

CAFI SIDE EVENT

THE CONGO BASIN FOREST PARTNERSHIP

**CATALYSING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH IN CENTRAL AFRICA'S TROPICAL FORESTS THROUGH
DEFORESTATION-FREE INVESTMENTS**

3-6 JUNE 2024



Guidance:

Please note that each PS company has 10 minutes to present their investment projects, and focus specifically on:

- ✓ What, where, when
- ✓ How it will create jobs
- ✓ How it will reduce emissions or contribute to GHG emissions reductions
- ✓ Why CAFI investments are crucial to the success.

Please fill out this power point template with logo of your company and see the following slides as a guide/best practice of what the short presentation should consist of.

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What:

- CAP manages \$250 m of private equity funds targeting sustainable forestry in Africa.
- Portfolio consists of 100,000 ha of FSC-certified plantations (sustainable harvest of 2 m m³ p.a.).
- Includes the largest charcoal retort plant in Africa with output capacity of 12,000 tpa (Namibia)

Where:

- Transfer CAP's expertise in plantation forestry and sustainable charcoal production to DRC.
- Support scaling up of existing DRC smallholder agro-forestry model (Acacia-cassava)
- Implement charcoal retort technology (3x more efficient than earth mound method).

When:

- 2024: Feasibility study & fund raising
- 2025-2029: Implementation

How it will create jobs:

- Support smallholders to grow and process Acacia wood and Cassava as efficiently as possible.
- Feed sustainable charcoal into existing supply chains at market prices



BACKGROUND

Budget:

- \$55 million over 5 years
- 100,000 tpa of charcoal capacity

Emission reduction:

- 1 million tpa CO_{2eq} p.a. from Year 6
- Reduced pressure on natural forests

Role of CAFI:

- Project Development Grant for a Feasibility Study
- Investment Grant
- CAFI is helping CAP overcome hurdles related to DRC as an investment destination



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THANK YOU

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