Growing economic activity in the Congo Basin: An asset or a threat to sustainable forest management?

*Private sector side event - Meeting of CBFP Parties 2018 - Brussels*

Central Africa Museum, 27 November 2018 (11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

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**Afternoon (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**

**Introduction of the Day / Objectives**

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**Panel 1:**

Social and environmental responsibility - commitments and achievements: the role of transparency

- An instrument dedicated to transparency in the forestry sector: Open Timber Portal  
  *Marie Vallée, World Resources Institute*

- Making transparency a pillar for the sustainable management of concessions?  
  *Tom van Loon, IFO / INTERHOLCO (Republic of the Congo)*

- Values, Transparency, Transformation and Verification (VTTV)  
  In the framework of private sector commitments to zero deforestation.  
  *Erith Ngatchou, TFT*

- SPOTT: Measuring CSR commitment and the fight against deforestation  
  *Chris Eves, ZSL*

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**Afternoon (2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)**

**Panel 2:**

The multi-sectoral aspect of the design of land use plans

- Land-use planning, the inter-sectoral dimension and private investment in the DRC  
  *Félicien Mulenda, FONAREDD (DR Congo)*

- The viewpoint of mining sector stakeholders in Congo-Brazzaville  
  *Florent Lager, AGA MPD Congo and Vice-President of the Solid Mines Federation of Congo (FedMines Congo)*

- Zero deforestation: A pillar of sustainable investment into Central African forests  
  *Vincent Istace, OLAM*
Panel 3:
The wood sector: stimulating a sustainable forest economy
Maintaining a balance between operators of various sizes

- Tackling unfair competition without adversely affecting legitimate informal sector players
  *Paolo Cerutti, CIFOR*
- Combining forest potential with industrial capacity to build a viable wood sector
  *Simplice Nteme, Director General of Forests, Ministry of Water Resources and Forests (Gabon)*
- Is it possible to formalize community forests and track the wood they produce?
  *Ghislain Fomou, SAILD (Cameroon)*
- SMEs in the wood sector: a key actor in the sustainable management of Central African forests
  *Rachel Butler, GTF*
- A platform for collaboration between trade unions in each country: the example of the ISFB in Gabon
  *François Van de ven (UFIGA)*

Coffee break (4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Panel 4:
Conclusions and next steps: maintaining and increasing involvement of companies

- Involving airliners / freight companies in CITES enforcement: challenges and support initiatives
  *Miet Van Looy, CITES Belgium*
- Support possibilities for the External Investment Plan (EIP) of the European Union
  *DEVCO C2, European Union*
- The Global Green Supply Chain Initiative: towards engagement of Asian companies
  *Sheam Satkuru – ITTO*
- Strengthening the impact of commercial campaigns promoting sound forest management
  *Fair and Precious, ITTO*
- The CBFP as a framework for dialogue to foster responsible engagement of companies
  Evolving towards an inter-sectoral roadmap for the Congo Basin?
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