



Central African Forests Commission

A regional dimension to the conservation and sustainable management of forest ecosystems

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Our vision

The Central African States manage their forest resources in a sustainable and concerted manner for the well-being of their populations, the conservation of biological diversity and the preservation of the global environment.



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What we do?

COMIFAC, a tool for sub-regional integration is the materialization of the political will of the Central African Heads of State expressed in the March 1999 "Yaoundé Declaration ". It brings together ten member countries within the sub-region with a shared natural heritage. The organization works to help the Central African countries develop and implement harmonized forest and environmental policies with a view to conservation and sustainable management of forest resources. It also seeks to make Central Africa's voice better heard and helps defend its views in fora where forestry and environmental issues are debated. COMIFAC is mandated to guide, harmonize and monitor Central African forest and environmental policies.

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Message of the Executive Secretary



COMIFAC is turning a new leaf as it recently completed the review of its sub-regional convergence Plan for the ten-year period from 2015-2025. The new convergence Plan, the product of broad consultation based on a participatory, inclusive and iterative approach, was validated in July 2014 by the COMIFAC Council of Ministers. It remains the reference and coordination framework for all interventions in the field of conservation and sustainable management of forest ecosystems in Central Africa.

It is difficult not to be delighted with this recent milestone achieved by COMIFAC, which endows Central Africa with a so-called "second generation" Convergence Plan. A strong appeal is thus made to countries in the sub-region to take ownership of the convergence Plan through their policy and programmatic frameworks.

Aside from this success, COMIFAC also shone in 2014 through many other accomplishments in areas such as international dialogue, coordination and monitoring the implementation of the Convergence Plan, burnishing the institution's profile, etc. COMIFAC was thus very active at international meetings, alongside its member countries, confirming the high regard in which it is held for its now pivotal role in the field of

biodiversity conservation and preservation of the global environment.

On another level, and not the least, it is pleasing to note the increasing coherence which has characterised interventions between various actors over the years at national, regional and international level in the implementation of the Convergence Plan. The challenge for the Executive Secretariat in the next few years, will be to confirm its leadership role in coordinating all these interventions and ensure that they are in line with Convergence Plan 2.

This report showcases COMIFAC's achievements in 2014, with attainment levels estimated at 71%, reflecting COMIFAC's robust performance. It is appropriate at this point to acknowledge and commend not only the team of the Executive Secretariat, but also the national coordinators of COMIFAC for their tireless work.

However, these efforts would remain fruitless if a lasting solution is not found to the long standing thorny issue of a secure funding mechanism for COMIFAC. It therefore behoves all the countries signatory to the COMIFAC Treaty to take more of the necessary steps to make this mechanism operational. To the partners, I appeal for adequate resources to be granted to fund the implementation of Convergence Plan 2.

Happy reading.

Raymond MBITIKON

Executive Secretary, COMIFAC

**Confirming
COMIFAC's
leadership role in
coordinating
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Convergence Plan 2**

COMIFAC: 12 Years supporting sub-regional integration

The Central African Heads of State solemnly pledged in March 1999 to promote conservation and sustainable management of forest ecosystems in their countries, with a view to contributing to the production of goods and services at national, regional and global level.

Established in 2000 and institutionalized in 2005 by the Treaty, the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC), formerly known as the Conference of Central African Ministers in charge of Forests, is now 12 years old. Is a twelve year life span long enough for an institution to establish a strong performance? COMIFAC has conducted actions throughout these years which have won it recognition and a reputation at national, sub-regional and international level.

COMIFAC can be proud of the experience garnered. Its track record has equipped it with the capacities required to systematically mobilize subregional actors at international meetings, through subregional consultations to prepare common and concerted positions within the framework of international dialogue.

In spite of limited human, material and financial resources, the institution was able to capitalize many gains. The reputation the institution now enjoys and the credibility it has gained with its partners confirm its position as an example of successful sub-regional integration in the area of forestry and environment.

Surface area of allocated and classified dense and humid forests in forest concessions and protected areas

46
%

6,3
Million

Hectares of certified forests including approximately 5 million FSC-certified ha

Surface area of production forests in the Congo Basin (30 million ha of PA concessions) under development

22
%

50
Million

Hectares of new protected areas at the national level, making up 9.5 % of the total surface area

"I would like to remind you that the conservation and sustainable management of natural resources are actions which should not end, they need to remain a permanent concern of mankind. "

Raymond MBITIKON
Executive Secretary, COMIFAC

COMIFAC

THE MAJOR

1 Finalising review of the convergence Plan and operationalisation

Launched in 2010, the COMIFAC Convergence Plan review process was completed in 2014, ushering in a new era and providing the sub-region with a strategic plan of action incorporating emerging issues and national priorities. One of the challenges facing it is its operationalisation and popularization.

In 2014, the COMIFAC Executive Secretariat conducted an array of activities in line with its annual Work Plan, thanks to contributions from the institution's member countries and multifaceted support from development partners.

For more information on our work and results, a useful link:

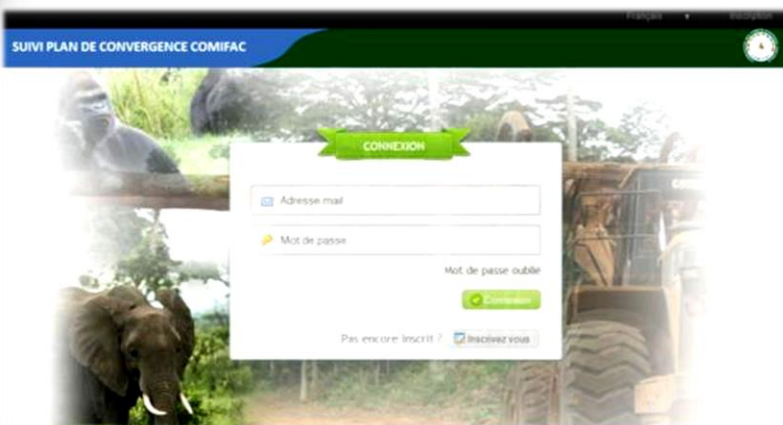
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2 Operationalisation of COMIFAC monitoring and evaluation system

The operationalization of COMIFAC's monitoring and evaluation system progressed with the development in 2014 of tools such as the database for monitoring and evaluation of the convergence Plan, finalization of the monitoring and evaluation manual, and the launch of the study to establish the reference scenario for convergence Plan 2.

3 Subregional coordination and strengthening capacities of actors

The national focal points of international conventions (climate, biodiversity, combating desertification) meet each year within the working groups to prepare the countries' contributions to international negotiations and follow up on the implementation of respective conventions at national level.



4 Supporting DFAC and CEFDHAC

With support from partners, COMIFAC pursued the operationalization of OFAC and revamping of CEFDHAC and its affiliated networks, to enable them to effectively discharge their mandates



PROJECTS

6 Coordinating implementation of programs and projects

The Executive Secretariat continued fulfilling its duties of coordinating sub-regional projects and programs including: PACEBCo, REDD+ Projects, TRIDOM, MRV, REDD-PAC, the Certified Forest Enhancement Program (PPECF) etc.



5 Participation in international conferences and regional meetings

Every year, COMIFAC accompanies its member countries to all major international conferences where forest and environment issues are discussed.



7 Organising statutory meetings

The Heads of State and Government Summit sets the Organization's guidelines for implementing commitments as defined in article 1 of Title I of the Treaty. The Executive Secretariat is preparing to host the third Summit as well as holding regular Council of Ministers' meetings



8 Raising countries' awareness on the secure funding mechanism

COMIFAC's runs on the egalitarian contributions of member countries. The institution has acquired a secure funding mechanism whose operationalization is key to COMIFAC's sustainability and successful implementation of the Convergence Plan which is proving slow to start.



Our achievements in 2014



Family photo of the S/R Forum of validation of revised Convergence Plan, may 2014

The updated sub-regional Convergence Plan: a new era dawns for COMIFAC

Convergence Plan 2 of COMIFAC covers the ten-year period from 2015-2025. The sub-region has thus acquired a new guidance and coordination document tailored to forestry programs and projects at national and sub-regional level. The document will be widely distributed, to ensure ownership by all stakeholders in the forest and environment sector.

While the adoption of this plan by the COMIFAC Council of Ministers, marks a major milestone, the greater challenge will be to ensure its implementation in the coming years so as to deliver on stated goals.

COMIFAC acquires a new Convergence Plan

COMIFAC recently completed the review of its sub-regional Convergence Plan. The so-called second generation Convergence Plan for the ten-year period 2015-2025 was validated during the sub-regional Forum held from 16 to 17 June, 2014 in Brazzaville and adopted by the COMIFAC ministers during their extraordinary meeting held on 18 July 2014 in the same city. It is the strategic reference and coordination framework for all interventions in the field of conservation and sustainable management of forest ecosystems in Central Africa. In addition to its vision and goal, Convergence Plan 2 includes a strategic framework broken down into six (6) priority areas for intervention and three (3) cross-cutting areas. The priority areas for intervention include:

- Harmonization of forest and environmental policies
- Management and sustainable development of forest resources
- Conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
- Combating the effects of climate change and desertification
- Socio-economic development and multi-stakeholder participation
- Sustainable funding.

The cross cutting areas are the following:

- Training and capacity building
- Research and development
- Communication, awareness, information and education.

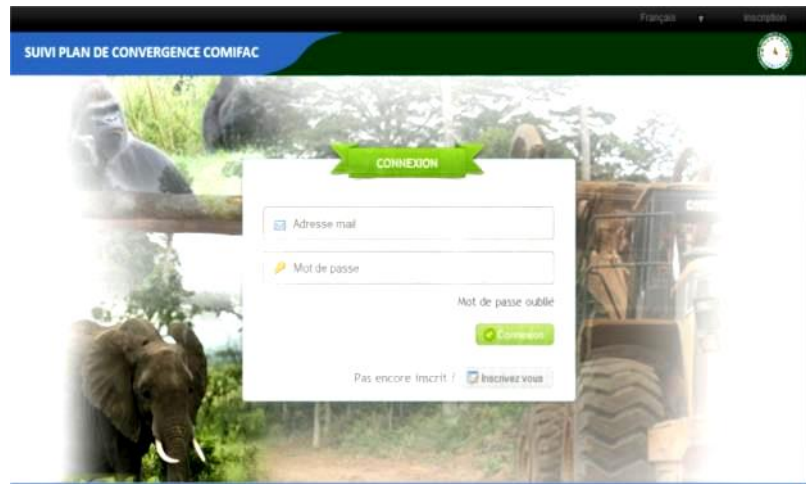


« *Can the sub-regional convergence plan be reviewed without modifying the means of implementation by securing adequate, reliable, sustainable and predictable, sources of funding and without envisioning effective sub-regional governance? »*

Henri Djombo,

Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development, Congo

"The Convergence Plan monitoring and evaluation platform, a decision-making tool to provide real time updates on progress of all stakeholders in implementing the Convergence Plan. "



Monitoring and evaluation platform:

- A social network of stakeholders in the ecosystem of Central African forests bringing a comprehensive, cross-cutting and convergent perspective to the monitoring and evaluation of the Convergence plan.

The COMIFAC monitoring and evaluation system is gradually being deployed within the Executive Secretariat. One of its key components is the Convergence Plan monitoring and evaluation platform. The platform's development falls squarely in line with the implementation of the "Strengthening of the Convergence Plan monitoring and evaluation platform and other sub-regional initiatives of COMIFAC" Project Through this project, which was implemented in 2013 and 2014, the institution acquired a multifunctional database which is accessible online (www.convergence.comifac.org). The database is designed to give the sub-region's actors (countries, organizations, partners) a global view of the results and impacts of implementation of the Convergence Plan at regional and national level, by presenting qualitative and encrypted information which will be generated on a regular basis.

In addition to this platform, the information produced by the monitoring and evaluation system on the Convergence Plan's achievements will be published in the Executive Secretariat's technical reports, in the form of articles posted on the website

COMIFAC and online newsletters.

In the same vein, in 2014 COMIFAC developed its monitoring and evaluation manual. The guide describes the different components of the monitoring and evaluation system for COMIFAC and its convergence Plan, their operating procedures, monitoring procedures and material as well as the organisation of information flow.



Enhancing communication on stakes of the forest and Strengthening



COMIFAC's device improved to highlight the institution's accomplishments

COMIFAC works each year to improve access to information in the forest and environment sector in Central Africa and beyond. The aim is to reach various target groups and the public with information about achievements under the Convergence Plan. Not only will its achievements be publicised but so will the sub-region's efforts in the field of conservation and sustainable management of forest resources. In a bid to meet this objective, the Executive Secretariat rolled out an array of tools in 2014 to implement its communication strategy. To assess the communication strategy, the Executive Secretariat conducted an opinion poll in late 2013. 83 per cent of respondents agreed that COMIFAC's image had improved since 2011, and 73% confirmed

that COMIFAC's had strengthened its standing as a subregional institution specialised in forest management. Regarding implementation of the communication plan, related activities have been conducted or continued in 2014 thanks to partner support. Actions included the publication of a news bulletin and newsletters, production and dissemination of informative flyers and other advertising material and media, construction of the web portal, enhancing the institution's visibility through social networks, including Facebook, Youtube and Twitter, and the launch of a platform for communications officers of the Ministries of forestry and the environment.



Launch of a platform for communications officers of the Ministries of forestry

COMIFAC recently launched the platform for communications officers of the Ministries of forestry and the environment of Central Africa. The platform was inaugurated during the subregional workshop for the operationalisation of the platform which took place on 10 October 2014 in Brazzaville on the margins of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) meeting. The platform joins the platforms of the Network of Communicators on the Environment and Information in Central Africa (RECEIAC).



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Exhibition booths set up at events as well as communication material produced and disseminated to heighten COMIFAC's profile: banners, flyers/posters/brochures, the electronic platform, media coverage, loin cloths embossed with the COMIFAC effigy.



COMIFAC web portal,

A showcase of information exchange designed to deliver to the general public and other actors, the full range of information generated on the forest sector and the environment.

www.comifac.org



Strengthening actors' capacities to develop common and concerted positions



A Sub regional workshop organised by COMIFAC

Consultation meetings held by COMIFAC's thematic working groups in 2014

- Two meetings of the Central African Biodiversity Working Group (GTBAC): the nineteenth and twentieth meetings, were held respectively from 24 to 28 March 2014 in Kinshasa and 8 to 12 September 2014 in Douala. The meetings formulated the common sub-regional position ahead of COP 12 CBD. Also a progress report was established on the status of initiatives such as the process of revision of national biodiversity strategies and Action Plans, the ratification process and elaboration of national ABS strategies.
- Two meetings of the Central African Climate Change Working Group took place respectively: (i) from 19 to 21 March 2014 in Douala, ahead of the International Climate Conference held from 4 to 15 June 2014 in Bonn; and (ii) from 29 September to 2 October 2014 in Douala, in view of the twentieth Conference of the Parties to the Climate Convention held from 1 to 12 December 2014 in Lima, Peru.
- Two workshops of the Central African Forest Governance working group were held respectively on 12 February 2014 in Yaounde and on 29 and 30 July 2014 in Douala.

COMIFAC has accumulated extensive experience through its key role in formulating the sub-region's common and concerted positions in view of international negotiations on the Rio Conventions. Through its thematic working groups, the institution assists its member countries in strengthening the capacities of national actors.



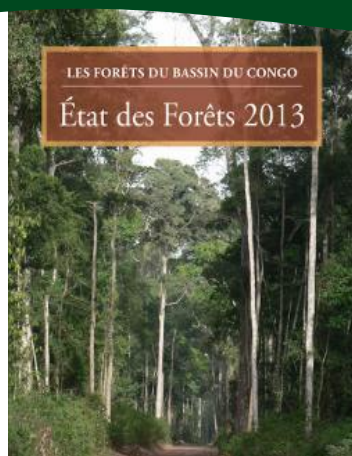
Family photo of a thematic work group meeting of COMIFAC

The Executive Secretariat also acquired a Working Group on forest governance in Central Africa that provides support and advice and thus constitutes a source of proposals.

The group is charged with helping the countries get a better grasp of the inherent concepts, principles and requirements of good forest governance, a vital prerequisite for sustainable management. It is comprised of five ad hoc expert committees grouped by sub theme, namely: (i) forest policy and legislation; (ii) Forest legality and certification; (iii) transparency and the fight against corruption in the forestry sector; (iv) the handicraft and informal sectors; and (v) decentralized forest management



An important guidance tool for knowledge sharing



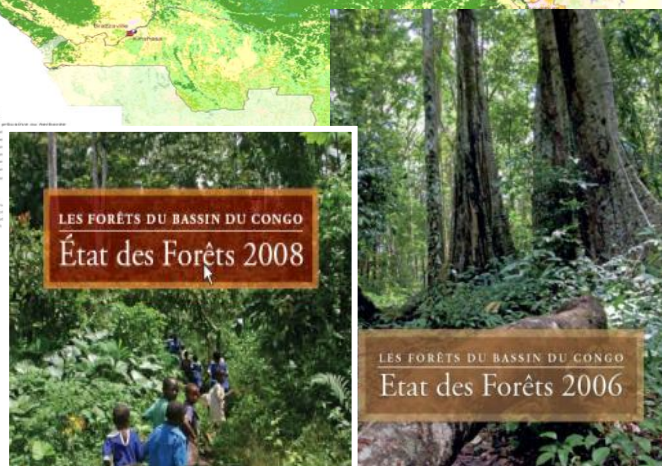
Central African Forests Observatory: Knowledge for everyone

OFAC is a tool created and housed within the COMIFAC Executive Secretariat. It is designed for guidance and knowledge sharing with a view to promoting better governance and sustainable management of forest ecosystems in Central Africa. This important tool help to share knowledge and available data for monitoring the economic, social and ecological features of forests.

OFAC's overall objective falls squarely in line with the implementation of the COMIFAC Convergence Plan aimed at improving the contribution of natural resources to poverty reduction among local populations.

For more information, a useful link:
www.observatoire-comifac.net

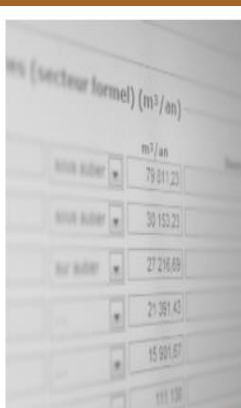
Through its publications and its online database, the Central African Forests Observatory (OFAC), as a decision making tool, received multifaceted support from partners in 2014 for its operationalization through various projects and programs: MRV, REDD+, CEOFAC, PACEBCo. The assistance enabled the OFAC unit to develop and manage databases on permanent plots, sub-regional projects and sub-regional expertise. The data bases were strengthened through the collaboration of the national OFAC working groups. A sub-regional workshop on improved populating of the databases by these national groups was subsequently held in July 2014 in Douala.



The operationalization of the OFAC Unit, thanks to support from partners has helped to strengthen national and regional capacities for collecting and encoding monitoring data from the Observatory on the one hand, and served to support the regional OFAC unit's structuring and functioning on the other hand.



Indicateurs nationaux



Encodage de données



Family photo of a training workshop of COMIFAC National Coordinations, may 2014 COMIFAC

COMIFAC National Coordinators : The key to country ownership of the COMIFAC process

In the discharge of its missions, COMIFAC relies on the national coordinators who relay information from the Executive Secretariat to their respective countries. To this effect, the national coordinators are mandated to monitor and coordinate implementation of the Convergence Plan on the one hand, and host meetings at national level, bringing together stakeholders concerned with the conservation and sustainable management of forest ecosystems, on the other hand. Having received this mandate, the CNCs need to build their capacities and update their knowledge at the human, material and financial level. With this concern in mind, the capacity building plan for CNCs has been developed since 2011 based on an assessment of their needs

and continued to be implemented in 2014. The consultation workshop for CNC coordinators which took place in October 2014 in Douala prepared the 2013-2014 biennial activity reports of the CNCs and their 2015-2016 biennial action plans. Other capacity-building activities conducted during the workshop included:

- A training session for the CNCs on communication, steering and management of the Convergence Plan monitoring and evaluation platform held from 12 to 16 May 2014 in Brazzaville, Congo;
- The purchase of computer, teaching and communication equipment worth USD 90,000 handed to each CNC.



Practicals during a CNC meeting



CNC Cameroun receiving communication equipment



"It is our hope that the equipment handed to the national coordinators will help the CNCs perform better and, thus help to capitalize already existing gains, particularly when it comes to preparing and implementing their next biennial action plans . "

Martin TADQUM

Deputy Executive Secretary of COMIFAC



CNC after receiving their training certificates



CEFDHAC: Conference on Dense and Humid Forest Ecosystems in Central Africa

A tool for protecting and sustainably managing dense and humid forest ecosystems in Central Africa

CEFDHAC

- A forum for dialogue and consultation, based on inclusion of all stakeholder groups in the sub-region;
- A forum for sharing and promoting innovative experiences, open to all stakeholders in the forest /environment sector ;
- A forum for proposals, where all ideas and thoughts contribute to decision-making, at political level, on forest and environmental issues in the sub-region.

CEFDHAC is COMIFAC's partner responsible for ensuring multi-stakeholder engagement to promote conservation and sustainable use of forest resources in Central Africa. To this effect, it manages the consultation process within the sub-regional forum and national fora and their specialized committees. Under the aegis of COMIFAC, CEFDHAC and its affiliated networks received support for their operations and in the discharge of their missions in 2014. Some sources of assistance included PACEBCo, the regional REDD+ project and the GIZ project to support COMIFAC.



CEFDHAC members during the presentation ceremony of equipment

Thanks to multifaceted support, CEFDHAC and its affiliated networks achieved the following in 2014:

- establishment and operationalization of the CEFDHAC Technical Secretariat;
- revamping and structuring of national CEFDHAC forums;
- establishment of platforms for dialogue or CEFDHAC chapters in rural areas;
- supporting the participation of REPALÉAC members in the third FIPAC meeting held at Impfondo in March 2014;
- supporting the participation of some indigenous communities in professional internships within Central African organizations;
- hosting a meeting of the CEFDHAC Regional Steering Committee in May 2014 in Bujumbura (Burundi);
- hosting a workshop to develop the annual action plan to build REJEFAC members' capacities on ABS from 1 to 3 December 2014 in Douala;
- supporting the participation of CEFDHAC networks in meetings of the thematic working groups hosted by COMIFAC and other partner organizations.



Exhibition ceremony by indigenous women



Indigenous meeting during the FIPAC 3, march 2014



The Heads of State during the launching of FIPAC premises



Signing ceremony of agreement for transfert of FIPAC management to ECCAS



Impfondo hosts FIPAC 3

Hosted by the Congolese Government, in partnership with ECCAS, COMIFAC and the Network of Indigenous and Local Communities for the Conservation and Management of Forest Ecosystems in Central Africa (REPALEAC), the third instalment of the International Forum on Indigenous Peoples (FIPAC) took place from 04 to 07 March 2014 at Impfondo, the divisional headquarters of the Likouala region in northern Congo.

Entitled: "Indigenous communities, traditional know-how and the Green Economy in Central Africa", the forum aimed to: (I) review progress achieved in implementing FIPAC2 recommendations, (ii) validate the Traditional Know-How Economy System in Central Africa and the Traditional Know-How Economy Program in Central Africa, and (iii) proceed with the handover of management of FIPAC from the Government of the Republic of Congo to the ECCAS secretariat. The event was marked by three highlights:

- 1- Holding of the technical expert segment which included presentations in plenary session, follow-up of break-out group work on various themes and feedback from group work in plenary session;
- 2- The Ministers' segment which adopted the Ministerial Declaration on the development and promotion of the traditional know-how economy of indigenous communities in Central Africa and the post FIPAC roadmap;
- 3- Signing of the agreement for the transfer of FIPAC management to ECCAS and inauguration of the FIPAC premises in the presence of three Heads of State: their Excellencies Boni YAYI of Benin, Idriss DEBY ITNO of Chad and Denis SASSOU NGUESSO of Congo. The aforementioned signing ceremony ended with a guided tour of the FIPAC village performed by the three Presidents, the ECCAS Secretary General and the various personalities in attendance.

Ensuring Central participation in



Experts of the sub region during the World Parks Congress In Austria, November 2014

Through our mission:

- We support broader participation of actors in the dialogue on forest and environmental issues,
- We help make known and defend the sub-region's common positions at international and regional level during negotiation meetings.



Participants during partners meeting of CBFP In Brazzaville, October 2014

In preparation for international negotiation meetings, COMIFAC regularly held negotiators' meetings on issues relating to climate change and REDD+, conservation of biodiversity and ABS, and the fight against desertification.

The institution went alongside its member countries to negotiation meetings held as part of the international dialogue on forests and the environment. The institution's active and much commended participation in the events has helped Central African countries to better defend their common sub-regional positions.

Common Positions on climate change

Two submissions of views of the Congo Basin countries were drafted in 2014 and forwarded to the Secretariat of the Convention on Climate Change. The views focused respectively on: the Durban Platform (ADP), the methodological guidelines on non-carbon benefits, the methodological guidelines on non-market based approaches and environmental and social safeguards. In addition to the submissions, the negotiators of the COMIFAC member countries defined their positions on issues at stake in the negotiations.

Africa's regular negotiation meetings

- ... poaching (anti ... are not based on the research results)
- Management of the protected areas is insufficient
- The benefits for the indigenous and local communities are weak
- ... quality of the eco-guards are weak



Participants during partners meeting of CBFP in Brazzaville, October 2014

Common Positions on biodiversity conservation

A common position of COMIFAC countries and the framework for action at COP 12 held in South Korea in October 2014 was developed at a meeting of the Working Group on Biodiversity (GTBAC) in September 2014 in Douala.



Sub-regional standard-setting instruments are being put in place

COORDINATING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVERGENCE PLAN

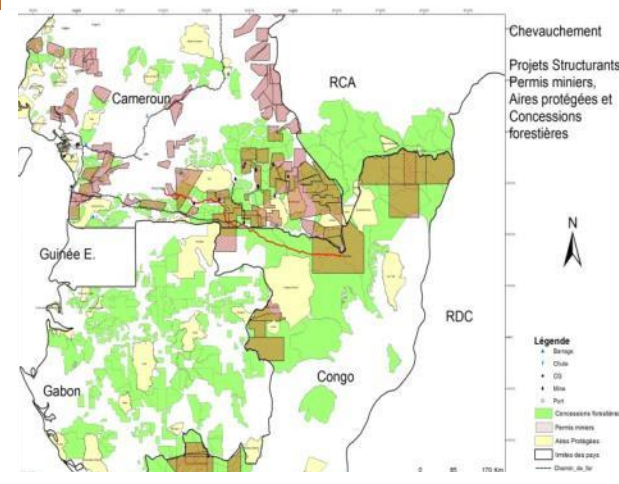
In 2014, COMIFAC pursued its mission of coordinating sub-regional initiatives, projects and programs, notably through fifteen projects and programs it coordinated and/or supervised.

As in previous years, the institution worked to enable the sub-region to develop legislative standard-setting instruments for the harmonization of forest policies and for their internalization at country level.

Regional Land Use Atlas

In 2014, with GIZ support, the COMIFAC Executive Secretariat finalised the first phase of the initiative to produce a subregional forest land use atlas. This is an important tool as it will assist policy makers in awareness raising and advocacy, to ensure consensual decision-making on land use by countries in the sub-region.

One of the flagship products of the atlas is the database developed on a regional scale, including all the titles granted/classified/allocated to various sectors of activity as well as key projects (infrastructure and other) with a stranglehold on the forest, and organized in a such a way as to highlight issues associated with their allocation to various uses.



This online database www.observatoire-comifac.net/geo/atlas, was presented during the regional technical workshop for harmonising and validating land use concepts within the COMIFAC area held from 25 to 26 September 2014 in Douala, with the financial support of GIZ.

For the next phase of this initiative, there are plans to develop appropriate media for the atlas and anchoring of the tool within OFAC.

A Guide for establishing transboundary protected areas

Central Africa recently developed a guide on the establishment of transboundary protected areas (TPA). The guide was prepared by the Executive Secretariat with the technical and financial support of the GIZ project to support COMIFAC, RAPAC, the COMIFAC "Biodiversity" Working Group (GTBAC), WCS, the TNS foundation, the TRIDOM Project and JICA. The Guide was produced following a preliminary study conducted in 2013 on the capitalization of experiences in transboundary protected areas in Central Africa.

It captures key recommendations and tips to ease the work of policy makers in the sub-region involved in establishing the TPAs, by introducing them to: (1) the conceptual basis for establishing a transboundary protected area, in particular the main definitions, lessons learned and cost and benefits analysis components to consider when deciding whether (or not) to create a transboundary protected area, and (2) successive steps recommended for establishing a transboundary protected area in a completely successful and sustainable way.

The life of our programs and projects

PACEBCo Program

The Congo Basin Ecosystems Conservation Support Program (PACEBCo) receives AfDB support through FAD funds and a counterpart contribution from ECCAS. The five-year program initially scheduled to end on 31 December 2014 has been extended till June 2016. Activities conducted in 2014 through its different components chiefly served to sustainably promote the well-being of populations and continued construction and equipping of multifunctional antennas, environmental centres and ecoguard posts in landscapes. As part of operationalization of the Local Development Fund (LDF), the program has identified 275 micro-projects to be funded for an overall cost of three billion FCFA in the areas of income-generating activities, infrastructure and capacity building. In addition to these strides, other activities conducted included: (i) funding of doctoral scholarships; (ii) assistance provided to the finalisation of the review of the Convergence Plan; (iii) finalisation of the forest research strategy in Central Africa.

MSP Project

The MSP Project receives funding from the GEF and is executed by the World Bank. The project which focuses on strengthening the coordination capacities of the Executive Secretariat closed at the end of 2014. Its achievements include: (i) the development of the Convergence Plan monitoring and evaluation platform and other sub-regional initiatives of COMIFAC", a training session was held for the Executive Secretariat team and the COMIFAC national coordinators on the features of this platform, in May 2014 in Brazzaville; (ii) the finalisation of the COMIFAC intranet/internet portal and subsequently, a training session was held for the Executive Secretariat team; (iii) a study on the capitalization of experiences and best practices in the implementation of the Convergence Plan and its validation in June 2014. Other achievements included the acquisition and rehabilitation of computer and communications equipment to be used by the COMIFAC national coordinators.

Regional REDD+ Project

The implementation of the regional project for strengthening institutional capacity for REDD+ receives funding from the GEF and is executed by the World Bank. In 2014, there were efforts to implement the activities under the different sub-components of the project by consultants and firms recruited to that effect. Thus, the contracts signed with the consultancies allowed for continued implementation of sub-component 1B on promoting inclusive participation of civil society actors in REDD+, sub component 2A on defining allometric equations, sub component 3B on promoting REDD+ pilot projects and sub-component 3A and particularly regional environmental and social assessment (EESR). Thus, the project contributed in 2014 to capacity building of the COMIFAC countries, hosting of two meetings of the sub-region's climate working group. Other accomplishments of the project included: assistance provided to CEFDHAC and its affiliate networks, hosting of a workshop held from 18 to 19 February 2014 in Douala to validate the project's regional environmental and social assessment report, hosting of two regional training workshops on "remote sensing and GIS in REDD+ projects" and "REDD+ project development", hosting of the regional workshop to validate the regional methodology for defining allometric equations held in Brazzaville on 23 and 24 April 2014.

REDD-PAC Project

The REDD-PAC project receives financial support from the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety (BMU). Placed under the general oversight of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) and in partnership with the Brazilian Aerospace Institute (INPE), UNEP-WCMC and COMIFAC, the project in 2014, pursued data collection to enhance the sub-regional model (Congobiom) and contribute to developing national models for estimating future emissions from deforestation or climate change (Cameroon, Congo and the DRC). Also, a mid-term project review was conducted in April 2014 and a road map was established as well. Similarly, training sessions for national and sub-regional project experts working on economic modelling of future deforestation trends were held in Cameroon and Austria respectively in April and September 2014. Lastly, a workshop on synergies between REDD+ and NBSAPs was organized from 08 to 11 July 2014 in Douala with the support of UNEP-WCMC and the CBD Secretariat. It was on the margins of this workshop that the cartographic atlas of potential synergies between the REDD+ mechanism and national biodiversity strategies and action plans was validated.

The life of our programs and projects

TRIDOM Project

The TRIDOM project (Trinational Dja-Odzala-Minkébé) is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and executed by UNOPS. The five-year program initially scheduled to end in December 2014 has been extended till June 2015. Activities conducted in 2014 included mainly implementation of the Anti-Poaching action plans (LAB) 2014 which led to the following achievements among others: (i) draft and validation of the document on the Consensual Plan for occupation and use of lands in the core and transboundary areas of the TRIDOM (Consensual proposal for the integration of large mammal migratory corridors into national land use plans on the core area of the TRIDOM landscape) to be submitted for adoption to the Ministries of project beneficiary countries; (ii) supporting the draft and implementation of seven protected area development plans that have helped increase management efficiency; (iii) analysis of the status of large mammals' potential; (iv) establishment of a continuous monitoring strategy (holding joint committees on wildlife related disputes); (v) ecological monitoring; (vi) launching construction work on the TRIDOM post; (vii) placement of seventeen village territories under development to maintain and/or rehabilitate large mammal migratory corridors; (viii) hosting of the last project workshop from 9 to 11 December 2014 in Douala; (ix) feeding data into the TRIDOM website under construction.

TNS Foundation Project

As part of the FTNS "Institutional support to sustainable forest management, Congo, CAR component" Project funded by the German Financial Cooperation (KfW), the following activities were conducted in 2014: completion of a study on the strategy for promoting tourism within the TNS Complex, holding from 15 to 19 September 2014 in Douala of the fourth General Assembly of the Network of African Environmental Funds: the TNS was appointed to host the GA; two training workshops for actors in Africa and Latin America (REDLAC) on environmental fund management were held on the sidelines of the GA; the holding from 8 to 12 August 2014 in Pokola (Congo) of the meeting of the Tri-national Planning and Execution Committee; funding of community micro-projects in the TNS; subsidy agreements signed by the Sangha Tri-national Foundation (FTNS), local organisations and the Lobeke National Park conservation service.

MRV Regional Project

The sub-regional project for capacity building on monitoring systems and national MRVs in the Congo Basin is supported financially by the Congo Basin Forest Fund (CBFF) and executed by FAO. The first phase of the project ended in September 2014. Activities conducted at country level included: continued establishment of national working groups on monitoring systems, as well as support for the validation of RPPs of countries with the least progress on REDD+. With respect to the regional component, activities included the holding of the project's first summer University on the REDD+ mechanism, and two OFAC workshops on permanent plots for forest inventories, supporting OFAC through the initiatives platform (OFAC, MRV, REDD+) for developing and managing the REDD+ data base; completion of three studies with reports published on: the current state of professional institutions in the fields of Information and Technology (IT) and the sub-region's Geomatics; assessment of GIS/Remote sensing training courses provided by the National School of Water Resources and Forestry (ENEF) in Gabon (University Degree in GIS/Remote sensing), the University of Dschang in Cameroon and the ERAIFT in the DRC; professional and refresher training programs on the three pillars of national forest monitoring systems, and lastly, drafting for submission to the CBFF Board in December 2014, of the concept note on the second phase of the project.

GDF Harmonised Approach Project

The "Harmonised Regional Approach to the Sustainable Management of Production Forests in the Congo Basin" Project is supported by GEF and UNEP. The project is supervised by COMIFAC and implemented by the World Resource Institute (WRI) in partnership with Rainforest Alliance (RFA). In 2014, the project conducted the following activities: training and capacity building sessions for the sub-region's experts and local communities held in Brazzaville and Libreville on themes such as audits on sustainable management and the traceability chain, tools for assessing the risks associated with illegal timber importation under the new European Union Timber Regulations, and the Sub-regional Guidelines on "the participation of local, indigenous communities and NGOs in sustainable management of Central African forests". The project equally conducted activities in the pilot countries, namely: Congo, CAR and Equatorial Guinea.

PPECF Regional Program

The Central African Certified Forest Enhancement Programme (PPECF) receives financial support from KfW and is executed by the GFA/DFS consortium. Activities conducted in 2014 include: a study in view of developing the sub-regional FSC roadmap on high conservation values (HVC); assisting in the development of a Pan-African certification system (CFAP) in Cameroon, Congo and Gabon; helping to organize a workshop for Asian logging companies on the certification and legality process in Central Africa, held in Libreville on 18 and 19 March 2014; assisting through the ATIBT in performing tests to find missing properties and parameters in a range of tree species under promotion on the one hand, and in conducting the study on the marketing of FSC certified timber in Europe on the other hand. Other actions included an ongoing cost-benefit analysis of FSC forest certification in the Congo Basin, whose findings will complement those of the recent CIFOR-WWF study on the social impacts of FSC certification in the Congo Basin; supporting the consolidation of the FSC repository in the Congo Basin; supporting the fight against illegal logging and wildlife exploitation in Gabon, supporting the organization of a CEFDHAC round table in the DRC on stakeholder engagement in the certification process.

Non-Timber Forest Products Project

The AfDB backs the implementation of the “Enhancing the contribution of non timber forest products to food security in Central Africa” Project. The project which is also the recipient of a CBFF grant is being executed by FAO for a period of three years under COMIFAC supervision and serves five countries namely Burundi, Equatorial Guinea, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, and Chad. In 2014, the main activities undertaken as part of the project focused on: hosting a project launch workshop and holding of the first Steering Committee meeting; selection and recruitment of national consultants to carry out various studies: the reports from these studies are currently being consolidated, establishment of national advisory committees on NTFPs and holding of meetings for those committees, development of a concept note outlining the conditions for obtaining study and research scholarships as part of the project.

PEFOGRN, ITTO/JICA, GIZ Project

In 2014, the Central African Network of Forestry and Environmental Training Institutions (RIFFEAC) implemented the PEFOGRN, ITTO/JICA, GIZ and PARAFE projects under COMIFAC supervision.

🌿 Activities conducted under the PEFOGRN project included: publication of two volumes of the scientific journal "Forests and the Environment in the Congo Basin", acquisition of computer and field and laboratory equipment, acquisition of rolling stock for six academic institutions in Central Africa, supporting the conduct of practical internships and other field missions: 28 grants allocated to training institutions in the sub-region.

🌿 Activities carried out as part of the ITTO /JICA project (No. 456/07 rev. 4 (F)) included: developing and adopting methodologies for the operationalization of each training program/module; building and leading trainer networks for each module/program.

🌿 Activities conducted under the GIZ project included: capacity building, special support to 5 pilot schools (ENEF in Mossendjo, ISA in Gitega, ISDR in Mbaiki, EF in Garoua), and supporting implementation of refresher training in six member institutions of RIFFEAC.

🌿 Activities conducted under the PARAFE project included: a call for applications for the recruitment of the operator of components 1 and 2; selection of three (3) beneficiary countries and institutions.

In addition to these achievements, RIFFEAC also conducted activities in collaboration with the MRV/FAO project to implement the training component of the project.

Aménagement des dortoirs pour étudiants - Management of student dormitories

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The Ministries during a meeting of the COMIFAC Council of Ministers



Assisting policy makers in decision-making for harmonized implementation of national policies

COMIFAC's statutory texts provide that the Council of Ministers, the decision-making body responsible for coordinating and supervising implementation of policies related to the conservation and sustainable management of Central African forest ecosystems, shall meet in ordinary session once every two years. However, extraordinary sessions of the Council may be convened between two ordinary sessions.

In addition, the Heads of State Summit, the supreme body of COMIFAC, provides guidance on the implementation of commitments made in the Treaty. In 2014, the Executive Secretariat pursued actions undertaken as part of preparations for the third Heads of State and Government Summit. Some of these actions included:

- Consultations with the acting President and authorities of Equatorial Guinea to pick the venue and dates for holding the Heads of State Summit ;
- Establishment of the ad hoc committee with the President's approval which will propose objectives, themes and sub-themes for the Summit.

July 2014 extraordinary meeting of the Council of Ministers

Convened by the acting Chairman of COMIFAC, the extraordinary session of the Council of Ministers in charge of forests and the environment of Central Africa, was held on 18 July 2014 in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. The meeting was preceded from 16 to 17 July 2014 by the expert meeting. During the session, the Ministers took decisions and resolutions which included:

- (i) approval of COMIFAC's financial and accounting audit report and internal audit report for 2013; (ii) validation of the revised Convergence Plan and the associated chain of results and indicators.



"One of COMIFAC's major projects is preparation for and smooth organization of the third Summit of Heads of State of Central Africa on conservation and sustainable management of forest and environmental resources "

Rosine Baiwong DJIBERGUI AMANE

Minister of Agriculture and the Environment, Chad

DIVERSE PARTNERSHIPS TO POOL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORT COUNTRY EFFORTS



• ECCAS

In its capacity as an organ for sub-regional economic integration for Central Africa, ECCAS provides periodic financial support to COMIFAC, particularly on the strength of its status as a specialized agency. In 2014, ECCAS supported the organization of the launch workshop of the Expert committees of the Central African Forest Governance Working Group in July 2014 in Douala.



• RAPAC

In 2014, RAPAC helped in implementing the sub-regional Convergence Plan through the component on Conservation of biodiversity, notably as part of the partnership agreement signed in 2010 by RAPAC and ECCAS for the implementation of PACEBCo on one hand, and on the other hand, through the Protected Areas component of the ECOFAC V program funded by the European Union Commission.



• CIFOR

CIFOR, with financial support from PACEBCo, implements the project entitled "Climate Change and forests in the Congo Basin: Synergies between Adaptation and Mitigation (COBAM)". A partnership agreement was signed to this effect by CIFOR and ECCAS in 2010 for the implementation of this project, which falls in line with component 2 of PACEBCo. COMIFAC equally collaborates with CIFOR on other initiatives.



Cooperation with Germany: GIZ and KfW

For several years, the German Government has been supporting COMIFAC and the implementation of the Convergence Plan through a technical cooperation program implemented by GIZ and through financial cooperation (KfW). The support continued through 2014 with interventions both in terms of technical cooperation (organizational support of COMIFAC; supporting civil society participation in the international dialogue on forests; supporting regional management of protected areas/use of space and capitalization and scaling-up of experiences) and in terms of financial cooperation (supporting the promotion of certified forest logging and the Sangha Tri-national Foundation: Congo and CAR component). Furthermore, strategic planning of the next phase of the project/module "Supporting COMIFAC" took place from 8 to 12 December 2014. It was done in consultation with the COMIFAC Executive Secretariat and other targeted partners of COMIFAC. The following five projects have been selected to be part of the COMIFAC program: the Certification Project (KfW), the FTNS Project (KfW), the Project to support COMIFAC (GIZ), the new ABS projects (GIZ) and BSB Yamoussa (GIZ).

Cooperation with Japan (JICA)

The Japanese government has been funding COMIFAC for a few years through a technical assistance project to the Executive Secretariat, implemented by JICA. This technical assistance continued in 2014. Thus, a project on promoting the conservation, sustainable use of biodiversity and climate change in Central Africa was initiated.

L'USFS/CARPE

With CARPE funding, the US Forest Service (USFS) provided some support to COMIFAC in 2014. The support focused particularly on: (i) the first regional workshop on remote sensing for forest monitoring, the Central African GEO-GFOI technical initiative, in June 2014 in Douala; and (ii) hosting a capacity building workshop for the sub-region's negotiators and civil society on REDD+ in October 2014 in Brazzaville on the margins of the CBFP partners' meeting.



The AfDB

The AfDB continues to support COMIFAC through two main initiatives. The Bank is the main donor to the PACEBCo Program. This five-year program is the result of an AfDB commitment in February 2005 at the second of Heads of State Summit, to support COMIFAC in the implementation of its Convergence Plan and in achieving the objectives set out in the Treaty. 80% of the contribution is provided through the AfDF fund. The program began in 2010.

In other way, The Congo Basin Forest Fund (CBFF) within the AfDB was launched in June 2008 thanks to contributions from the governments of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Kingdom of Norway with start-up funding of USD 200 million. The fund aims to support implementation of the Convergence Plan. It specifically seeks to contribute to the fight against deforestation and poverty reduction among local communities. The fund has financed the following sub-regional projects: (i) the FAO-NTFPS GCP/RAF/ 479/AFB Project entitled: "Enhancing the contribution of non timber forest products to food security in Central Africa"; (ii) the "Beyond timber: Reconciling the needs of the logging industry with those of the forest-dependent ."; (iii) the MRV Project. Also, several national projects have been financed by the fund.

UNEP/GEF

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) funded the "Harmonised Regional Approach to Sustainable Management of Production Forests in the Congo Basin" Project, executed by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), and implemented by the World Resource Institute (WRI) in collaboration with Rainforest Alliance (RFA).

FAO

FAO supported the implementation of the Convergence Plan in 2014 as the executing agency for the GCP/RAF/441/GER "Strengthening Food Security in Central Africa through Sustainable Management of Non Timber Forest Products" Project (funded by the CBFF) and of the CBFF-funded regional MRV project.

GEF/UNDP

GEF has since 2008 been providing USD 10 million in funding towards implementation of the TRIDOM project entitled "Conservation of transboundary biodiversity conservation in the Dja-Odzala-Minkebe interzone of Cameroon, Congo and Gabon". The seven-year project is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and executed by the "United Nations Office for Project Services" (UNOPS).

La Banque Mondiale/Fonds pour l'Environnement Mondial (FEM)

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(i) Le projet MSP d'un montant de 815.000 dollars américain, est entré en vigueur en juillet 2011 et achevé en décembre 2014 ; (ii) Le projet régional de renforcement des capacités institutionnelles REDD+ d'un montant de 13 millions de dollars américain et il est entré en vigueur en novembre 2011 pour une durée de 5 ans.

IIASA, INPE, UNEP-WCMC

COMIFAC partner with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in implementing an international project entitled "REDD+ Policy Assessment Centre" (REDD-PAC). The project receives funding from the German Federal Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Nuclear Security (BMU) to the tune of 3 billion CFAF for four (04) years.

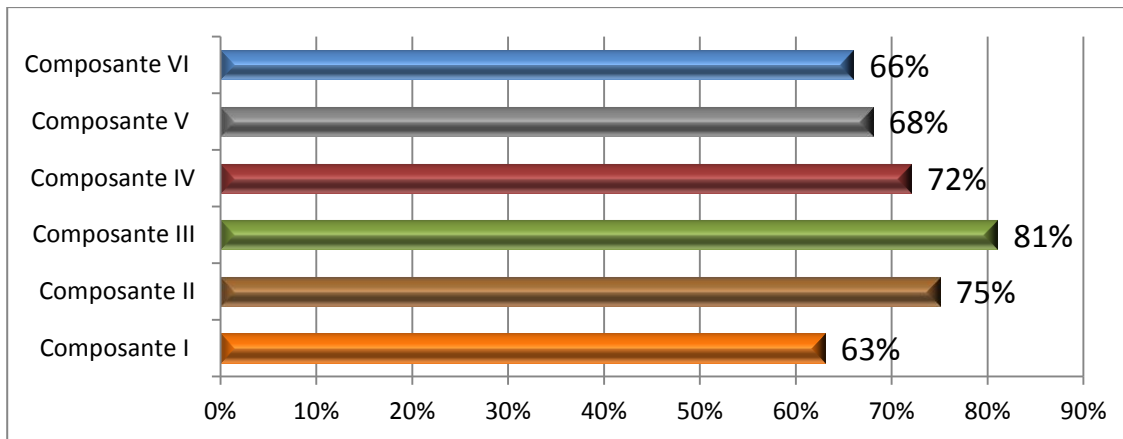
IUCN

In 2014, COMIFAC received support from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature which hired an international consultant to support the Convergence Plan review process (under CBFF funding).

WWF, TRAFFIC

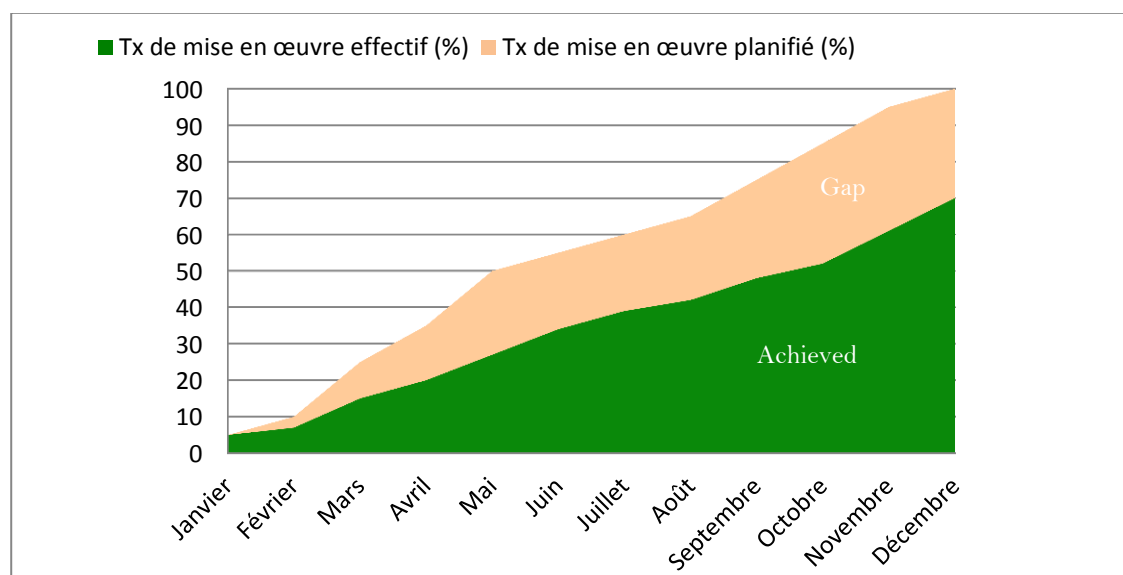
COMIFAC received support from WWF and TRAFFIC for the implementation of PAPECALF by organizing a sub-regional training session in June 2014 on the fight against organised crime linked to protected wild fauna and flora species. The session was organised for the benefit of law enforcement agencies of the COMIFAC countries. Furthermore, WWF supported the COMIFAC Convergence Plan review by helping to finance the organization of the sub-regional validation forum.

Review of achievements



AWP 2014 implementation rate: 71%

Components	Achievement rate
Component I: Planning, monitoring and evaluation of implementation of the Convergence Plan	63%
Component II: Communication, sub- regional consultation and capacity building	75%
Component III: International dialogue on forests and the environment and raising the profile of COMIFAC	81%
Component IV: Coordinating implementation of Convergence Plan and Partnerships	72%
Component V: COMIFAC statutory meetings	68%
Component VI: Coordination and Management of COMIFAC ES	66%
Average	71%



Our finances

In order to ensure success in the discharge of its assigned missions and implement its annual work plan 2014, the COMIFAC Executive Secretariat raised funds from the countries and from international and sub-regional partners.

Contributions from stakeholders (Resources)

Contributions from the States and ECCAS	Country	Annual	Recovery of arrears
	from 01.1.2014 to 31.12.2014	Contributions	
	Burundi	0	25,625,997
	Cameroon *	30,700,000	-
	Congo	16,000,000	0
	Gabon	0	0
	Equatorial Guinea *	30,700,000	-
	CAR	0	0
	DRC	0	0
	Rwanda	0	0
	Sao Tome and Principe	0	0
	Chad	0	0
	Total contribution from countries	77,400,000	25,625,997
	ECCAS subsidies	19,380,000	-
	Total resources 1 (CFAF)	96,780,000	25,625,997

* Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea were up to date with all their contributions in 2014.

Financial support from partners *	Partner support *	Amount	Areas of support
	As of 31.12.2014	(CFAF)	
	ECCAS/ADB/PACE BCo	40,000,000	Implementation of OFAC/PACEBCo agreement
		14,644,000	COMIFAC Convergence Plan Validation Forum
		3,329,640	Agreement preparations ahead of COP 19
	WWF	11,807,226	COMIFAC Convergence Plan Validation Forum
		10,596,320	Training workshop on wildlife crime
	CORAF/WECARD	65,439,582	Implementation of CORAF/WECARD agreement
	MSP/COMIFAC support	182,161,538	Implementation of MSP/WB Project
	JICA	4,000,000	Organizing Council of Ministers meeting, Bujumbura (Photocopying documents) & Publishing of COMIFAC News 14
	IIASA	48,981,013	IIASA Convention (REDD/PAC Implementation Project)
	UNEP/WCMC	16,466,397	NBSAPs workshop
	BIODIVERSITY International	20,203,475	Implementation Beyond Timber project
	USFS	4,531,362	Side event IUCN Congress Sydney
	KFW/PPECF	9,477,057	COMIFAC Booth World Parks Congress
	Total resources 2 (CFAF)	434,790,610	

* The financial support from partners presented in this table are those whose funds transit through COMIFAC accounts. In fact, several other forms of financial support not presented in this table are provided by partners who manage the funds themselves.

Total resources	Items		COMIFAC Account (CFAF)	Partner support account and other dedicated accounts (CFAF)
		Remaining funds from 2013	Banks	124,608,736
		Cash	249,517	0
	Resources mobilised		122,405,997	434,790,610
	Total per account (CFAF)		247,264,250	608,248,025

Budget Execution Statement (Uses)

Execution of the budget (CFAF)	Title	Amount As at 31.10.2014
		Fixed Assets
	COMIFAC Staff salaries and benefits	168,995,658
	Social contributions & pensions	15,775,839
	Workshops and seminars	180,485,591
	Consultants' fees	167,928,426
	Other overhead charges	133,887,224
	Total uses (CFAF)	725,459,278

Unpaid costs and loans (CFAF)	Suppliers	45,433,926
	Social Charges CNPS & Taxes	794,469
	Salaries	48,981,013
	Pensions	2,761,897
	Total debt owed to third parties	67,782,305

Receivables (CFAF)	Receivables due to staff	5,766,303
	Various debtors	3,671,908
	Prepaid expenses	1,000,000
	Suppliers / Advance deliveries	10,265,500
	Total receivables	20,703,711

Human Resources

Administration

The organisation chart of the Central African Forest Commission is comprised of paid staff classified as follows:

- **Statutory category:** Executive Secretary, Deputy Executive Secretary and Technical Coordinator, and Financial and Administrative Director.
- **Technical category:** Programme officer, Technical assistants (2), Legal and Tax Advisor, Communication Specialist-Librarian and Accountant.
- **Support category:** Administrative assistant, Secretary/Receptionist, Messenger, Drivers (4), Security Officers (8) and CleanerStaff positions for this category are all filled except for two security guard vacancies which have not yet been filled.

Under the technical category, the positions are filled with financial support from partners and by a member country of the institution, namely:

- A Technical Assistant, provided by the Government of Equatorial Guinea
- A Biodiversity and Desertification Specialist (financing for REDD-PAC/IIASA Project)
- An accountant (GEF/World Bank financing).
- A land use policy expert recruited thanks to funding from the REDD-PAC project
- Five experts in the fields of Communication, Environment, Law, Socio economics, Gender and Monitoring– Evaluation (AfDB/ECCAS/PACEBCo funding)

Fixed Assets

COMIFAC's fixed assets comprise tangible and intangible assets. There were no new acquisitions in 2014. A summary of the institution's assets is presented in the table below:

Software	4,000,000
Facilities & Fixtures	2,057,100
Office Furniture	22,356,000
Computer equipment	51,999,000
Automotive Equipment	15,280,050
TOTAL	86,912,604

The Faces of COMIFAC

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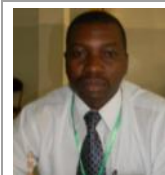


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