



**United Nations Climate Change Conference-United Arab Emirates
“COMIFAC Initiatives Pavillon” Blue Zone, B7, Building 87, First Floor, TA4-245.**

CBFP Multi-Stakeholders Dialogue

Friday 8 December 2023, from 2 to 3:30 P.M.

“The Central African Forests, vital global biodiversity and carbon reserves: a major challenge for domestic and international mobilisation”

Multi-stakeholder dialogue of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) between representatives of donor countries, civil society, the private sector, INGOs and multilaterals in dialogue with representatives of Central African countries.

CO-ORGANISERS: Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC), Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), co-facilitators of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP): France-Gabon, the German Agency for International Cooperation or (GIZ), Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI).

CO-PRESIDENTS: His Excellency **Mr Propser Dodiko**, Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Burundi, COMIFAC’s Current President, Her Excellency **Dr. Aurélie Flore Koumba Pambo**, Ambassador-at-Large, in charge of Climate, Environment and Sustainable Development of Gabon, Gabonese Republic CBFP Co-Facilitator and His Excellency **Mr. Christophe Guilhou**, Director of Sustainable Development, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France, French Republic CBFP Co-Facilitator.

DESCRIPTION: The COMIFAC, - ECCAS - CBFP – CAFI multi-stakeholders dialogue aims to speed up the implementation of commitments of the COMIFAC 2021 declaration titled “Declaration of Commitment of COMIFAC Member States for the Forests of Central Africa and the Call for Equitable Financing” and of the COP26 Congo Basin Joint Donor Statement titled “Supporting the protection and sustainable management of the Congo Basin forests”. It will help actors take ownership, in a streamlined format, of the strategic focus of CBFP’s roadmap for 2023-2025 which is to:

- Promote dialogue and scientific cooperation relating to the Congo Basin forests;
- Consolidate spatial and land-use planning and sustainable value chains;
- Accelerate the development of innovative financing mechanisms;
- Continue to highlight the importance of the Congo Basin Forests: Strengthen the Partnership's institutional governance; Assert its role in regional and multilateral forums
- Continue to strengthen dialogue and synergies with CBFP partners, in particular China and the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI)

The session will call for concrete and effective action to protect and sustainably use the forests of the Congo Basin. By highlighting networks and initiatives, the aim is to promote the forests of Central Africa **as a source** of solutions in the fight against climate change.

To this effect, discussions during this event will allow for:

- COMIFAC countries to present their actions in favour of the preservation and sustainable management of Central African forests;
- The presentation of the 2023-2025 operational roadmap
- The presentation of the “Fair Share” reflexions to pay ecosystem services of Central African forests;
- Better coordination and mobilisation of stakeholders.

PARTICIPANTS: Open to all

PROVISIONAL AGENDA	
Schedule (90 min)	COMIFAC, - ECCAS -CBFP- CAFI Event Friday 8 December 2023, from 2 to 3:30 P.M.
2–2:25 P.M	<p>Welcome speech and introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Mr Prosper Dodiko, Minister for the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Burundi, Current COMIFAC President • His Excellency Dr Honoré Tabuna, Commissioner for the Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Rural Development, ECCAS • Message from the indigenous people
2:25– 2:35 P.M.	Presentation of recent scientific works, Dr Richard Atyi , CIFOR Central Africa Hub Director
2:35-2:45 P.M.	Presentation of the CBFP Co-facilitation roadmap and activities of the Republics of France and Gabon, Co-facilitators of the CBFP
2:45-3:25 P.M.	<p>Round table: This session shall bring together ministers and/or senior officials of CBFP donor countries, representatives of the civil society, private sector, INGOs, multilaterals in discussion with ministers and/or senior officials of COMIFAC Central African countries.</p> <p>Short statement of representatives of actor groups and interactive discussions over elements of a mid and long-term vision on how to coordinate and implement the fair, adequate, and equal “Fair Share” financing principle to pay the ecosystem services of Central African forests.</p> <p>Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of the CBFP’s College of Donors: Ms. Maggie Charnley (United Kingdom and Central African Forest Initiative, CAFI); Dr. Heike Henn, BMZ, Director Climate, Energy, Environment • Mr Tom Clement, Executive Director, Forest and Climate Leaders' Partnership: (FCLP) • CBFP Civil society representative: Sa Majesté, Honorable Essola Etoa Louis-Roger, Président du Comité de Pilotage Régional et Secrétaire Exécutif de la CEFDHAC • Representatives of the CBFP’s private sector College: Mr Benoît Jobbé-Duval, General Director, Ms. Jacqueline Lardit-van de Pol, Central Africa Coordinator, International Tropical Timber Technical Association, ATIBT • Representative of the CBFP’s international NGOs College: Mr Joe Walston - Executive Vice-President, Wildlife Conservation Society • Representative of the CBFP’s Multi-Lateral College: Ms. Sheam Satkuru, Executive Director, International Tropical Timber Organization ITTO <p>Moderator: Ambassador Dr. Aurélie Flore Koumba Pambo, Ambassador-at-Large, in charge of Climate, Environment and Sustainable Development of Gabon, Gabonese Republic CBFP Co-Facilitator</p> <p>Ambassador Christophe Guilhou, Director of Sustainable Development, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France and CBFP Co-Facilitator of the Republic of France</p>
3:25-3:30 P.M.	Conclusions of Moderators - 5 mins