

## Paris, 29th November 2023

Your Excellency, Madam, Sir,

In the context of the COP28 in Dubai and the multi-stakeholder dialogue involving COMIFAC, ECCAS, CBFP and CAFI organised by the French and Gabonese co-facilitation of the Congo Basin Forests Partnership, I have the honour to invite you to attend a meeting on Friday 8 December 2023 from 14:00 to 15:30 in the "COMIFAC Central Africa Initiatives" pavilion, Zone Bleue, TA4-245.

This high-level event will be chaired by H.E. Propser Dodiko, Minister for the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock of Burundi, President of COMIFAC and H.E. Aurélie Flore Koumba Pambo, Ambassador for Climate, Environment and Sustainable Development of Gabon, cofacilitator, on behalf of the Republic of Gabon, of the CBFP and myself.

The meeting will enable the stakeholders to familiarise themselves, in a simplified format, with the strategic axes of the CBFP roadmap for the years 2023-2025, and to mobilise stakeholders in order to coordinate them to increase protection and sustainable use of the Congo Basin forests. Invited speakers will include representatives of the CBFP donor countries, civil society, the private sector, INGOs, scientific institutes and multilateral actors in dialogue with Central African institutions and representatives. A presentation of the event is attached.

Yours sincerely,

Christophe Guilhou

Co-facilitateur de la République française du Partenariat pour les Forêts du Bassin du Congo

NB: English-French interpretation will be provided. Please confirm your attendance to : <a href="mailto:christelle.mafotie-wouembe@expertisefrance.fr">christelle.mafotie-wouembe@expertisefrance.fr</a>, <a href="mailto:lucas.ivernel@diplomatie.gouv.fr">lucas.ivernel@diplomatie.gouv.fr</a> dany.pokem@pfbc-cbfp.org