

**Theme « Governance of resources
and land use in the Congo Basin:
viewpoints on sub-regional
reflections, opportunities,
challenges, stakes and dynamics »**

Douala (Hôtel SAWA) : 29 February 2012

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Thematic Workshop Agenda



**Congo Basin
Governance Day
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1. Main objective :

Improve efficiency of partners' support towards strengthening governance (1) in the Congo Basin forest ecosystems (2).

2. Specific objectives :

- To contribute to strategic and prospective reflection on forest ecosystems governance and land use, including the implementation of grazing rights in wild lands;
- To contribute to harmonizing existing and new initiatives on Congo Basin forest ecosystems governance.

3. Agenda for the « Congo Basin Governance » day

	Wednesday 29 February 2012
7.30-8.30	Registration and installation of workshop participants
	Introductory statements
8.30 – 9.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductory statement from the CBFP Facilitator• Introductory note from the Canada High Commissioner• Opening speech from the COMIFAC Executive Secretary
	Opening Statements
9.00 – 9.20	Moderator : COMIFAC (SEA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SUNCCD / GM declaration on « land use and desertification – Update on Sub-regional Action Plan for the Fight Against Land Degradation and Desertification in Central Africa (PASR-LCD AC)» (Sven Walter, Global Mechanism)• Enabling Forest Governance – International Support for Better Land Use Policy (John Flynn, CARPE Coordinator)

(1) This day ifollows the governance workshop organised by the former German Facilitation as part of the CBFP RAC in Kinshasa in September 2010.

	Keynote address
9.20-9.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote address : Overview of major tropical forest issues and impacts on governance : Current state of forest governance in the three main tropical forest basins of the planet (legality, certification, land use, independent observer) - Factors of external pressure on forests in the 3 basins : implications of the arrival of new global investors for mining, agribusiness and informal economies – Necessity for CBFP partners to strengthen dialogue with deciders in these non-forestry sectors (Alain Billand, CIRAD)
9.40 -10.00	<i>Exchanges, discussions</i>
10.00 – 10.30	<i>Coffee break + Family Photo</i>
Session 1	Land use in Africa and land conversion for other uses : threats and opportunities
10 :30– 11.05	<p>Moderator : Clotilde Gomba, FFBC / ADB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple use of forests and land grab in Central Africa – Major issues and recommendations of the Yaoundé workshop on « Land, commercial pressure on land and REDD+ » (Alain Karsenty, CIRAD) Rights to Resources in Crisis: Reviewing the Fate of Customary Tenure in the Congo Basin (Phil René Oyono , Rights and Resources Initiative) What governance for local government forests in Central Africa (Raphael Tsanga, FPAE/CIRAD)
11.05 – 11.30	<i>Exchanges, discussions</i>
Session 2	Good practice - Lessons learned – Land use
11.30 – 12.15	<p>Introduction of countries</p> <p>Moderator : Jean Claude Nguinguiri, FAO</p> <p>Introductory note on « Governance and land use ; implications for the sustainable development of Congo Basin countries »</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Use Restoration – Landscape restoration ; case of Rwanda – Lessons learned from the implementation of the Landscape and Forest Restoration Programme of Rwanda, Bakundukize Dismas, Rwanda – Presentation of Rwanda forest restoration project (Dominique Endamana, IUCN) Lessons learned from the IBI Bateke project (DRC) (Godefroid Muhinya Ndaukila, COMIFAC National Coordinator, DRC) Cameroon's experience in zoning (Bruno Mfoui, Director of Forests, Cameroun) Large-scale forest zoning in DRC (Christophe MUSAMPA KAMUNGANDU, DRC)

12.15 – 12.45	<i>Exchanges, discussions</i>
12.45 – 14.00	<i>Break - Lunch</i>
Session 3	Impact of current advances on future markets – Main challenges and implications
Session 3.1	Political, institutional and regulatory implications
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Moderator : Chimère Diaw, RAFM</p> <p>Introductory note : « <i>New initiatives in the promotion of forest governance in the Congo Basin and their impact on the market</i> »</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illegality and corruption in the forestry sector - Need for a forest governance integrity program in the Congo Basin (FGI) : implications and challenges (Manoj Nadkarni, Forest Governance Integrity Programme Asia Pacific Department, Transparency International) • Challenges for legality within the current context of competition on Congo Basin countries' forests (Alain Pénelon, SE COMIFAC) • US Lacey Act and EU Due Diligence Legislation: Current state of progress - FLEGT and Certification, implications, expectations, perspectives - Need for mutualizing methods for sustainable management of the Congo Basin, (Patrice Bigombe Logo, Deputy Head of Mission at the EU Independent Observer Project) • The bush meat crisis and the need for a support system to help decision-makers come up with appropriate solutions in Central Africa within the framework of the COMIFAC convergence plan: SYVBAC and its contributions (SYVBAC=Central Africa Bush Meat Sector Monitoring System) – (2) Funding the implementation of the « Sub-regional Action Plan for the reinforcement of the application national wildlife laws 2012-2017 », (Germain Ngandjui, Program Officer, TRAFFIC Central Africa, Stéphane Ringuet, Regional Director, TRAFFIC Central Africa) • Forest Governance and local and inter-african wood markets (Paolo Cerutti, CIFOR) • Encouraging legal production and exportation of woods from community forests (PEL FC) – Accompanying community forests in the implementation of APV/FLEGT in Cameroon : Lessons learned (Nzoyem Saha Horly Nadège ; Albert Bokkestijn, PEL-FC Project Coordinator, SNV)
15 :00 – 15 :20	<i>Exchanges, discussions</i>
15 :20 – 15 :40	<i>Coffee Break</i>

Session 3.2	Need for active synergy between technical and financial partners of forest governance in the Congo Basin
15:40 – 16 :30	<p>Moderator : Alain Karsenty, CIRAD</p> <p>Introductory note : « <i>Forest Certification, forest planning and legality : implications and perspectives for sustainable forest management in the Congo Basin</i> »</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report on the establishment of the COMIFAC forest governance working group and its sub-groups and partnerships : (1) Legality Sub-Group (SG) – Cross-border traffic (2) Planning - Certification SG (3) Forest land use diagram SG (Thorsten Huber, GIZ COMIFAC Support Office) – Include : Results of COMIFAC Working Group on monitoring wood in transit in transit through Central Africa, Roger Foteu, FAO-EU Project Coordinator at COMIFAC - Progress report on implementation of support project for the improvement of laws governing the cross-border wood sectors in the Great Lakes countries (Rwanda, Burundi, DRC and Uganda) – Need for a sub working group on forest policy (JeanClaude Nguinguiri, FAO) • IDH specificities in the promotion of Forest Certification. A forest concessions based approach - Congo Basin Program (CBP) - Tropical Timber Program of the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) (Petra Westerlaan, Program Officer) • Multi-actor approach in planning and certification. - AFD-FFEM ECOFORAF /ATIBT Project contribution (Marine Leblanc, Project Coordinator, ATIBT) • Harmonization of forest policies in the Congo Basin – COMIFAC support program for Forest Certification in the Congo Basin (Martin Bostroem ; Gerard Daraspe, German Development Bank (KFW)) • Synergy of actors in the establishment of regional FLEGT unit - Contribution of ECOFAC V project – FLEGT/CEEAC-COMIFAC unit (Tabuna Honoré, CEEAC) • Trends in demand for certified products in consumer countries –Current situation and perspectives – (Elie Hakizumwami, FSC Regional Director)
16.30-17.00	<i>Exchanges, discussions – Recommendations: Defining the role of partners and setting up a roadmap for harmonization of roles.</i>

Session 5	Governance Challenge: Lessons Learned and Strategies for the Future Panel of panel and session moderators : Each moderator presents the major conclusions/recommendations/roadmap
17.00-18.15	Facilitation : John Flynn, CARPE-USAID <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does “governance” mean in the forest context? • What have been the most significant progress and achievements relating to forest governance in the past decade in Central Africa? • What are the most important unresolved governance challenges, and what are the best ways to address them in the coming decade?
18.15-18.30	General conclusions of the CBFP Facilitator <i>Possible recommendations for the next six months - roadmap</i>