

**Congo Basin Forest Partnership
Facilitation of the Federal Republic of Germany (2020-2021)
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DRAFT AGENDA

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Side Event « Transhumance Day »

Monitoring the implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration on the need to shape the framework for transboundary collaboration, and regional transhumance dynamics through greater integration of issues relating to security, fauna and flora management and the increasing degradation of ecosystems due to climate change.

The attached programmatic logical frameworks and budgeted roadmaps are the fruit of the hard work done from **May to September 2020** by the Leaders and Co-Leaders of the Geographical Blocs established to monitor the implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration. The following are the leaders of the geographical blocs: West Bloc (GIZ - BSB Yamoussa), Centre Bloc (WCS), and the East Bloc (APN). The blocs' roadmaps were developed in response to a strong recommendation from the Expert meeting of the countries concerned and charged with monitoring the implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration. The Expert meeting took place in Douala, Cameroon, on 16 and 17 December 2019 with several ministers participating actively in the proceedings.

The N'Djamena Declaration was adopted by the Ministers during the international conference on security, the fight against poaching, regulating transhumance and armed groups circulating between the Sahel and Equatorial Africa that was held in N'Djamena on 25, 26 and 27 January 2019.

This side event aims to:

- Strengthen the platform for coordinating the Geographical Blocs including the countries concerned:
- Report on the current status of implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration, highlighting progress made in the geographical blocs, the state of transboundary agreements on transhumance, the fight against poaching, security, community development and transboundary protected areas in the countries concerned.
- Advocate for the inclusion of the ground breaking findings of the deliberations of the geographical blocs and of the chapter on transhumance in the State of Central African Protected Areas Report.
- Agree on a harmonized approach to regulation, follow-up and management of transhumance.
- Identify the appropriate institutional framework and hypotheses to be considered when monitoring the implementation of countries' investments, notably the Coordination and Regional Leadership component- Who will champion it? What is the officially competent supporting organization given the geographical diversity of interventions? What are the principles for collaboration with non-Central African States - Nigeria, Niger, Sudan, South Sudan or even regional organizations such as ECOWAS, CILS

and IGAD within the framework of this process? What is the role and clearly identified value added for each institutional actor in the sub-region: ECCAS, COMIFAC, OCFSA, Lusaka Task Force, etc. The aim will be to identify political and diplomatic axes for developing a conducive environment for implementation. Facilitation, States involved, Sub-regional institutions:

- ✓ The hypotheses and rationale for implementing the process from the perspective of the Sahelian and non-Sahelian States.
 - ✓ **For Chad, North Cameroon:** Both an economic response targeting the livestock value chain, support for transboundary regulation of transhumants and strengthening of PA and border security, coupled with economic cultural support in transitioning from another economic model, with respect to the Climate.
Chad and Cameroon: Restoring ecosystems around Lake Chad, a long-term program with huge economic and political implications for the President of Chad.
 - ✓ **For non-Sahelian States:**
 - ✓ DRC, Cameroon included, CAR: Small-scale economic response for transhumance, albeit with the potential to grow into large markets for consumer meat coming from Sahelian countries, Border and security management,
 - ✓ Hypothesis for operational efficiency in terms of anti-poaching and security components: On the international cooperation front, currently available tools FED, PIR are ill-suited to the purchase and sale of weapons for anti-poaching activities; With the exception of the stability fund. Need to assess the impact or appropriate mechanisms for the N'Djamena roadmap.
 - ✓ Hypothesis on the overall monitoring of the roadmap at the level of institutions and development partners. What tool will be used? And leadership. Establish overall monitoring task force with its TOR.
 - ✓ Finally, the hypotheses for regulating human rights as a part of this process. Monitoring indicators need to be clearly defined.
- Discuss and adopt the next steps in the development of the countries' investment program which will serve as a basis for preparing the N'Djamena 2 Conference, planned to hold alongside the Donors' Round Table.
 - Fast track the implementation of the roadmaps of the geographical blocs and the political and diplomatic action sheet of the CBFP Facilitator of the Federal Republic of Germany.
 - Hold a meeting of the BSB Yamoussa complex's CTSA in the West Bloc
 - Hold a transboundary meeting on the DRC-CAR and DRC-South Sudan transboundary agreements
 - Promote collaboration between the IGAD and Central African regions.

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Date and time	Theme	Working format
8:30 a.m. - 09 :30 a.m.	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Implementation status of the N'Djamena Declaration - Looking forward to N'Djamena 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bloc (GIZ - BSB Yamoussa), Centre Bloc (WCS), and the East Bloc (APN). • Chapter on Transhumance in the State of Protected Areas 2020 (OFAC) • Central Africa's transhumance protocol (ECCAS) • Experience of Horn of Africa Initiative - Towards an MoU between IGAD and Central Africa (COMIFAC-ECCAS) • Update on the CBFP Facilitation's contribution to monitoring implementation of transhumance- the Facilitator's political and diplomatic action sheet 	Plenary
10: 15 a.m./ 13: 00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping, observatory and regulation of regional transhumance and establishing an interim institutional mandate to enable OFAC to develop indicators based on transboundary agreements as well as other accords between ECCAS and ECOWAS, IGAD or even GT Desertification and COMIFAC on transhumance to ease the flow of feedback and thus prompt urgent political action (OFAC + IGAD) • A socio-economic approach and nature-based solutions to transhumance management: The case of taxes levied on transhumance-related eco-system services (APN – East Bloc) • Ground breaking findings of the West Bloc: (1) BSB Yamoussa study on transhumance (GIZ – BSB Yamoussa, West Bloc)- (2) BSB Yamoussa study on transhumance and the outputs of the dialogue on peaceful transhumance (GIZ - BSB Yamoussa, West Block) ; (3) Communities in the Faro - North Cameroon region, in particular the Lamida of Tchamba in the role of traditional chiefdoms in the accompaniment of transhumance (AWF); (4) Cross-border strategy (Cameroon, CAR, Chad) on the Transhumance Tracking Tool (TTT) (FAO); (4) Results of work on the supervision of local and indigenous communities involved in transhumance. 	Plenary

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground breaking results - progress in programmatic frameworks and strategies for transhumance in the Centre Bloc (WCS, Centre Bloc) • Governance of data on transhumance management (Harmonizing monitoring indicators, independent of financial partners): Some approaches and next steps (OFAC - ECOFAC VI) • Sub-regional institutional monitoring and institutionalized monitoring: Identify the appropriate institutional framework and hypotheses to be considered when monitoring the implementation of countries' investments - Towards N'Djamena 2 	
13: 00 p.m./ 2: 00 p.m.	Lunch	
2: 30 p.m./ 5: 30 p.m.	<p>Parallel sessions of the Geographical Blocs: Group work (three groups)</p> <p>Next steps: Geographic Blocs' Coordination Platform (Co-Leasers + countries concerned):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting on transboundary collaboration between the DRC and CAR and between the DRC and South Sudan (East Bloc) • Meeting on transboundary collaboration between BSB Yamoussa (West Bloc) and TNS (FTNA) <p>Session that may be held online on MS Team or in a mixed in-person and online format, depending on how the Geographical Leaders choose to proceed.</p>	Deliberations in geographical blocs
5:30 p.m./ 6: 30 p.m.	<p>Reporting back on deliberations of Geographical Blocs - Presentation of group work - Conclusions on next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bloc (GIZ) • Centre Bloc (WCS) • East Bloc (APN) <p>Adoption of draft text on transhumance to be incorporated in Draft Joint Declaration of COMIFAC-ECCAS countries</p>	Plenary

Coffee Break at 11.a.m. and at 4.30 p.m.

Organizers:

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Some background information for countries concerned with the implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration

The countries concerned and their partners are involved in the implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration adopted on **25 January 2019** at the close of an international conference of Ministers of Defence, Security and Protected Areas on the fight against poaching and other transboundary criminal activities.

The high-level international conference gathered a dozen ministers of Protected areas, Security, Defence and Livestock, close to fifty senior officials from regional institutions as well as nearly 225 experts, including technical and financial partners. The N'Djamena Declaration focuses on the need to shape regional transhumance dynamics through greater integration of issues relating to security, wildlife management and the growing degradation of ecosystems caused by climate change.

The N'Djamena Declaration incorporates issues relating to peace and security and conservation, natural resource management and development through an innovative intersectoral and transboundary approach. Briefly, it targets five major outcomes broken down into each bloc's programmatic logical framework: ((1) the transnational or transboundary legal framework (agreement); (2) management / governance of protected areas and anti-poaching strategies; (3) sustainable management of transhumance activities and natural resources; (4) communication and intelligence strategies for transboundary protected areas and transhumance; and (5) peace building and security.

On 16 and 17 December 2019, the countries concerned with the N'Djamena Declaration met with close to 150 experts at the Expert Follow-Up Meeting on the N'Djamena Declaration, during which they adopted a programmatic logical framework for the implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration by geographic bloc and requested the Co-leader partners (who had chaired the technical deliberations of the blocs) **to help operationalize the Declaration by developing a budgeted roadmap**. *N.B. There is a need to prepare a budget estimate for sub-regional institutional monitoring, the support unit of the Champion-President and institutional regional action in collaboration with ECCAS-COMIFAC*

The geographical blocs are a transboundary area encompassing a set of transboundary protected areas and/or transboundary entry points (corridor) for transhumance activities. The three blocs include the East-Bloc, the Centre-Bloc and the West-Bloc.

As part of the implementation of the recommendations from the Douala expert meeting, held from **May to September 2020**, the Co-Leaders of the geographical blocs for the implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration adopted a programmatic and budgeted roadmap

for each geographical bloc as well as a political and diplomatic action sheet from the Facilitator of the Federal Republic of Germany aimed at strengthening higher profile advocacy.

The recent implementation roadmaps for the three geographical blocs: West (with GIZ partners serving as Leader), Centre (with WCS partners as Leader) and East (with APN as Leader), are built around the five expected outcomes of outlined in the programmatic logical framework.

The Leaders and Co-Leaders of the geographical blocs proposed the following budget estimate based on each bloc's roadmap derived from the programmatic logical framework adopted by the countries concerned with the N'Djamena Declaration. The proposed activities are tied to the programmatic actions whose outcomes have been listed above. The estimated budget amounts to € 143,265,000 broken down as follows: West Bloc: € 79,565,000; Centre Bloc: € 35,300,000 ; East Bloc : € 28,400,000 However, in the interval between fund-raising for the above-mentioned programmatic roadmap and attempts to organize a second international ministerial conference on the implementation of the N'Djamena (N'Djamena 2) Declaration, the Bloc Leaders and Co-Leaders will work closely with the countries concerned to develop an investment program to be adopted at the N'Djamena 2 conference. Furthermore, there are plans to hold a Donors' Round Table for the implementation of plans, strategies and processes initiated during of the first N'Djamena Conference (within the framework of N'Djamena 2).

In October 2020, the Facilitator of the Federal Republic of Germany, based on the political and diplomatic action sheet of the geographical blocs, kicked off a number of high-level diplomatic efforts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Cameroon with a high-level breakfast offered to the Heads of Mission of the countries concerned in the East and West Blocs. The high-level breakfast served as a briefing session for the Heads of Diplomatic Missions of the countries concerned with the N'Djamena Declaration and based in Kinshasa and Yaoundé respectively. It also provided updates for the East Bloc as part of preparations for high-level meetings on transboundary agreements on transhumance, anti-poaching and transboundary protected areas in the countries concerned.

East Bloc - Update

12 October 2020 - Implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration in the East Bloc gets boost from the CBFP Facilitator of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Honourable Dr Christian Ruck

A step forward towards transboundary agreements between the DRC and South Sudan and between the DRC and CAR on transhumance, the fight against poaching, security and community development for the implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration. Learn more... <https://pfbf-cbfp.org/actualites-partenaires/Bloc-est-PFBC.html>

West Bloc - Update

October 2020 - Implementation of the N'Djamena declaration in the West Bloc gets boost from visit of CBFP Facilitator of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Honourable Dr Christian Ruck... Learn more... <https://pfbf-cbfp.org/actualites-partenaires/PFBC-bloc-Ouest.html>

Please download English and French versions, a few useful documents from the CBFP Facilitation:

FR:

- [Résolution adoptée par l'Assemblée Générale des Nations Unies 54/214 de février 2000 sur les écosystèmes forestiers du Bassin du Congo](#)
- **CBFP Partners Cooperation Framework** : [PFBC-cadre-de-coopération-adopté-Novembre-2016 PDF](#)
- Organigramme - Tous les collèges du PFBC et leurs co-leaders – Tous les membres du PFBC
- **Feuille de route de la Facilitation de la République Fédérale d'Allemagne** [PFBC Feuille de Route 2020 2021 FRA.pdf \(151.2 Ko\)](#)
- **Biographie du Dr Christian Ruck, Facilitateur de la République Fédérale d'Allemagne du PFBC**
- **Déclaration de N'Djamena – Janvier 2019**: Sur la nécessité d'orienter les dynamiques régionales de transhumance par une meilleure prise en compte des enjeux de sécurité, de gestion de la faune et de dégradation croissante des écosystèmes suite aux changements climatiques : [Déclaration de N'Djamena \(PDF\)](#)
- [FR Communiqué final Huis clos de la conférence des Ministres de N'Djamena.pdf \(133.4 Ko\)](#)

ENG.

- [Cooperation Framework of the member partners of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership](#)
- [Organizational chart of all CBFP Colleges and their Co-Leaders and CBFP Members](#):
- Road map of the CBFP German Facilitation 2020-2021: [pdf \(156.1 KiB\)](#)
- [Biography of Dr Christian Ruck, Facilitator of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Congo Basin Forest Partnership](#)
- N'Djamena Declaration – January 2019 - On the need to guide regional transhumance dynamics by giving greater consideration to issues relating to security, management of large fauna and the increasing degradation of ecosystems resulting from climate change: [Ndjamena Declaration.pdf](#)
- [ENG.Final-Communiqué-Ndjamena conference-English.pdf \(78.1 Ko\)](#)

IGAD Experience in Transhumance

The institutional arrangements within IGAD as well through the various IGAD specialized centers with core mandates that match up with what Central African offers. For instance;

- ICPALD - Premier center that advocates for livestock and complimentary resource development, employment creation and has been lead in championing the safe and regulated movement of herders and transhumant livestock across borders. <https://icpald.org/about/background/>
- ICPAC-Climate Center accredited by the World Meteorological Organization that provides climate services to 11 East African countries. <https://www.icpac.net/>
- CEWARN- conflict early warning and early response to prevent violent conflict. <https://www.cewarn.org/>

IGAD has a long-standing MOU with CILSS whereby south to south cooperation has been done more so with the conflict management and on transhumance. In fact, there is a planned virtual The Horn of Africa and Sahel Virtual Knowledge Share Fair: Promoting innovation to build resilience against climate shocks. This is in partnership with CILSS & FAO in October 2020. Hence, IGAD believe it would be a good opportunity to engage and build bridges with the Central African region. - close neighbours

On the matter of transhumance, the protocol was endorsed as well that of free movement of persons by the IGAD member states. This is indeed a success and progress towards realizing the transhumance dream "of safe regulated free movement of livestock and persons. Please see the attached protocol and documentary of the process. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7Z_CKtx5c&feature=youtu.be