JOIN OUR COP26 FORUM ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2021

**Saving Africa’s Congo Basin Rainforest, People and Biodiversity**

An Interactive Forum on Civil Society led forest and wildlife monitoring and law enforcement. Actions, Learning and Priorities for the Struggle Ahead

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Congo Basin forests are of global importance. Unfortunately, these forests are under severe threats from unsustainable human activities accelerating illegal deforestation, conversion, wildlife poaching and loss of livelihoods of indigenous peoples. With support from FCDO, CIDT has strengthened the role of Congo Basin Civil Society Partners as environmental defenders and monitors of illegal deforestation and wildlife trafficking over the last decade generating evidence for stronger law enforcement and sustainable management of forests and wildlife.

Our panel discussion during COP 26 will provide a unique opportunity for representatives from the Congo region to present face-to-face to the live audience their first-hand experiences of tropical forest and biodiversity loss and their tactics to counter illegal deforestation and wildlife trafficking in the region. Additionally, UK based experts on independent forest and wildlife monitoring and law enforcement will present.

The panel will be hosted in the COMIFAC pavilion and will present and critique the role of independent forest and wildlife monitoring and law enforcement by civil society as a key tool for fighting illegal deforestation and biodiversity loss while highlighting its contributions to climate change. Panellists will share Central African experience and recommendations to stimulate debate and improved understanding of the realistic options for the Congo Basin. The panel session will target government officials, donor agencies, private sector, NGOs, Biodiversity Conservationists, etc.

Highlighting achievements from our Congo Basin forest monitoring project

For four years, partners on the Citizen Voices for Change (CV4C) project explored ways of making forest governance, and particularly independent forest monitoring stronger, more targeted, more effective. They took on powerful players and assisted government officials. They integrated cross-cutting issues such as gender responsiveness into each aspect of their work. They reached across national borders to help each other.

Read their stories at cidt.org.uk/cv4cimpactstories