The CBFP Facilitator of the Federal Republic of Germany, Honourable Dr. Christian Ruck wishes you an excellent festive season and all the best for the year 2021!

## Dear CBFP Partner,

In this festive season at the end of the year 2020, we are pleased to get back to you to express our appreciation, because from our interactions during this year 2020 that is drawing to a close, we have benefited from your diverse and rich contributions and proactive engagements that have enriched and enhanced our joint partnership. Together, we have moved forward and the successful implementation of the CBFP meetings in Kinshasa has confirmed this conviction. This is our joint success! Together, we have moved forward! Together, we have raised the standard of the Congo Basin and its peripheries.

One-year ends, another one begins, many issues and challenges await us in 2021, it is a special year and one of all the stakes for the Congo Basin and its peripheries. We sincerely hope to combine our efforts in a joint Position and Declaration, to combine our efforts in synergy, in pooling for greater efficiency in the pooling of technical and financial contributions of partners and much more in the mobilisation of the international community in favour of the Congo Basin and its peripheries, of the sub-regional institutions: ECCAS - COMIFAC and the support for the initiatives, programmes and projects of our partners in the field. We welcome their courage, endurance and dedication in their "hard" daily work for the Congo Basin and its peripheries of these populations.

Thus, in the new year 2021, we are looking forward to continuing to collaborate closely with you on the conservation of biodiversity, the sustainable management of forest ecosystems, the fight against climate change and on sustainable development for the benefit of the people of Central Africa.

We would like to use this opportunity to wish you happiness, health, success and prosperity for 2021. And more generally, to spend a happy holiday season in 2020.

## We are happy to work with you! ... We are Partners!

## Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year 2021

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