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**Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP)
Co-facilitation of the French and Gabonese Republics (2023-2025)**

CBFP Side Event: Meeting between the Sahel and northern Equatorial Africa

The stakes of the survival of protected areas and human lives - Need to shape the framework of cross-border collaboration, regional transhumance dynamics and settlement - Reducing the gap between climate change, migration, conservation, peace, security, and development: The N'Djamena Declaration

6th December 2023, 11h00 – 13h00, COMIFAC – CBFP Pavilion, online and in presence

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Title of Side Event:	CBFP: Meeting between the Sahel and northern Equatorial Africa The stakes of the survival of protected areas and human lives - Need to shape the framework of cross-border collaboration, regional transhumance dynamics and settlement - Reducing the gap between climate change, migration, conservation, peace, security and development: The N'Djamena Declaration
Detailed Description of Event:	<p>The ever-increasing livestock herds encroachment on the forests and biodiversity of the Congo Basin threatens their sustainability. Consequently, a Declaration on cross-border transhumance was promulgated as part of a collaborative initiative through the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) and the Central Africa Forest Commission (COMIFAC) at the International Conference held in N'Djamena, 2019. The Conference brought together the Ministers of Defense, Forests/Protected Areas/Environment and Livestock of eight countries, with 50 senior officials from regional and sub-regional institutions, and 225 experts, including technical and financial cooperation partners.</p> <p>This was followed by a second conference in Yaounde under the High Patronage of His Excellency Mr PAUL BIYA, President of the Republic of Cameroon, Head of State, the High-Level Meeting on the "Second International Conference of Ministers on Cross-border Transhumance" was held in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon, from July 10 to 12, 2023. Nexus: transhumance, protected areas and natural resources, development, peace and security".</p> <p>All the delegations of the countries taking part in the conference approved the results of the work from the conference. The participants lauded the efforts made by each country and the strategic partners, and urged them to continue to support the implementation of the recommendations stemming from the conference. To this end and following on from the previous Belgium and German CBFP Facilitation, this side event of the Cofacilitation of the CBFP endeavour to take stock of what has been done so far and chart the way forward to make a significant contribution to sustainable management with a view to improving and protecting the lives, livelihoods and rights of pastoral populations without prejudice to the environment, peace and</p>

	<p>security, and the social and cultural systems of indigenous and local communities. On the one hand, discussions will continue on the implementation of the country investment plans adopted at the Yaoundé conference in July 2023. Secondly, to discuss ways and means of speeding up negotiations on cross-border agreements.</p>
Thematic focus:	<p>The flow of transhumant herders from the Sahel to the equatorial area is constantly increasing, as well as trafficking of all kinds, insecurity and conflict, resulting in negative socio-economic impacts, threats, pressures and alarming consequences for: wildlife conservation, the preservation of Central Africa's rich biodiversity, the safeguarding of forest ecosystems and the harmonious development of local and indigenous communities. To counter the complexity of pastoralism and its negative effects, intensive cooperation between governments and development partners is needed. Innovations in resource management, the integration of traditional cultures in the transparent management of transhumance and support for local governance mechanisms should be promoted. In the long term, particular support should be given to legal protection, land-use management with awareness-raising on usage rights and effective participation of all user groups, and the maintenance of the rule of law. The state of implementation of the country investment plans adopted during the conference.</p>
Organising Partners:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Dany Pokem, Technical Coordinator, Partenariat pour les Forêts du Bassin du Congo • Barr Bertille Mayen, Transhumance Advisor
Proposed Speakers:	<p>The event is structured into two segments: a technical segment and a political segment.</p> <p>Technical Segment: Technical Panel</p> <p>The technical segment will bring together the leaders of the three geographical blocks monitoring the implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration as well as the coordination of the RIOFAC project. This segment will provide an opportunity to discuss the current state of implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration in the three blocks and the updating of cross-border transhumance monitoring maps. Emphasis will be placed on Country Investment Plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIOFAC Coordinator, Dr. Florence Palla • Transhumance pacifique et inclusive dans la région du Lac Tchad, Project Manager Luca FERRINI • Geographic Block West (GIZ, Leader and Coleaders) • Geographic Block East (African Parks, Leader and Coleaders) • Geographic Block Center (WCS – Leader and Coleaders) <p>Political Panel</p> <p>The political segment will bring together representatives of regional organisations, countries and technical and financial partners. This panel will provide an invited reaction to the technical segment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French CBFP Co-Facilitator, H.E.M. Ambassador Christophe Guilhou • M. Gilles Kleitz, Directeur exécutif Solutions de développement durable (SDD) • Former German Facilitator for the CBFP, Honourable Dr. Christian Ruck • Former Belgian facilitator for the CBFP, H.E.M. State Minister Francois-Xavier de Donnea • Minister of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries (MINEPIA) Cameroon. HE, Dr. Taiga • European Union, DEU – Cameroon, M. Phillip Mayaux • African Development Bank, M. Nguessan M. • Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) H.E. Commissioner Dr Honnore Tabuna • Climate Commission for the Sahel Region (CCRS), Executif Secretary H.E.M. Issifi BOUREIMA • The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Executif Secretary H.E. Workneh Gebeyehu (PhD).

Agenda	Time	Activities
	11h-11h15	High level Key notes speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Opening remarks, H.E.M. Ambassador Christophe Guilhou ➤ Ndjamena Conference Retrospective - H.E.M. State Minister Francois-Xavier de Donnea ➤ Briefing on the outputs of the Yaoundé Conference - Honourable Dr. Christian Ruck
	11h15-12h15	Strategic and technical discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Follow-up to the main conclusion and strategic orientations of the Yaoundé Conference ➤ Political/institutional anchorage of the country Investment plans, Where are we? – ECCAS, H.E. Dr Honnore Tabuna ➤ Regional program approach advocated by the African Development Bank. Explaining the proposal to reform cross-border transhumance in Africa? What is needed in term of actions? M. Nguessan M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The college of donors announced a 225 million euros financial support fort he implementation of the CIP. Eligibility criteria? Coordination of donor support? role of governments? M. Phillip Mayaux • The presidency of the Bureau of the 2nd Yaoundé Conference, H.E. Minister Dr Taiga ➤ Regional Institutional collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Commission for the Sahel Region (CCRS), H.E.M. Issifi BOUREIMA • The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) H.E. Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu
	12h15-12h50	Monitoring the implementation of the Ndjamena Declaration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Country support for the mplementing of the eight country invesment plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observatories - role in supporting countries – Dr Florence Palla • Geographic Block West (GIZ, Leader and Coleaders) • Geographic Block East (African Parks, Leader and Coleaders) • Geographic Block Center (WCS – Leader and Coleaders) ➤ Partner initiatives in the countries of the Ndjamena Declaration, M. Lucas Ferini
	12h50-13h00	Recommendations and conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Next steps - Road Map, Barr Bertille Mayen ➤ Closing address, H.E.M. Ambassador Christophe Guilhou
Room capacity:	50-100 persons	
Preferred date-time:	Date: 6/12/2023 Time: 11h-13h	
Virtual / In person:	Online / In-person panelists	