



**Congo Basin Forest Partnership - Facilitation of the Federal Republic of Germany (2020-2023)**  
**UNCBD COP 15 Summit**  
**COMIFAC Pavilion, joint with ECCAS / CBFP / GIZ, Hall 220a, Nr 109**  
**Oral Presentations - Dialogue**  
**Wednesday, December 14, 2022**  
**15:00-16:30**

**Fair Deal-: Future of the protected areas in the Congo Basin**  
**How to get both conservation and development by good governance and payment for ecological services?**

*Accelerating the protection and sustainable use of Central African forests in exchange for an adequate share of international climate and biodiversity funding  
CBFP Partners in dialogue*

**CO-CONVENORS:** Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) and Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC)

**OUTLINE:** This discussion will follow up on the implementation of the COMIFAC Declaration "Fair Deal", dated September 2021 with a focus on biodiversity conservation and protected areas in Central Africa. The session will make the case for a biodiversity "Fair Deal", advocating for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of Congo Basin forests in exchange for an adequate share of international biodiversity financing. Panellists at this event will address key issues on biodiversity conservation and protected areas in Central Africa in relation to international funding issues in order to obtain a deal, including:

1. Protected areas as carbon sinks / as opportunities for socio-economic development of local communities and indigenous peoples;
2. What framework conditions should be created so that protected areas are maintained in the long term as carbon sinks and biodiversity hotspots and that their ecosystem services can be remunerated in the spirit of the Fair Deal?
3. How to organize payment for ecosystem services from protected areas in the Congo Basin for sustainable development in a context of fragile governance?
4. How to ensure good governance, peace and security in and around protected areas in Central Africa?
5. What measures can be taken to involve the local population more in the management of protected areas and above all to ensure that they benefit more from the sharing of the benefits of protected areas?
6. How can tourism be stimulated in protected areas without it being to the detriment of the ecosystem and the local communities and indigenous peoples benefiting at the same time?
7. What are promising strategies and approaches to prevent and stop the threat of mining in protected areas?

The event will be an opportunity also for COMIFAC and partners to present their efforts in the field of conservation of biodiversity, trans boundaries protected areas.

**PANELISTS:** GIZ, APN, AWF, WCS, WWF, TRAFFIC

**PROGRAM:**

- (1) **Welcome and introductory presentations - 25 min:** This section consists of the welcome and introductory speeches by: CBFP Facilitator and COMIFAC
- (2) **High-Level panel – 55 min:** This second part will bring together a panel of experts including the following organizations who would contribute and discuss key themes and issues. This, through innovative results, knowledge sharing, exchange of experiences and good practices, case studies, etc...
- (3) **Conclusions and closing remarks – 10 min**