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## Side Event

### „Future of transboundary pastoralism“

6<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at 16:00 – 17:30 pm

19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP)

“Tente 2” at Radisson Hotel, Libreville, Gabon

## Main take-aways and recommendations

The side event enabled the exchange on different perspectives of (transboundary) pastoralism and its various challenges. It triggered the understanding of the need to manage (transboundary) pastoralism in a conflict sensitive, inclusive manner based on lessons learned.

- Dr. Iven Schad, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), welcomed about 50 participants (in person and virtually) and gave an introduction underlining his appreciation to discuss on the issue of transboundary pastoralism within this fora providing food for thought for the upcoming new regional Project “Peaceful and Inclusive Pastoralism”. The originally near to nature land use system of mobile pastoralism with a long history in the Sahel region is increasingly under pressure due to major disruptions such as increasing livestock, climate change, decreasing natural resources etc. More and more, pastoralism becomes an issue in the Congo Basin Forest countries since movements go further down towards the South. The sustainability of land use is endangered and leads to threats for the livelihood of mobile pastoralists and farmers. It also impacts on remaining biodiversity hot spots and to the social cohesion in an overall worsening security situation. The German Development Cooperation has an extensive portfolio in the green sector as well as on peace and conflict and strengthening good governance in the four countries of Chad, Niger, Cameroon, and Nigeria.
- Dr. Pabame Sougnabé, Independent Consultant & ex-Coordinator of La Plateforme Pastorale du Tchad and Mohammed Bello Tukur, Secretary General, Confederation of Traditional Stock Breeders Organizations in Africa – CORET based in Nigeria set the scene: (Cross-national) Pastoralism is vital for the rural economy and food security with long-established routes which are partly not accessible anymore. They stressed the importance of cross-sectoral dialogue platforms and a view at the issue of pastoralism from different angles incorporating lessons learned for conflict sensitive management of transboundary pastoralism related to different types of conflict in regard to pastoralism.
- Hissein Hadji Tchere, Chargé de programmes, environnement et développement local, Délégation de l’Union européenne en République du Tchad, presented the ongoing and upcoming projects by the European Union related to transhumance. Stefan Essel, GIZ Africa Department at Head office, presented the current planning status for the new regional project “Peaceful and Inclusive Pastoralism” by German Development Cooperation covering four countries of Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad. Project focus is foreseen along a main route of transhumant pastoralism between Chad, Cameroon and Nigeria. Niger is important with a view to upscale “lessons learned”.

Some **key messages and recommendations** could be summarized below for the upcoming N'Djamena Conference on pastoralism at the end of the German facilitation role of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) for how to better manage (transboundary) pastoralism:

- Policy decisions and legislative measures aim to regulate pastoralism and **require coordination** between the different regulations. It is essential to include evidence-based facts and to be **conflict sensitive** by bringing the relevant actors together. The knowledge about regulations (regional, national, sub-national) and **Follow-up on implementation** require attention.
- Existing **best practice examples** should be used and scaled up.
- Necessity of **inclusion of (agro)pastoralist interest groups and marginalised groups** in policy development and management of pastoralism at regional, (sub)national and local level

#### Annexes:

- 1) Program of the side event
- 2) Presentation of Dr. Pabame Sougnabé, Consultant
- 3) Presentation of Mohammed Bello Tukur, CORET
- 4) Presentation of Hissein Hadji Tchere, EU Delegation in the Rep. of Chad
- 5) Presentation of Stefan Essel, GIZ Head office



Source: Stefan Essel, GIZ