



Press Release

Handover ceremony for the outgoing CBFP Facilitation of the Federal Republic of Germany and the incoming France- Gabon CBFP Co-Facilitation

Welcome to Mr Christophe Guilhou and Mr Ghislain Moussavou, new Co-Facilitators of the CBFP

Mr Christophe Guilhou, Director of Sustainable Development, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France, and **Mr Ghislain Moussavou**, Director General of Forests, Ministry of Water, Forests, the Sea and the Environment, in charge of the Climate Plan and the Land Use Plan, Gabon, were officially **installed** as CBFP Facilitators on **12 July 2023** during a ceremony to hand over the CBFP Facilitation from **Germany to Gabon and France**, presided over by **Prof. Sanctus Niragira**, Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Burundi, and current Chairman of COMIFAC.

The ceremony was attended by the Chairman of the Bureau of the Second International Conference of Ministers on Transborder Transhumance, **Dr Taïga**, Cameroon's Minister of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries. It was also attended by **Mr Jochen Flasbarth**, Secretary of State, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, BMZ, Germany and **several Ministers** from seven countries and **heads of sub-regional organisations** participating in this conference, held from 10 to 12 July 2023 in Yaounde. Heads of diplomatic missions, technical and financial partners, representatives of the private sector, civil society, scientists and academics, and international and multilateral organisations also attended this ceremony.

This ceremony follows the official announcement by **Chrysoula Zacharopoulou**, Secretary of State for Development, International Partnerships and the Francophonie, at the 19th Meeting of the CBFP Parties in July 2022, that France and Gabon would take over the CBFP Facilitation from Germany.

The portraits of the two successors to **the Honourable Dr Christian Ruck**, outgoing CBFP Facilitator of the Federal Republic of Germany, are available below:

[Christophe Guilhou, CBFP Facilitator, Director of Sustainable Development, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France](#)

[Ghislain Moussavou, CBFP Facilitator, Director General of Forests, Ministry of Water, Forests, the Sea and the Environment in charge of the Climate Plan and the Land Use Plan, Gabon](#)

[Detailed agenda of the Handover Ceremony](#) between the outgoing CBFP Facilitation of the Federal Republic of Germany and the incoming Co-Facilitation of the French and Gabonese Republics of the CBFP