



FAIR DEAL

FAIR DEAL - “Fair and Fair share agreement”

“Commitment Declaration of COMIFAC Member States for Central African forests and a call for fair share funding”

The development process of the Congo Basin/Central Africa “Fair Deal” “Fair and Fair share Agreement.”

An agreement between the international community and Central African countries for the preservation of Congo Basin forests – Fair Deal process!

History

1. Following successful efforts of previous CBFP Facilitations namely; [The 2008 Tunis Declaration](#) with the implementation of the [Congo Basin Forest Fund](#) ; In the [2011 Joint Declaration of Intent on REDD+ in Durban](#) and in 2015, the [CAFI Joint Declaration](#) (Sept. 2015) with the implementation of the CAFI [Central African Forest Initiative \(CAFI\)](#)
2. During the 2nd CBFP German facilitation (2020-2023) **under the leadership of Honourable Dr. Christian Ruck 15 months** of negotiations within the colleges via [technical questionnaire](#), thematic workshops, ministerial sessions, CBFP statutory meetings and studies, leading to four results, amongst which: **(1)** a “[“Commitment Declaration of COMIFAC Member States for Central African forests and a call for fair share funding”](#)” named the **“Fair Deal” of August 2021 , presented in Berlin in September 2021 in presence of all the COMIFAC ministers during the Congo Basin Forest Day on the fringes of the Tropical Forest Symposium, chaired by the German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (H.E. Mr. Rasmussen). Dr. Gerd Müller** and the President of the COMIFAC Council of Ministers (**H.E.M. Jules Doret Ndongo**)¹ **(2)** [Aide-memoire - Berlin Memorandum “ on Congo Basin Forest Day”](#)” signed between the Federal Minister BMZ and the current president of COMIFAC and which makes the CBFP Facilitator a Goodwill Ambassador for the ‘Fair Deal’ ² **(3)** an announcement by Germany of 125 million Euros in funding for the Congo Basin forests and **(4)** the publication of a series of studies commissioned by the German CBFP Facilitation³.
3. The first major result of the “Fair Deal” is the joint donors **COP26 Glasgow Declaration** for the protection and sustainable management of **Congo Basin forests called the Congo Basin Pledge 1.0 (CBP 1.0) or Fair Deal 1.0, commitment 1.5 billion US dollars.** It is

¹ [Read more... German Development Minister Müller calls for ‘Fair Deal’ for forest protection](#) or [UNDP - Germany commits an additional €125 million to the CAFI fund.](#)

² A video on the Berlin event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LITcM8ofauw> and Testimonies of Co-Presidents of CBFP colleges on the Fair Deal Declaration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9YihzCURzY>

³ [CBFP Study Package - Publications available for download](#)

a funding commitment of twelve donors who have jointly endorsed a promise for the Congo Basin between 2021 and 2024 henceforth called [Congo Basin Pledge 1.0/](#) . The 2021, 2022, and 2023 reports of the Congo Basin Pledge 1.0 are available on CBFP’s website ⁴. In line with this Declaration, a number of countries and philanthropic organisations have particularly committed to gather USD 1.7 billion for indigenous people and local communities for the protection of tropical forest: [Declaration IPLC/](#). The Congo Basin Pledge 1.0 is part of the Glasgow Global Forest Finance Pledge coordinated by the FCLP: USD 12 billion. The 2022 Global Forest Finance Pledge report is available on the FCLP website ⁵.

4. The launch in Glasgow of the organisation of High-Level Political Dialogues, HLPD (ministerial) between the college of donors and the CBFP regional college (COMIFAC countries). The HLPD was co-chaired by the United Kingdom Minister of Environment (COP26 president) and the President of the COMIFAC council of ministers (Cameroonian Minister of Forestry) and organised by the CBFP’s German Facilitator. The second and third HLPD took place respectively at the MoP19 and at Charm el Cheik, at the COP27 climate summit. Nonetheless, the HLPD was co-chaired at the COP27 climate summit by the Federal Minister BMZ, Germany and COMIFAC president while the second HLPD followed the same chairing protocol as the first.
5. **Bezos Earth Fund and South Korea join the CBFP College of Donors - Political decision between the Environment Minister of the United Kingdom and Germany for the integration of the Glasgow Congo Basin Donors Group into the CBFP College of Donors.**
6. COP27 climate summit - implementation of the Task Force “Fair Deal”: COP 27 in Sharm el Sheikh following a decision by MoP19 of the CBFP in July 2022 ⁶ under the chairmanship of the Environment Ministers of the United Kingdom and Gabon, the Secretary of State of the BMZ and pre-identified members of the Task Force, including France. The Task Force Deal held several meetings which led to a report whose summary was presented during the 11th meeting of the CBFP Governing Council in Yaoundé, on July 12, 2023: [Summary of the deliberations of the Task Force Fair Deal](#).
7. COP 15 CBD Montreal December 2022: **The Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF)** was created in response to decisions taken at the COP15 Convention on Biological Diversity.
8. **COP 27 climate December 2023:** Official launching of the “Forest & Climate Leaders’ Partnership” – FCLP based on Glasgow Declaration.⁷.
9. COP27 climate summit: [Launching of the Loss and Damage Funds](#)

⁴ CBP 1.0 reports are available: <https://pfbc-cbfp.org/engagement-Bassin-du-Congo.html>

⁵ <https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20230106145241/https://ukcop26.org/the-global-forest-finance-pledge/> and the 2022 Global Forest Finance Pledge report is available: https://forestclimateleaders.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/CCS0523480542-001_PN7164575_The-Global-Forest-Finance-Pledge-2022_Web-Accessible.pdf

⁶ <https://archive2020-24.pfbc-cbfp.org/actualites-rdp/messages-recommandations.html>

⁷ « COP26 Glasgow Leaders Declaration on Forests and Land Use » and <https://forestclimateleaders.org/>



10. March 2023- The Fair Deal describes the “**Libreville Plan**” of the “**One Forest Summit**” as: “**A fair agreement** between forest countries and the international community to reconcile environmental ambition and economic development” in the “**Fair Deal**” **spirit and enable cohesion between products of the Libreville summit and of the CBFP**⁸.
11. June 2023: “**Summit for a New Global Financing Pact**” - The “Paris Agenda for People and the Planet”: Posted on 23 June 2023 “Country ownership of transition strategies: facing different needs, countries may need to pursue diverse transition paths while coming together to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. We are accelerating Just Energy Transition Partnerships and Country Packages for Forest, Climate and Nature.- Country Package for Forests, Nature and Climate”⁹

⁸ : https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/Plan_de_Libreville.pdf

⁹ <https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2023/06/23/the-paris-agenda-for-people-and-the-planet> and the Roadmap: <https://www.elysee.fr/admin/upload/default/0001/15/28685fb4160a73892d0eb1c990b3856c2dbb5ede.pdf>