18th Meeting of Parties of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership

Brussels, 28 November 2018

Agenda of the opening ceremony and High-level statements

Moderation by Ambassador Jozef Smets, Director Sub-Saharan Africa, Belgium

09.00 –10:00 Inaugural opening session of the 18th Meeting of Parties of the CBFP *(Speaking time 7 min/statement)*

- Speech of H.E.M. Charles Michel, Prime Minister, Head of Government
- Message from Her Royal Highness Princess Marie-Esméralda of the Kingdom of Belgium
- Speech by COMIFAC, H.E.M. Amandin Rugira, Rwandan ambassador to Belgium, Representing H.E. Honorable Dr Vincent Biruta, Minister of Environment, Republic of Rwanda, Acting Chair of Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC);
- Speech by ECCAS, H.E.Ms. Marie Thérèse Chantal MFOULA, Deputy Secretary General of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS);
- Opening speech of H.E. Mr. François-Xavier de Donnea, Minister of State of the Kingdom of Belgium

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

High-level statement- Continuity of Partners’ commitment *(Speaking time 4 min/statement)*

- Statement by UNESCO, Ms. Mechtild Rössler, Director of the UNESCO World Héritage Centre
- Statement by the African Development Bank (AfDB), M. Ousmane Dore, Directeur Général de l’Afrique centrale
- Statement by the World Bank, Mr. Loïc Braune, Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist
- Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Günter Nooke, Personal Representative of the German Chancellor for Africa, BMZ Commissioner for Africa
- Statement by the United States, Ms. Christine Dawson, Director of the Office of Conservation and Water, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State of the United States of America
- Statement by Norway, H.E. Ms. Ingrid Schulerud, Ambassador, Norway
- H.E. Ms. Rosalie Matondo, Minister Forest Economy, Republic of the Congo
- Statement by the European Union, Honorable Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament

11:15 – 12:30

Press Conference in Parallel of the Plenary Session on Stream, Private Sector and Scientific Day

- Signing ceremony of European contracts in favor of the Protected areas and sustainable forest management in Congo Basin
- Point de presse – Paneliste : Facilitation du PFBC - UE - COMIFAC - CEEAC