

ATTACHMENT 2: LIST OF AGREED KEY ISSUES

STREAM 4 SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR

Stream leaders and coach

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Relevant COMIFAC and EU Facilitation references

- Axis 5 of the revised COMIFAC Convergence Plan 2015-2025: *Développement socio-économique et participation multi-acteurs*
- EU Facilitation Roadmap 4.2.3: Promoting sustainable economic development of local communities, including through increased cooperation with the private sector

Key Issues to be addressed

- Specific for forest sector
 - Private certification of forest operators: current trends, potential and risks
 - Market challenges in a changing landscape of timber trade (change in global timber flows, increase of domestic flows, regional market and demand...)
 - Integrating national political strategies and a viable forestry economy: finding a balance between the need for tax revenues and attractive investment possibilities, and the need to ensure sustainable management of forest resources
- Non forest sector enterprises integrating protection of forests issues
 - The examples of “no deforestation” chains of custody: growing interest, challenges for implementation
 - Link with land use / how a clear national spatial planning is an incentive for private investment?
- Green economy and mobilisation of financial resources
 - A practical example of green economy in Central Africa: the experience of Virunga, and the preconditions for a specific success
 - Landscape approach and investment: how financial resources can be channelled toward forest investments in Central Africa