



Congo Basin Forest Partnership - Facilitation of the Federal Republic of Germany (2020-2023)
UNCBD COP 15 Summit
Joint COMIFAC Pavilion, joint with ECCAS / CBFP / GIZ, Hall 220a, Nr 109
Oral Presentations - Dialogue
Tuesday, December 13, 2022
15:00-16:30

Transhumance at COP 15: Nexus - Protected Areas, Biodiversity and Transhumance

Meeting between the Sahel and northern Equatorial Africa – The role of protected areas, wildlife management and development in the context of transhumance - The N'Djamena Declaration which integrates transhumance, natural resource conservation and management as well as security and development issues through an innovative intersectoral and cross-border approach.

CBFP partners in dialogue

CO-CONVENORS: Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) and Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC)

OUTLINE: This discussion will follow up on the “N'Djamena Declaration” 2019 with a focus on Nexus - protected Areas, biodiversity and transhumance in Central Africa.

In advocating for an integrated approach to biodiversity conservation, security, resource management, peace and development in a context of transhumance and pastoralism associated with neo-pastoralism, high international demand for wildlife products and insecurity as well as climate change and the food crisis huge herds of cattle being driven into the protected areas of the northern fringes of the Congo Basin rainforest. Panellists at this event will address key issues on biodiversity conservation and protected areas in Central Africa in relation to international funding issues in order to obtain a deal, including:

1. What framework conditions need to be created so that transhumant livestock no longer enter protected areas?
2. How can a necessary holistic approach, including neo-pastoralism, be realized for protected areas?
3. How to organize peace and security in and around protected areas?
4. What measures can be taken to compensate for ecological damage and the consequences of transhumance in protected areas?
5. What contribution can protected areas make to improved regional management of transhumance?

The event will be an opportunity also for N'Djamena Declaration Geographic's Bloc Leaders to present their efforts in the implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration. The N'Djamena Declaration was created on the need to guide regional transhumance dynamics by giving greater consideration to issues relating to security, management of large fauna and the increasing degradation of ecosystems resulting from climate change.

PANELISTS: GIZ, APN, AWF, WCS

PROGRAM:

- (1) **Welcome and introductory presentations - 25 min:** This section consists of the welcome and introductory speeches: the nexus protected areas, biodiversity and transhumance: Its importance, challenges, opportunities and prospects by: CBFP Facilitator and COMIFAC.
- (2) **High-Level panel – 55 min:** This second part will bring together a panel of experts including the following organizations who would contribute and discuss key themes and issues. This, through innovative results, knowledge sharing, exchange of experiences and good practices, case studies, etc...
- (3) **Conclusions and closing remarks of the co-chairs – 10 min**