



WFC - Side Event CBFP/CAFI

Saving our planet's second-largest lung – How the Congo Basin contributes to protecting global climate and threatened biodiversity and how it should be supported

Wednesday 4th May 2022, SEOUL, 5:30 PM KST - 7:00 PM KST

Room Hall E5

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Action to protect, sustainably manage and restore forests is an essential, viable pathway to 1.5 degrees. Thus, actions to support the protection of the world's largest lung in terms of net positive carbon balance, its peatlands and other ecosystems, are essential to these efforts. Absorbing about 1.5 billion tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere each year, or 4% of global emissions each year, Central Africa remains one of the only regions in the world that absorbs more carbon than it emits.

This is the context of the COMIFAC Declaration of Commitment and the Glasgow COP26 joint Declaration of the Central Africa of the Congo Basin donors.

Join this discussion on Calls for a "Fair Deal" that addresses the protection, sustainable use, and good governance of the central African Forest ecosystems of the Congo basin by the riparian countries of COMIFAC **in exchange** for an adequate share of international climate and biodiversity funds.

Speakers:

- Introduction - Welcoming by the BMZ currently heading German CBFP Facilitation and German CAFI presidency, **Mr. Tony Baumann, Central Africa Division, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), 5 min**
- Testimony on the consultative process leading to the "Fair Deal", the Declaration of Commitment of COMIFAC Member States which resulted in the Glasgow COP 26 Declaration of the financial partners of the Congo Basin, Technical Coordinator, **Dr Dany Pokem, Technical Coordinator, CBFP, German Facilitation, 5 min**
- Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI), Representative of a financing mechanism, **5 min**
- Message from REAPLEAC on the Glasgow Pledgments for indigenous peoples and local communities, **Mr. Joseph Itongwa, Regional Coordinator of REPALEAC, 3min**
- COMIFAC Declaration inspiration for the COP26 Joint Donor Declaration: Importance, content, engagements, needs as well as its impact for a further global commitment:
 - ✓ **H.E. Rosalie Matondo, Minister of Forest Economy, Republic of Congo, 5min**
 - ✓ **H.E. Lee White, Minister of Water, Forest, the Sea and Environment, Gabon, 5 min**
 - ✓ **H.E. Jules Doret Ndongo, Minister of Forestry and Wildlife, Cameroun, and current COMIFAC President, 5 min**
- Discussions: the panel will be asked 4-5 questions; answers are moderated and structured by a moderator, addressing political & technical follow-up and international collaboration for further actions, **30min**

Moderator : Estelle Fach, Secrétariat de l'Initiative pour la Forêt de l'Afrique centrale (CAFI)

"Together let us stimulate action and accelerate the implementation of the COMIFAC Declaration of Commitment, the COP26 Joint Declaration of Congo Basin Donors and the Fair Deal"

