

Side-event called "Congo Basin Regional Programs Day".

Date: December 8, 2020 from 12:00 pm

Venue: Hotel le Fleuve Congo

Kinshasa Room

Moderation by the Regional Technical Assistance ECOFAC 6

CBFP meetings have always been an opportunity for its partners and assimilated to organize side-events promoting their activities or addressing a theme of interest for conservation. With the support of the CBFP Facilitator from the Federal Republic of Germany, Honorable Dr. Christian Ruck, the Regional Program ECOFAC 6 is honored to organize the first **"Congo Basin Regional Program Day" within the framework of the CBFP on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 12:00 to 15:00.**

"With its exceptional biodiversity resources and its economic potential in terms of land, demography, non-renewable resources and agricultural needs, Central Africa is at a crossroads to initiate an economic model adapted to the needs of economic emergence, diversification of national economies and sub-regional integration. This context calls for concerted responses at the level of the various stakeholders in order to reach structurally viable consensus ensuring both economic and net gains for the subregion's biodiversity".

Main points: ECCAS reform and Natural Resources, regional physical integration, institutional architecture, land use planning, biodiversity management and enhancement, PA landscapes and territorialities, local communities, regional and international technical cooperation; Eco-security in the sub-region, decision support tools, peatlands, capacity building (non-exhaustive list).

The presentations will concern, among others, the ECCAS Institutional Reform and the Vision on Natural Resources, the synthetic presentation of each regional program on the axes of thematic capitalization, harmonization, coordination, synergies and mutualization of interventions, monitoring and programmatic tools. The following program managers are solicited for their participation in this session:

UNESCO CAWHFI, CAFI, GIZ support COMIFAC, CARPE, RIOFAC CIFOR, WCS through its regional training component for eco-guards, UNDP Sustainable financing Program, Congo Basin Impact Program, UNODC (WLFC), SWM Programme, etc.

The regional programs have a structuring dimension that it would be interesting to highlight in the framework of these exchanges with the ECCAS reform and its roadmap Natural Resources, Agriculture, Climate, Green Economy, etc..

At the end of this session the participants will be informed of what the various regional programs are doing, and in particular the possible synergies on current thematic issues; and finally, a good edification on the main lines of the ongoing reform on ECCAS natural resources.

Participants will also be invited to suggest approaches and ideas on how to maintain this format of exchange on the margins of CBFP meetings.

The provisional program of this side-event is presented in the table below:

Speakers	Contents	Time allowed
ECCAS	Brief presentation of the recent reform of ECCAS and of the new "Environment and Sustainable Development" Commission - Stakes and Perspectives	15 minutes
B4Life	Territorial Vision UE B4Life	10 Minutes
ECOFAC 6 - regional TA	Monitoring and Evaluation System and Capitalization Projects	15 minutes
ECOFAC 6 - RIOFAC CIFOR	Presentation of the new analytical platform	10 minutes
ECOFAC 6 - GIZ	Sub-regional capacity building (ERAIFT and Garoua Wildlife School)	10 minutes
ECOFAC 6 - WCS	Regional training of eco-guards	10minutes
CAWFHI/ UNESCO	Brief presentation of the program	10 minutes
SWM/FAO	Brief presentation of the program	10 minutes
CAFI	Brief presentation of the program	10 minutes
Impact Program (UN Env.)	Brief presentation of the program	10 minutes
ONUDC	Brief presentation of the program	10 minutes
Ensemble des participants	Exchange Session	20 minutes