27th Nov 2018 – at Musée royal de l'Afrique centrale, Brussels, http://www.africamuseum.be/en :

"*Wildlife Trade Law Enforcement in the Congo Basin: Becoming informed actors through AFRICA-TWIX (=Trade in Wildlife Information eXchange) - a tool for law enforcement staff*"

The TWIX tool has been one of the most successful tools to support and enhance collaborative and transboundary efforts between government-mandated law enforcement staff in their daily effort to fight transnational wildlife crime. After more than 10 years of work in Europe, the TWIX tool has now become available in the Congo Basin, too, and has proven to be very effective to detect international trade-related organized crime, thereby supporting the efforts to safeguard Central Africa's wild fauna and flora.

Intro: **Roland Melisch**, Senior Director Africa and Europe at TRAFFIC

Facilitator: **Dr. Benjamin Smale**

Works at GIZ in Bonn, Germany, within the Division on Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure. Ben is advisor within the "Partnership against Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trade in Africa and Asia". He has gained many years of experience in Afghanistan and Namibia and has conducted a PhD on Economic Geography, and additional Master in Criminology.

1st speaker: **Vinciane Sacré,** TWIX Manager at TRAFFIC, based in Brussels, Belgium. Vinciane has been working for TRAFFIC for the last 12 years, managing the project EU-TWIX. As part of this project, she works with wildlife law enforcement and management officials on a daily basis. She is supporting TRAFFIC colleagues with the running of AFRICA-TWIX in central Africa, and with the development of SADC-TWIX in the SADC region.

2nd speaker: **Pol Meuleneire** of the Belgian Customs Investigation unit based at Brussels airport. Pol started at Customs in 1979 in Brussels. Since starting with Customs, Pol has worked on many cases on CITES seizures and has become very involved in issues relating to the trafficking of CITES-listed products. Pol has been active in enforcement related information dissemination globally, and has worked with several international agencies such as UNODC, WCO, Customs, with NGOs including TRAFFIC and WWF, and on different topics (drugs, cites, counterfeit goods, amongst others). Since 1990 Pol has worked with the investigation service at Brussels airport (daily seizures drugs, CITES species, counterfeit, weapons,....).

3rd speaker: **Denis Mahonghol,** Forest and Trade Officer at TRAFFIC, based in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Before working with TRAFFIC, Denis has worked on forest and climate conservation matter in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Since working at TRAFFIC, Denis has lead – and is still leading – many forest and non-forest product projects in most Congo Basin countries, funded by key development partners, including the German, UK, US, Belgium and French governments.

28ᵗʰ Nov 2018 – at Palais d'Egmont, Brussels, https://www.ccegmont.be/fr

"*Africa-China collaboration: Opportunities for sustainable natural resource trade between the Congo Basin and China*"

This session will look at examples and lessons learned on how to enhance the governance of timber trade (and the trade of other wildlife resources) along a trade chain from the Congo Basin to China. The session will touch on examples within the timber trade between Cameroon and China, and will be looking at learning lessons for the future opportunities. Furthermore, the session will look at recent policy developments regarding the recently convened 'Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)' summit in Beijing, and related intervention opportunities stemming from the so called FOCAC Beijing Action Plan (2019-2021) for the Congo Basin.

Facilitator: **Thomas Osborn,** Tom is European Programme Co-ordinator at TRAFFIC based in Cambridge, UK. A biologist by academic education, Tom has gained long-term management experience for multilateral forest and wildlife programmes and projects in Southeast- and East Asia, Europe and Africa.

1ˢᵗ speaker: **Thomas Pichet** works for the Forest Governance, Markets and Climate Programme funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID). Thomas has supported the negotiation and implementation of several Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs) on timber trade and forest governance between the EU and producing and processing countries in Africa and Asia.

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3ʳᵈ speaker: **Roland Melisch** – Senior Director Africa and Europe at TRAFFIC.
Roland works for TRAFFIC since 2007 as Senior Director Africa and Europe. After studying Biology with an emphasis on tropical ecology and development policy, Roland has gained more than 20 years of experience in the field of wildlife trade. He worked for the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia and Wetlands International in Indonesia before he joined WWF where he supervised all international projects at WWF Germany related to the conservation and sustainable use of wild fauna and flora. At TRAFFIC, Roland supervises the Africa and Europe programmes and engages in the policy fora such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), CITES and with the African Union Commission.