to prepare the working documents for the Experts' follow-up meeting on the N'Djamena International Conference:

- Concept note and/or agenda and/or proposed speakers and resource persons or participants in deliberations on the Bloc. A note that may provide a status report on already completed and ongoing activities conducted pursuant to the N'Djamena declaration: success story or initiative launched, process underway...
- A pre-filled draft matrix of the logical framework (goals, expected results) of the programme envisaged in each bloc.

The opening session of the meeting was marked by three speeches delivered by the GIZ, the CBFP Facilitation and OCFSA. The statements of OCFSA and the CBFP Co-Facilitator are attached to this document.

The participants discussed activities carried out since the January N'Djamena Conference pursuant to the N'Djamena Declaration:

Bloc 1: WEST Bloc- Leader: GIZ

- **WCS:** Under bloc 1, In addition to directly promoting conservation by for instance recruiting local rangers to beef up the number of rangers, WCS has launched a monographic study of transhumance in the BSB Yamoussa landscape to better assess the dynamics of local herders, transhumant herders and farmers and get an update on transhumance tracks and access to cattle markets.
- **GIZ:** Hosting a consultation workshop on the implementation of pilot initiatives of the Sena Oura Bouba Ndjidda Binational Complex run by the GIZ Regional Project to Support COMIFAC for the benefit of the indigenous and local communities of Central Africa.
- **CBFP Facilitation:** Advocacy through diplomatic channels conducted by the CBFP Facilitation, to secure the signing of specific protocols by Cameroon: protocols specifically related to the BSB/Chad, Cameroon and the CAR.

- **AWF:** Establishing a platform bringing together transhumant associations and traditional leaders from Cameroon and Nigeria to foster peaceful management of transhumance and fight insecurity in bloc 1.
- **AWF:** The two governors of the North (on the Cameroon side) and of the Adamawa and Borno (Nigerian side) have a functional collaboration/cooperation framework. [The same framework exists among the traditional chiefs of the two countries and is operational. Further reading: 11 July 2019.](#)- Further reading: [Lake Chad: meeting of governors of neighboring provinces](#)
- **AWF:** At the political level, consultations are still ongoing in view of a cross-border agreement between Nigeria and Cameroon, with a draft circulating among the parties.
- [Signature d'une convention entre la République du Tchad et Noé en vue d'une délégation de gestion de la Réserve de Faune de Binder-Léré.](#)

Bloc 2: CENTER- Leader WCS

WCS: Under Bloc 2, following the signing of a **Public Private Partnership (PPP)** agreement with the CAR government, WCS has continued to establish project teams while engaging in discussions with the respective stakeholders in the Bamingui landscape to foster biodiversity conservation in and around these protected areas and is also helping to enhance security in the region. WCS has also been working to strengthen coordination with the APN in Zakouma, Chad and Tchinko, CAR in developing a strategy, policies and development programme to support effective conservation efforts in the protected area complexes: the idea is to integrate development, security and conservation.

Bloc 3: EAST-Leader APN

- A first mission was effectively conducted by the South Sudanese authorities to Garamba in May 2019.

TRAFFIC: TRAFFIC activities conducted across the three blocs are attached hereto.

IUCN Activities conducted by IUCN are also attached.

The following are the main takeaways from the meeting:

- Circulate a note from the CBFP Facilitation to bloc leaders and co-leaders to make the deadlines clear.

- In addition to those who have volunteered to serve as co-leaders, AWF, WWF, FAO and the IUCN have signed up to join Bloc 1 (West Bloc) though they are free to bring their input to cross-cutting themes. Similarly, TRAFFIC is expected to make inputs to cross-cutting themes across all the blocs.
- The CBFP Facilitation is requested to include Nigeria among the countries involved in the conference especially with reference to Bloc 1 (West) in which Nigeria plays a key role given its strategical geographical location which favors the fight against poaching. It was noted that Nigeria is now a transit country for wildlife products being transported from Central Africa to West Africa.
- Having gained new knowledge from partners at the meeting who are active in the bloc concerned, the bloc leaders prepared a report on the current status of activities conducted within the blocs since the end of the N'Djamena conference. The drafting of the status report falls within the framework of implementation of the Declaration.
- Updating information on the bloc map. OFAC was requested to update the map in light of emerging information on transhumance corridors/tracks/dynamics, the security situation and to systematically include other relevant actors besides conservation players, such as transhumance actors: UNOCA, CORAF, OCHA, GABAC, CICOS, the PASTOR project (to ensure security of transhumance and herder mobility and bring Humans back to the center of pastoral issues); UN Habitat, OIM, CEBEVIRHA (Economic Commission on Cattle, Meat and Fish resources in CEMAC) European Market Research Center (EMRC), CSAO, IRAM, Crisis Group and other security and defense players in the area, related to the shift of pastoral activity from the Sahel to the north of the Congo Basin.
- The logical framework template proposed by the CBFP Facilitation was well received by the participants. It was requested that it be amended to include a statement in the results column: security is not yet taken into account. There is a crucial need to enlist the help of Interpol, UNIDOC and other resource persons in identifying resource persons who can help to formulate expected results for the security sections of the logical framework template.
- For example, Result 1 of the matrix/table of the logical framework for Bloc 1 (WEST bloc) was duly filled in order to guide the other blocs. The matrix/table is attached hereto.

It was proposed that the next preparatory meeting be planned to hold on the sidelines of the Biodiversity Working Group's (GTBAC COMIFAC) meeting due to take place from **4 to 8 November 2019** in Kigali, Rwanda. If confirmed, the second preparatory meeting will hold on **9 November 2019**. /-

Annexes:

French:

- [Déclaration de Ndjamen](#)a Final.pdf
- [FR Communiqué final Huis clos de la conférence des Ministres de N'Djamena.pdf \(133.4 Ko\)](#)
- [FR-Rapport-Expert.pdf \(112.8 Ko\)](#)
- [PFBC en Une Page.pdf](#)

English

- [Ndjamena Declaration Final.pdf](#)
- [ENG.Final-Communiqué-Ndjamen](#)a conference-English.pdf (78.1 Ko)
- [EN CBFP One Page.pdf](#)
- [ENG-Expert-Report.pdf \(117.0 Ko\)](#)