



SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS ON TRANSBOUNDARY TRANSUMANCE

Nexus : transhumance, protected areas and natural resources,
development, peace and security



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BACKGROUND

In January 2019, at the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) initiative in collaboration with COMIFAC, OCFSA and German Cooperation, the first International Conference of Ministers in charge of Defense, Security and Protected Areas on the fight against poaching and other Transboundary criminal activities was held in N'Djamena in the Republic of Chad from January 23 to 25, 2019.

The objectives of this meeting was for the eight countries involved (Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Niger, Nigeria, Sudan, South Sudan and Chad) to develop a strategy to guide the regional transhumance dynamics by creating links with security concerns and to prevent environmental damage associated with transhumance.

At the end of the conference, the countries signed a declaration known as the «Ndjamen Declaration», on the need to guide regional transhumance dynamics by paying more attention to security issues, wildlife management and the increasing degradation of ecosystems due to climate change.

The Ndjamen Declaration was implemented by the countries concerned, with the support of partners in three regional working groups known as geographical blocks:

- The West block comprising Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, CAR and Chad.
- The Centre block: Chad, CAR, DRC, Sudan and South Sudan.
- Eastern block: CAR, DRC, Sudan and South Sudan.

Four years after the Ndjamen conference, in order to evaluate the implementation of the declaration and to continue this important work, the CBFP Facilitation of the Federal Republic of Germany in close collaboration with ECCAS, COMIFAC and the Republic of Cameroon will organize the **Second International Conference of Ministers on Transboundary Transhumance from July 10 to 12, 2023. Nexus: transhumance, protected areas and natural resources, development, peace and security.**

OBJECTIVE

Under the patronage of the President of the Republic of Cameroon, His Excellency Paul Biya, the Second International Conference of Ministers on Transboundary Transhumance will capitalize on the implementation of the Ndjamena Declaration and take urgent measures to address the challenges of transhumance between the Sahel and the north of equatorial Africa relating to Transboundary AML (Anti-Poaching), natural resource degradation, gold/mining, eco-security, peace, eco-development, local traditions and cultures. All this against the backdrop of the political strategy, diplomacy, operations, programmes and financial aspects of the N'Djamena Declaration.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. Seek political strategy and diplomatic consensus on the nexus between transhumance, protected areas and natural resources, development, peace and security, in order to guarantee adequate management of protected areas, to preserve the ecological services of natural resources by:

- signing of Transboundary agreements (bilateral and multilateral) and cooperation agreements to frame coordinated transnational and multi-sectoral inter-regional actions to «tackle» the challenges and issues in the 3 Ndjamena declaration geographical blocks;
- Agreeing on the type of entry control systems at the borders of host countries and countries providing transhumance, the size of the herd, the health status of the animals, the control of the circulation of weapons and the financing of pastoralism (Neo-Pastoralism and ODA); the threats posed by armed groups circulating between the Sahel, Sudan and north equatorial Africa to protected areas and their riparian populations; the protection of natural resources and ecosystem services in protected areas;
- Harmonising of regulatory texts, national laws and informal-traditional agreements (customs) for the management of transhumance; including the issue of sedentarization and other land uses (mining, gold panning)... ;
- Effective modes of governance for Transboundary transhumance;

2. EAnalyse and approve / Present country investment plans (PIP) - country action

plans (PAP) for peaceful transboundary transhumance;

3. Identify potential sources of funding for the implementation of the PIP/PAP;

4. Identify priority themes to be proposed to the French Facilitation, with a view to ensuring continuity;

EXPECTED RESULTS

1. Political strategy and diplomatic consensuses are reached, and resolutions passed, to provide a framework for coordinated, multi-sector transnational actions to tackle the challenges and issues in the declaration's three geographical blocks;

2. Country investment plans - action plans are presented and appropriate;

3. Potential sources of funding for the PIPs are identified, and funding commitments are made, considered or discussed with donors;

4. Priority themes to ensure continuity in the process of monitoring the implementation of the declaration are identified, and forwarded to the next Facilitation (French CBFP Facilitation).

THE PARTICIPANTS

During this Second International Conference of Ministers on Transboundary Transhumance from July 10 to 12, 2023, the Facilitation of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Cameroon, the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the Central Africa Forest Commission (COMIFAC) will organize thematic workshops and side face-to-face and virtual events.

The countries concerned will participate in this high-level conference:



Cameroon



Niger



Nigeria



CAR



DRC



Sudan



South Sudan



Chad

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Ministers in charge of Forests/Protected Areas/Environment;

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Ministers in charge of Livestock/Agriculture;

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Ministers in charge of Security;

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Governors of the regions concerned and charismatic traditional chiefs;

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Experts from the eight (8) countries involved in the declaration;

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Civil society - Multi-stakeholder agro-pastoral and transhumant platform;

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The private sector - investors in pastoralism and transhumance;

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Ministers or representatives of donor countries;

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Experts from technical and financial partners;

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Sub-regional organisations: African Union, ECCAS, ECOWAS, IGAD, COMIFAC, CILSS, CEBEVIRHA, CBLT; G5 Sahel, Sahel Club;

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Leaders and co-leaders of the three geographical blocks

HOST COUNTRY

Cameroon: Hub of Transboundary transhumance issues in the sub-region

Cameroon, a member of the CBFP, ECCAS and the Central Africa Forest Commission (COMIFAC), will host the Second International Conference of Ministers on Transboundary Transhumance. The conference is under the patronage of the President of the Republic of Cameroon.

Cameroon has adopted policies aimed at regulating transhumance movements, guaranteeing Transboundary security for people, goods and livestock, combating poaching and reducing tensions resulting from the use of natural resources for agro-pastoral activities.

An inter-ministerial committee chaired by the Secretary General of the Prime Minister's office has been set up.



PROGRAMME

Conference Programme

DAY 0

Experts' technical meetings, separately in the three geographical blocks: the East block on March 21, 2023 in Kinshasa, DRC and on April 12-14, 2023 for the centre and west blocks in N'Djamena, Chad.

DAY 1

- Inaugural session of the experts' technical meeting and preliminary presentations
- Press briefing
- Work in session in the three geographical blocks to monitor the implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration
- Side events

DAY 2

- Opening of the Second International Conference of Ministers on Transboundary transhumance and preliminary presentations
- Expert's meeting report: Panel compiling experts work
- Panels: ministers and traditional chiefs' forum
- In-camera session of Ministers and sub-regional organisations and In-camera session - high- level round table of technical and financial partners
- Opening and welcome cocktail reception

JOUR 3 :

- High Level Speeches
- Transfer of facilitation to France - Gabon
- Closing ceremony of the Second International Conference of Ministers on Transboundary Transhumance
- Press briefing
- 11th Steering Committee of the CBFP

ABOUT THE CBFP

The CBFP's mission is to attract more funding and technical support to save the world's largest tropical forest for the well-being of its people.

The Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) was launched by former United States Secretary of State, Colin Powell, and the Central African Heads of State at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg as a response to Resolution 54/214 of the United Nations General Assembly which urged the international community to support efforts towards conservation and sustainable management of Congo Basin forests, outlined in the Yaoundé Declaration adopted by the Heads of State in Yaoundé in 1999.

The CBFP is a member of the partnerships of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development. This is a multi-stakeholder partnership enabling member organizations to cooperate on a voluntary basis. The CBFP currently counts 125 members including 11 Central African countries and nearly a hundred partners concerned with Congo Basin forest ecosystems including: Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Central Africa Forest Commission (COMIFAC), financial partners, Congo Basin civil society, international NGOs, multilateral organizations, research and training institutions, private sector operators.

Due to its non-binding, voluntary nature, the CBFP has no formal institutional structure. Rather, it is built around a set of informal structures that enable vibrant dialogue, collaboration and exchanges, thereby fostering the emergence of convergent views between the many CBFP members on key issues relating to protection and sustainable management of Congo Basin forests.

- **CBFP Meeting of the Parties:** The CBFP Meeting of the Parties is the Partnership's «General Assembly». It is held in one of the COMIFAC member states and gathers all CBFP stakeholders.

- **The CBFP Colleges:** CBFP members are grouped within seven colleges, by type and role of actors: The CBFP Council is made up of two representatives from each CBFP college, and is chaired by the CBFP Facilitator.

The CBFP is run by a voluntary Facilitator, promoting effective dialogue and cooperation within the Partnership.

The CBFP was initially facilitated by the United States from January 2003 - December 2004, followed by France from January 2005- October 2007, Germany from October 2007- September 2010 and Canada from September 2010- December 2012. The U.S. resumed the Facilitation from May 2013 to December 2015, the European Union from January 2017 to December 2018, and the Kingdom of Belgium from January 2018 to

December 2019. The Federal Republic of Germany currently runs the CBFP Facilitation for the period from 2020- July 2023.

ORGANISATION



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