Join a workshop with members of the CBFP Scientific and Academic College

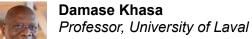**12:30** **Scientific & Academic College (SAC) of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP)**
Opening of the workshop programme on behalf of the Franco-Gabonese Co-facilitation of CBFP; introduction to the mission and road map of different activities of the Scientific and Academic College of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership
Speakers

Emmanuelle Matras-Swynghedauw
Deputy Ambassador for the Environment, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France

A lawyer by training, Emmanuelle Matras-Swynghedauw joined the Ambassador for the Environment's team in 2024. For over fifteen years, she has been working in environmental diplomacy for the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and the Ministry for Ecological Transition.

Damase Khasa
Professor, University of Laval

Damase Khasa is a Full Professor at Université Laval, Quebec, Canada. His research interests include agroforestry, biological invasions, integrative ecology of plant symbioses, molecular ecology and environmental genomics, land reclamation and ecological engineering, tropical silviculture, transformative education and international development. His scientific production as measured by Google metrics is (Citations: 5 159 , indice h : 40, indice i10: 108). Over the last 20 years, he has supervised or co-supervised over 200 HQP at all levels (undergraduate, M.Sc., PhD, postdocs). He has earned several awards including the International Forestry Achievement award from the Canadian Institute of Forestry in recognition of unique and outstanding contributions or achievements in international forestry (2011), and more recently the Grand diplômé award (2024) from Université Laval for his outstanding contribution to agroforestry and international forestry worldwide.

15:30 **Strong science for strong action: investments in local institutions for sustainable development of the Congo Basin**
Hear about the Congo Basin Science Initiative, a framework for driving the investments needed to gain an integrated understanding of Congo Basin ecosystems and the many services they provide, and foster the expertise needed to support urgent policy and decision-making.
Speakers

Lucie Temgoua
Associate Professor, University of Dschang

Lucie Temgoua is an associate Professor at the Faculty of Agronomy and Agricultural Sciences, University of Dschang in Cameroon. She is permanent secretary of the Center for Studies and Research in Agronomy and Biodiversity. Trained in forestry, her research focuses on forest and agroforestry ecosystems, particularly the analysis of the dynamics of biodiversity and ecosystem services in forest landscapes utilized by people. Her research also focuses on climate change and the contribution of agroforestry systems to both climate mitigation and adaptation for family farmers.

Tuesday 25th June

10:30 **Presentation of the One Forest Vision Initiative (OFVi)**
Find out more about our objective and our methods of scientific cooperation and capacity building to protect tropical forests and wetlands
Speakers

Camille Lacroux
Deputy Coordinator, One Forest Vision Initiative

Camille Lacroux joined the One Forest Vision initiative at the end of 2023 as deputy coordinator. She trained as an agricultural engineer, then took a double degree in evolutionary ecology. Her thesis focused on the behavior of wild chimpanzees in Uganda, in particular the tree species they use to make their nests.

12:30 **CIFOR-ICRAF in Central Africa**
Learn about the CIFOR-ICRAF presence in Central Africa; the RESSAC Programme and its achievements to date; the State of the Forests of the Congo Basin: Thematic edition 2024
Speakers

Richard Eba'a Atyi
Senior Scientist & Hub Leader, CIFOR-ICRAF

Richard Eba'a Atyi has more than 25 years of experience working in forestry, especially in tropical forest management planning, forest economics, forest certification and forestry institutions. He has a Masters of Science in Forestry from Oregon State University, USA, and a PhD in forest resources management and economics from Wageningen University, Netherlands. Prior to joining CIFOR as Regional Coordinator for the Central Africa Region Office, Richard Eba'a Atyi worked as a Lecturer at the University of Dschang, Cameroon, and then as a manager of an African regional project for the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and for the European Commission-funded project, African Forests, on the development of an Observatory for the Forests of Central Africa. He also conducted a number of consultant assignments with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, ITTO, the Congo Basin Forest Fund, the Forest Stewardship Council, the former German Agency for International Cooperation, and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation.

Richard Sufo
Lecturer and Research at Le Mans University

Richard Sufo has a PhD in Geography. He is currently working on climate change, notably on deforestation issues, adaptation and mitigation. He is a scientist at CIFOR-ICRAF, alumni of Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Associate at OVGU, Member of ESO Lab at the University of Maine in France. His main areas of expertise is in using remote sensing to understand how tropical forests are changing. He is also analysing forest policy and how it relates to deforestation.

15:00 **Conservation challenges and opportunities of UNESCO-designated sites (World Heritage and Biosphere Reserves) in Central Africa**
Learn more about ERAIFT interventions in Central Africa and the UNESCO-designated sites (World Heritage and Biosphere Reserves) and their state of conservation in the region.
Speakers

Mr Heim Myline Dode Houhounha
PhD Candidate, Regional Post-Graduate Training School on Integrated Management of Tropical Forests and Lands (ERAIFT) and University of Liège

Dode Houehounha has an engineering degree in forestry, a master's degree in protected area management, and an MBA in conservation. With over 12 years of experience in conservation in Africa, he is currently working on his PhD under joint supervision at ERAIFT and the University of Liege (ULiege). His research focuses on the governance of protected areas affected by armed conflict in Africa.

15:30 **Central African Forests Research Network (R2FAC) for balanced collaboration between forest research institutions working in Central Africa**
At the end of this session, participants will have a better understanding of R2FAC activities in central Africa.
Speaker

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Thursday 27th June

10:30 **Presentation of the scientific part of the project "Reforestation in the forest management units of Cameroon (UFA – Reforest)"**
At the end of the session, participants will learn about the scientific objectives of the UFA-Reforest project, which aims to gain a better understanding of the factors that favour the performance of native planted trees.
Speakers

Mr Crispin Ilunga-Mulala Mushagalusa
PhD Candidate, University of Liège

Crispin Ilunga-Mulala Mushagalusa is a PhD student in the Forest Is Life unit at Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech, University of Liège, Belgium. He combines basic and applied research to better understand the performance of trees in plantations for sustainable forest management. He is currently modelling the growth of native tree species in plantations in African tropical forests, particularly in logging gaps, degraded areas and log yards. His research also focuses on carbon sequestration in plantations for climate change mitigation and adaptation. He also uses genetic aspects to understand tree growth. He works with local communities, logging companies and NGOs to translate the practical recommendations from research findings into concrete action.

12:30 **RIFFEAC: actions for harmonising training and capacity-building programmes in Central Africa**
At the end of this session, participants will have a better understanding of RIFFEAC and the actions undertaken in Central Africa to build capacity and harmonise forestry training programmes
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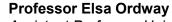Lucie Temgoua is an associate Professor at the Faculty of Agronomy and Agricultural Sciences, University of Dschang in Cameroon. She is permanent secretary of the Center for Studies and Research in Agronomy and Biodiversity. Trained in forestry, her research focuses on forest and agroforestry ecosystems, particularly the analysis of the dynamics of biodiversity and ecosystem services in forest landscapes utilized by people. Her research also focuses on climate change and the contribution of agroforestry systems to both climate mitigation and adaptation for family farmers.

12:30 **Leveraging remote sensing to understand tropical ecosystems in a changing world**
Learn about current and forthcoming cutting-edge remote sensing capabilities for monitoring and understanding the Congo Basin, and hear about PANGEA, a NASA-funded, a scoping study for a NASA tropical forest terrestrial ecology campaign
Speakers

Professor Elsa Ordway
Assistant Professor, University of California, Los Angeles

Elsa Ordway is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She is also Co-Director of the Congo Basin Institute and UCLA Center for Tropical Resarch. Her research group examines terrestrial social-ecological systems in the context of two globally pressing challenges: climate change and increasing demands for land to accommodate food, fuel, and fiber production for an estimated ten billion people by 2050. Combining remote sensing, field observations, models, and socioeconomic analyses, she integrates theory and methods from ecology, earth science, economics, and land system science to gain new insight into pattern and process across scales in forest ecosystems in the context of global environmental change.

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