

**JOINT STATEMENT OF COLLEGE 7: MULTILATERALS AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTALS TO THE 8<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL MEETING OF CONGO  
BASIN FOREST PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2020 IN  
KINSHASA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

- Your Excellences, the Ministers present
- Dr Christian Ruck, German Facilitator of Congo Basin Forest Partnership
- Representatives of ECCAS, EU, COMIFAC, OCFSA
- Distinguished Participants
- Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the College 7 of multilaterals and intergovernmental organizations, we wish to congratulate Dr Christian Ruck upon organizing with success, in a challenging period, when the world is facing the Covid-19 pandemic, the high political dialogue of Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP). College 7 wish to reiterate its commitment on behalf of intergovernmental organizations to work together with the Facilitator for sustainable conservation in the Congo Basin.

Following our report to the 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting of the CBFP in Douala, the College wishes to update the meeting on its work and its plan going forward in line with the global SDG 2030 agenda. This work will involve:

The promotion of world heritage and biosphere reserves, including creation of new World Heritage Sites and Biosphere Reserves; strengthening the management capacity of existing Sites and Reserves; empowerment of local communities in the Green Economy related activities and participation of the common efforts aiming to tackled issues related to transhumance in Congo Basin.

In the support of the Protected Area Authorities, the college wishes also to tackle the governance of benefit sharing from natural resources; empower Protected Areas to improve availability of resources for conservation and enhancement of community livelihood; empower Protected Areas Authorities to deal with Human-Wildlife Conflicts; promote the development of a Zero Poaching Strategy and to help in combating the

effects of climate change by better understanding the Climate Change drivers and Climate Change Mitigation measures needed to be put in place.

The college wishes to support countries achieve sustainable forest and wildlife management; improve livelihoods of local communities; contribute to national economies through implementing best practices and improving forest governance; support institutional strengthening in law enforcement, prosecution and justice in ECCAS member States and to strengthen cooperation in the fight against wildlife crime and trafficking in natural resources.