

▷ **Growing economic activity in the Congo Basin: An asset or a threat to sustainable forest management?**

Private sector side event - Meeting of CBFP Parties 2018 - Brussels

Central Africa Museum, 27 November 2018 (11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

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Afternoon (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Introduction of the Day / Objectives

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Panel 1:

Social and environmental responsibility - commitments and achievements: the role of transparency

- An instrument dedicated to transparency in the forestry sector: Open Timber Portal
Marie Vallée, World Resources Institute
- Making transparency a pillar for the sustainable management of concessions?
Tom van Loon, IFO / INTERHOLCO (Republic of the Congo)
- Values, Transparency, Transformation and Verification (VTTV)
In the framework of private sector commitments to zero deforestation.
Erith Ngatchou, TFT
- SPOTT: Measuring CSR commitment and the fight against deforestation
Chris Eves, ZSL

Afternoon (2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

Panel 2 :

The multi-sectoral aspect of the design of land use plans

- Land-use planning, the inter-sectoral dimension and private investment in the DRC
Félicien Mulenda, FONAREDD (DR Congo)
- The viewpoint of mining sector stakeholders in Congo-Brazzaville
Florent Lager, AGA MPD Congo and Vice-President of the Solid Mines Federation of Congo (FedMines Congo)
- Zero deforestation: A pillar of sustainable investment into Central African forests
Vincent Istace, OLAM

Panel 3:

The wood sector: stimulating a sustainable forest economy
Maintaining a balance between operators of various sizes

- Tackling unfair competition without adversely affecting legitimate informal sector players
Paolo Cerutti, CIFOR
- Combining forest potential with industrial capacity to build a viable wood sector
Simplice Nteme, Director General of Forests, Ministry of Water Resources and Forests (Gabon)
- Is it possible to formalize community forests and track the wood they produce?
Ghislain Fomou, SAILD (Cameroon)
- SMEs in the wood sector: a key actor in the sustainable management of Central African forests
Rachel Butler, GTF
- A platform for collaboration between trade unions in each country: the example of the ISFB in Gabon
Françoise Van de ven (UFIGA)

Coffee break (4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Panel 4:

Conclusions and next steps: maintaining and increasing involvement of companies

- Involving airlines / freight companies in CITES enforcement: challenges and support initiatives
Miet Van Looy, CITES Belgium
- Support possibilities for the External Investment Plan (EIP) of the European Union
DEVCO C2, European Union
- The Global Green Supply Chain Initiative: towards engagement of Asian companies
Sheam Satkuru – ITTO
- Strengthening the impact of commercial campaigns promoting sound forest management
Fair and Precious, ITTO
- The CBFP as a framework for dialogue to foster responsible engagement of companies
Evolving towards an inter-sectoral roadmap for the Congo Basin?
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