

Ambassador Dr. Aurélie Flore Koumba Pambo and Ambassador Christophe Guilhou, Co-Facilitators of the CBFP, wish you the very best for 2024!



Dear Partners and Members of the CBFP

Having just completed the 12th meeting of the Governing Council of the CBFP, we would like to thank you once again for the warm reception you gave the Franco-Gabonese Co-Facilitation, which was set up in July 2023.

Six months after the start of our Co-Facilitation, we have spoken out on behalf of the Congo Basin at international meetings including:

- At the African Climate Summit in Nairobi in September 2023, we introduced and shared CBFP best practices;
- In October 2023, the CBFP became a major partner of the Summit of the Three Basins of Biodiversity and Tropical Forests, during which we launched and operationalized the activities of our Co-Facilitation.
- One month later, in November 2023, at the invitation of Chinese authorities in Macao, we took part in the Global Legal and Sustainable Timber Forum. For three days, we exchanged views with the French, European and Chinese private sectors on ways to increase the certification and legality of the timber trade;
- Lastly, we attended COP 28 in Dubai, where we co-organized some 70 events with COMIFAC, with the support of partners and members of the CBFP.

We are proud of what we have achieved together.

Many issues and challenges await us in 2024. With the arrival of the Co-Facilitator and her collaborators in January, the team will be complete. This will enable us to accelerate the implementation of our roadmap, which must culminate in the 20th Meeting of the Parties to the CBFP in Luanda, Angola from 3 to 6 June 2024. You are expected to contribute to this groundwork!

In the meantime, we wish you an excellent festive season and all the best for 2024.