

CONGO BASIN FOREST PARTNERSHIP

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4TH CBFP PARTNERS PLENARY MEETING

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Overall Objective of the Plenary Meeting To contribute to the sustainable management of forest ecosystems and to the safeguard of biodiversity for the well-being of populations in the Congo Basin



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Terms of Reference

1. Background

Established in September 2002 on the occasion of the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) currently gathers over 66 representative members: Other non-COMIFAC countries are also involved; a dozen of bilateral technical and financial partners, international and non-governmental organizations, private sector representatives and research institutes. They have agreed to harmonize their support to the effective implementation of COMIFAC Convergence Plan. This is a type II partnership as opposed to “type I” intergovernmental partnerships such as COMIFAC. The CBFP is often described as a platform, a network, a non-binding dialogue forum, amicably agreed by governments, the private sector, civil society organizations and development partners.

Its overall objective is **“to improve the effectiveness of technical and financial contributions to conservation, the sustainable management of forest ecosystems, and poverty alleviation in Central African countries”**. Since September 2010, Canada, after USA (2003-2004), France (2005-2007) and Germany (2008-2010), **supports CBFP Facilitation**. The facilitation is involved in organizing dialogue, promoting collaboration between the various partners and designing CBFP working programme based on orientations contained in COMIFAC Convergence Plan and amicably agreed priorities. In order to carry out coordination work successfully, CBFP Facilitation relies on dialogue, coordination and the mobilization of Partners through **RDP Partners’ Meetings (ex-CCR), assisting partners, communication and maintaining CBFP website**. All these activities aim at: i) ensuring better communication between CBFP members, ii) ensuring a more regular follow-up-evaluation of activities carried out within the CBFP and iii) playing a regular advisory role to the CBFP.

Within the framework of its road map, and since 2010, CBFP Facilitation has organized **3 Partners’ Meetings, respectively in Kinshasa, Bujumbura and Douala, and has help to resurrect CCR in its initially desired form, with a meeting of former Facilitations and some partners gathered around COMIFAC in February 2012 in Douala**. All the major meeting conclusions and recommendations are available on the CBFP website www.pfbc-cbfp.org

According to CBFP’s tradition, CBFP Facilitation, at the end of its mandate **organizes the 4th CBFP Plenary Meeting**. This is in line with the **2nd plenary meeting** which took place in Paris in 2007 (transition from Facilitation supported by France to Facilitation supported by Germany) and the **3rd CBFP Plenary Meeting** which took place in Yaoundé on 11 and 12 November 2009 (transition from Facilitation supported by Germany to Facilitation supported by Canada). CBFP **Plenary meetings** aim at ensuring, among other results, harmonisation, coordination and partnership between the members, CBFP good governance and the mobilization of decision-makers from CBFP member institutions. They are always steered by Ministers, to mark Partners’ high level commitment.

CBFP Facilitation organizes, in close collaboration with the Presidency, COMIFAC ES and the Chadian Ministry for Environment and Water Resources **the 4th CBFP Plenary meeting from 19 to 22 September in N’Djamena (Chad)**. **This meeting is special in that it shall be organized 10 years after the launching of the CBFP, few months after the Rio+20 Conference and few months before Chad took over COMIFAC chairmanship**. It is also organized at the time when the world urban population is increasing more than its rural population and when urbanization rate is getting higher.

2. Overall Objective of the Plenary Meeting

To contribute to the sustainable management of forest ecosystems and to the safeguard of biodiversity for the well-being of populations in the Congo Basin

3. Specific Objectives of the Plenary Meeting

- To contribute to the mobilization and awareness of CBFP partners concerning CBFP priority actions, its Facilitation and COMIFAC based on opportunities and constraints;
- To improve on the coordination, the harmonization of interventions through multi-actor partnerships at regional and international levels;
- To contribute to capacity building for poverty alleviation and a better management of forest ecosystems in the Congo Basin.

4. Expected Outcome

- The appraisal of activities carried out by CBFP Facilitation and COMIFAC during the 2010-2012 period is shared and partners' contributions integrated;
- The promotion of the harmonization and coordination of technical and financial partners' contributions to the implementation of COMIFAC Convergence Plan;
- Priority actions of CBFP, its Facilitation and COMIFAC are identified based on opportunities and constraints;
- Elements of the road map of the next CBFP Facilitation are shared with technical and financial partners.

5. Draft agenda of the 4th CBFP Plenary Meeting

The draft agenda of the 4th CBFP Plenary Meeting is available with these terms of reference.