



NOTIFICATION

Transformational Change: Best Practices for Gender-responsive Biodiversity Policy and Action

Call for contributions

In support of the development and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the associated gender plan of action, the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC) wishes to strengthen the level of awareness, understanding and capacity of Parties and stakeholders in the region on addressing gender and biodiversity issues.

The existing training materials on Gender and Biodiversity produced by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, provide a valuable basis for the development of a set of regional training materials for the COMIFAC region, notably the countries of Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Central African Republic (CAR), Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Rwanda, and Sao Tome & Principe.

In line with strengthening the evidence base for stronger Central African action on gender equality in the new global biodiversity framework and implementation of the gender plan of action, these training materials, which are intended to form a comprehensive and regionally balanced guide, will highlight best practices on biodiversity and gender, including simple actions as well as innovative, transformative actions that demonstrate action at scale. To the extent possible, examples should be based on existing positive examples in COMIFAC countries from 2015 to the present. Best practice criteria include those that demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Impacts on biodiversity as well as on gender equality and women's empowerment;
- Financing by new/non-standard partners (private sector, public-private partnerships, Green Climate Fund, etc.);
- Innovative approaches, including the application of traditional and new technologies;
- Initiatives undertaken at large and smaller scales (at community level and beyond);

- Initiatives intended to transform gender relations, addressing biodiversity concerns;
- Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals; and
- Synergies with gender-related actions under the Rio Conventions.

In this regard, COMIFAC would like to invite Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, international and civil society organisations and other groups to submit information, including case studies, on recent or ongoing initiatives that meet the above criteria in relation to biodiversity and gender, for consideration in the development of the training materials on the basis of these good practices.

Submissions can be in the form of a short summary (one to five pages) and can include previously prepared or published case studies. Information on initiatives operating at international, regional, national, sub-national or local level are all welcome. Photos of projects, as well as links to websites and videos can also be submitted. Please send your submission by e-mail to comifac@comifac.org by 20 december 2021.