



International Conference on Security, Poaching, Monitoring Transhumance and Armed Groups circulating between the Sahel and Equatorial Africa

**Follow-up expert meeting on the N'Djamena conference**

**16-17 December 2019**

**Douala, Republic of Cameroon**

**Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Technical Meeting of Experts**

The International conference on security, the fight against poaching, monitoring transhumance and armed groups circulating between the Sahel and Equatorial Africa took place in N'Djamena from 25 to 27 January 2019.

The main outcomes of the conference were the following:

- The issue of transhumance and armed groups circulating between the Sahel and northern equatorial Africa was better described and analyzed;
- the principles for an operating strategy to combat organized poaching by armed groups were discussed and guidelines established;
- 3 priority geographical blocs were validated (North-West, North-East and South-East), within which representatives of the security, pastoralism and conservation sectors were able to exchange their views, with many doing so for the first time;
- the effectiveness of cross-border cooperation in these 3 blocs was discussed, and relaunched in the case of South Sudan and the DRC; Chad and Cameroon.
- the effectiveness of international aid was assessed, and territories structured around protected areas under delegated management (PPPs) were identified as replicable successes;
- a regional policy declaration was adopted by the institutions represented.

The full version of the N'Djamena Declaration is available at the following link:

[Déclaration de Ndjamen](#)

The Facilitation of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) run by the Kingdom of Belgium, in close collaboration with the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC) and the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, will be organizing a technical meeting of experts and resource persons to move forward with the effective implementation of the recommendations of the international conference of ministers held in N'Djamena.

The expert meeting will take place on **16 and 17 December 2019 in Douala, Cameroon**.

During the deliberations, the experts will be fanned out into the same working groups as those established at the January conference in N'Djamena (one group for each of the 3 blocs):

Group 1: **West Bloc** centered around Lake Chad and comprising Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, CAR and Chad.

Group 2: **Center Bloc** comprising CAR, Sudan, South Sudan and Chad.

Group 3: **East Bloc** comprising CAR, Sudan, South Sudan and the DRC.

### **Expected Results**

The expert meeting is expected to develop a custom logical framework for each of the 3 intervention blocs. These logical frameworks will form the basis for developing a comprehensive action document (technical and financial) following the expert meeting. Each of the 3 logical frameworks (one for each bloc) will be tailored to the 8 intervention areas identified during the January 2019 N'Djamena Conference (see attached Terms of Reference).

1. Governance and security of protected areas (management system, anti-poaching measures, absence of conflicting overlaps);
2. Management of transhumance activities, especially relating to:
  - (i) mapping out and rehabilitating authorized transhumance corridors;
  - (ii) Reducing collateral effects of transhumance on PAs and sedentary populations;
  - (iii) enhancing the economic performance of transhumance and on-site expansion through innovative mechanisms;
3. Effective and operational involvement in cross-border collaborations;
4. Effective anti-poaching measures;
5. Enhanced coordination of information sharing between stakeholders, adequate valuing of protected areas through systems involving the private sector, sustainable financing;
6. Follow up and monitoring systems;
7. Aligning objectives with relevant international initiatives, especially those aimed at mitigating climate change and combating its effects;
8. External communication strategies targeting local, national and international public opinion.

Depending on the prevailing situation in the bloc concerned, the experts will also decide whether or not to conduct specific activities relating to the following issues:

- Revamping implementation of existing bilateral agreements;
- Whether or not to negotiate and sign new bilateral agreements;
- Whether or not to implement new sustainable management and funding approaches to protected areas (for example, via delegated management of protected areas through PPPs)

The experts will also propose a strategy for establishing a regional mechanism to monitor and guide policy on the interactions between security/protected areas/pastoralism. They will propose an action plan to ensure that at least three meetings are held from 2020 to 2021 between actors (local, national and international) of the security, pastoralism and protected areas sectors.

### **Organizational Arrangements**

- Participants:
  - 3 experts appointed by each of the seven countries concerned (Chad, Cameroon, CAR, Sudan, South Sudan, DRC, Nigeria, Niger)
  - 5 resource persons for each of the 3 blocs identified
  - 15 representatives of regional organizations
  - Representatives of the CBFP Donors' college are invited to participate in observer capacity
  
- Planning of deliberations (**16 – 17 December 2019**)
  - Day 1 - Formal opening (plenary)
    - updates from each of the 3 blocs (plenary)
    - presentation of the proposed work method (plenary)
    - beginning of experts' deliberations (sessions in blocs)
  
  - Day 2 -
    - experts' deliberations continue (sessions in blocs)
    - restitution of experts' deliberations (plenary)
    - Cross border strategy (plenary)
    - End of meeting (plenary)