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Yaoundé, July 4, 2023 - From July 10 to 12, 2023, under the high patronage of the President of the Republic of Cameroon, His Excellency Paul Biya, Cameroon will host the Second International Conference of Ministers on Transborder Transhumance Nexus: *transhumance, protected areas and natural resources, development, peace and security*.

The objective of this conference is to capitalize on the implementation of the Ndjamen Declaration and take urgent measures to address the challenges of transhumance between the Sahel and the north of equatorial Africa relating to transborder AML (Anti-Poaching), natural resource degradation, gold/mining, eco-security, peace, eco-development, local traditions and cultures. All this against the backdrop of the political-strategy, diplomacy, operations, programmes and financial aspects of the N'Djamena Declaration.

More than 8 ministerial delegations from countries affected by transborder transhumance issues are expected to attend: Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, CAR, DRC, Sudan, South Sudan, Chad, as well as ministers or representatives of financial partner countries. The conference will also be attended by over 200 participants representing experts from technical and financial partners and sub-regional organisations: African Union, ECCAS, ECOWAS, IGAD, COMIFAC, CILSS, CEDEVIRHA, CBLT; G5 Sahel, Sahel Club; Leaders and Co-leaders of the three geographical blocks.

Over the course of four (4) days, these illustrious personalities will work to find political strategy and diplomatic consensuses to control transborder transhumance movements; to present and obtain financing for the implementation of investment plans and action plans appropriate to the countries concerned; and to identify and transmit the priority themes that



should guarantee the continuity of the follow-up process for the implementation of the Ndjamen Declaration, to the new France-Gabon facilitation.

The conference will serve as a framework for the transfer of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) facilitation from the Federal Republic of Germany to the new France - Gabon facilitation.

The Second International Conference of Ministers on Transborder Transhumance Nexus: transhumance, protected areas and natural resources, development, peace and security is an initiative of the Federal Republic of Germany's Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) Facilitation, in close collaboration with the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC), the Government of Cameroon and France, with financial support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by the GIZ.