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Congo Basin Forests Partnership (CBFP)

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PRESENTATION PLAN

1. General information about the partnership
2. Functioning of the CBFP
3. CBFP main accomplishments to-date
4. Perspectives, challenges and steps forward
GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE CBFP

- Launched in Johannesburg in 2002 during the World Summit on Sustainable Development

- Objectives:
  - Put into effect the implementation plan adopted at the WSSD for promoting the development, sustainable management and conservation of forest ecosystems in Central Africa,
  - Support the implementation of the Yaoundé Declaration, adopted by the Heads of State of the Central African countries in March 1999

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE CBFP

- CBFP – a « type II » partnership
- Based on a voluntary agreement between members
  - No legally binding business arrangement among “partners”
  - “Partners” with different expertise for biodiversity, forest conservation and sustainable forest management
  - Coordination of the process by a “facilitator”
Partenariat pour les forêts du bassin du Congo

COMIFAC: Central African Commission on Forests:
Institutional framework for planning, coordinating and monitoring the implementation of actions derived from the Yaoundé Declaration

Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, Equatorial-Guinea, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tomé/Principe, Chad

CBFP MEMBERS

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<td>South Africa, Germany, Belgium, Canada, European Commission, USA, France, Great Britain, Japan, Netherlands, Spain (new)</td>
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<td>Society of American Foresters</td>
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To date 45 members: Congo Basin Countries and institutions, donors, private sector, NGOs, research institutions
MAIN PREOCCUPATIONS OF THE CBFP

- Support the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC) in the implementation of the regional forest strategy (Convergence Plan), which is the operational translation of the 1999 Yaounde Declaration
- Share information to improve coordination of member activities

FONCTIONING OF THE CBFP

Governance of the CBFP:
- Steering through ‘facilitation’ provided by one of the members for two years: USA (2003-2005), France (2005-2007), Germany (2008-2009)

Objective of the Facilitation
- Organize a dialogue and collaboration between the different partners,
- Set up a work programme based on the guidelines provided in the COMIFAC Convergence Plan
- Represent and promote the CBFP
COOPERATION FRAMEWORK

- Adopted in February 2005 in order to favor transparency and coordination between the members and to develop synergies between their present and future projects & programmes

**CBFP Cooperation framework insists on:**
- Simultaneous promotion of economic development, poverty reduction and conservation of biodiversity;
- Incorporation of the activities of the Partners into the national and regional programmes of COMIFAC member states;
- Institutional support to COMIFAC and its subregional partner institutions;
- Greater involvement of civil society and the private sector;
- Better transparency in the management of the sector through national and regional consultation processes.

ORGANIZATIONAL SETUP OF THE CBFP

**Concertation Structures**
- Facilitation
- CBFP Plenary sessions
- Consultative Regional Committee
- Thematic Working Groups

**Communication Instruments**
- Web Site: www.cbfp.org
- Information News Bulletins of the COMIFAC
- Electronic « Newsletter »
EVALUATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP

- Carried out in 2007, results presented in November
- Jointly organized and financed by France and Germany
- Independantly executed by a team of consultants

- 76 Questionnaires
- 67 Interviews
- 3 regional reflection groups

The partnership’s impact as perceived by its members

Strongly positive impacts on conservation and sustainable development

Still weak or no positive impacts on poverty alleviation
Financial Contributions of CBFP Members (estimate)


CBFP MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

1. International and regional awareness raised on the importance of Congo Basin Forest:
   - CBFP membership 26 in 2002, now 45
   - Financial commitments 70m € in 2002, now 140m €, UK 50m £ Congo Basin Fund, TNS trust fund

2. Collaboration between donors, partners, NGOs and private sector fostered.
   - Regular CBFP consultation meetings
   - Working groups on funding mechanisms, FLEGT, training and capacity building, ABS-CBD process, implementation of their recommendations
   - Coordinated expert studies on autonomous financing mechanism and monitoring system for COMIFAC
CBFP MAIN ACCOMPLISHEMENTS TO DATE

3. Improved information dissemination:
   - CBFP website (www.cbfp.org)
   - CBFP mailing list
   - First State of the Congo Basin Forests report 2006
   - Improved and updated report for 2008 and outlook to 2050 commissioned

4. Systematic training and capacity building for COMIFAC member countries and regional organizations

5. Establishment of a French-German regional Support Office for COMIFAC

Steps forward, Challenges

1. Further improve coordination of member activities under the leadership of the COMIFAC Secretariat
2. Continue lobbying to attract more members, funds
3. Encourage stronger participation of private sector players and local NGOs
4. Improve communication through internet communication platform, newsletters, professionally organized meetings etc.
5. Ensure continuation of CBFP
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Positionning partners by areas, identifying leaders of groups

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<td>Renforcement des capacités SE COMIFAC et institutions partenaires</td>
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Mission générale de la facilitation

Les réponses au questionnaire indiquent un degré d’assentiment, selon une échelle de 1 (pas du tout d’accord), à 5 (tout à fait d’accord).