



Press Release

The 11th meeting of the CBFP Governing Council was held on July 12, 2023 in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

This "statutory" meeting in the organised by the CBFP, of which the objective was to present the Roadmap of the Franco-Gabonese Facilitation to the members of the CBFP Governing Council, took place just after the handover of the CBFP Facilitation from Germany to France and Gabon.

The 11th meeting of the CBFP Governing Council was co-chaired by; Mr. Christophe Guilhou, CBFP Facilitator, Director of Sustainable Development, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France, Mr Ghislain Moussavou, CBFP Facilitator, Director General of Forests, Ministry of Water, Forests, Sea and Environment in charge of Climate Change and Land Use Plan, Gabon, and by Prof. Sanctus Niragira, Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Burundi, current Chairman of COMIFAC.

The meeting was also attended by representatives of the CBFP's seven (7) colleges.

Three speeches were made during the opening ceremony: a word of welcome from the Gabonese Co-Facilitation of the CBFP, by Mr. Ghislain Moussavou; a video recording of the speech from the French Co-Facilitation of the CBFP, by Dr. Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Secretary of State for Development, International Partnerships and the Francophonie, France; and the opening speech by Prof. Sanctus Niragira, Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Burundi, Executive Secretary of COMIFAC.

Feedback from the German CBFP Facilitation, with a focus on the German CBFP Facilitation report, and the presentation of the results of the Fair Deal Task Force by the Honorable Dr Christian Ruck, as well as statements from the colleges, enabled Board members to grasp the innovative results of the German CBFP Facilitation.

The members of the CBFP Governing Council then followed the presentation of the Roadmap of the CBFP Franco-Gabonese Facilitation, which is centered on 5 major areas: Area 1: dialogue and scientific cooperation on Congo Basin forests; Area 2: land-use planning and sustainable value chains; Area 3: development of innovative financing mechanisms; Area 4: international visibility of the Congo Basin; and Area 5: dialogue and synergies with CBFP partners, in particular China and the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI).

At the end of the fruitful and intense exchanges, the members of the Governing Board congratulated France and Gabon on the proposed participatory roadmap. They also made a number of observations to help consolidate it.

For more information, please download: [The draft Roadmap for French- Gabonese Co-Facilitation, presented to the CBFP Board of Directors on July 12.](#)