

## CONGO BASIN FOREST PARTNERSHIP (CBFP)

### 16<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF PARTIES

21-26 November, Kigali, Rwanda

Kigali Convention Centre (KCC)

## CBFP Stream 5 Agenda

November 21-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

### Stream 5: Knowledge-Based Decision-Making

Stream 5 proposes taking a novel and innovative approach to structuring its interactions during the annual Meeting of the Parties (MoP). Our Stream would like to:

- (a) Conduct action-oriented discussions about capacity building and communications of research findings;
- (b) Host a series of semi-structured interviews with leaders of the other Streams to better understand how Stream 5 can facilitate knowledge-based decision making among the other Streams; and
- (c) Conduct a working meeting between African, American, and European research institutions on how to strengthen collaborations.

This approach purposefully is designed to move away from presentations and expert panels, and to facilitate structured dialogs among Streams that lead to action plans.

This agenda proposes a total of 2.5 days of highly interactive meetings. The Stream 5 schedule may require some flexibility so that we can accommodate meetings with other Streams. **We require assistance from the Facilitation team and coaching staff in scheduling meetings with representatives from other streams before the meeting.**

The agenda is divided into two types of interactions: 1) Presentations and 2) Meetings.

## Presentations

### Day 1 (Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>), Morning Session (3.5 hours)

CBFP members conducting research and capacity building will present on their efforts.

Internal research presentations (30 minutes each):

- Damase Khasa, RIFFEAC: Results of the project to support the expanded program on natural resource management training in the Congo Basin
- Prince Kaleme, Scientific Director of CRSN (Centre de Recherche en Sciences Naturelles) at Lwiro, DR Congo, CRSN: Science, Sustainability, and the State
- Landing Mane, UM/OSFAC: Building capacity in geospatial applications and use of remote sensing data
- Kevin Njabo/Virginia: Congo Basin Institute, A new model of research and education in the Congo Basin.
- Aliko Songolo, University of Wisconsin: Collaborative Archival Preservation and Capacity Building: Wisconsin, JGI & CRSN
- Paolo Cerutti, CIFOR: From science to action: the experience of CIFOR with the KNOWFOR program of DFID
- H len  Dessard, CIRAD, Companion Modelling as a method for community agroforestry decision making

These presentations will address key issue #2 of Stream 5 “Current impact of research in the development of the Forestry and Environment sectors in the Congo Basin.”

## Meetings

### Day 1 (Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>), Afternoon Session: Communication and Capacity Building

#### Session 1: Capacity Building Efforts Among CBFP (1.5 hours)

Based on the morning presentations, many of which will summarize existing capacity building efforts, this moderated discussion will offer attendees to ask additional questions about existing capacity building efforts, identify priorities for capacity building, and recommend next steps for capacity building among CBFP countries.

Moderated by Damase Khasa

This moderated discussion will address key issue #4 of Stream 5, “Setting up of network of forest research institutions active in the Congo Basin with an emphasis on internalization by national research systems.”

#### Session 2: Increasing Communication of Research Results (1.5 hours)

This moderated discussion among CBFP members who are conducting research will:

- Identify current efforts to share research findings with CBFP decision makers, and discuss their challenges and benefits
- Propose and discuss formats, tools, or new efforts to share research findings with decision makers

Moderated by Landing Mane

This moderated discussion will address key issue #3 of Stream 5, “Communication strategies for science-policy dialogue.”

### Day 2 (Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>), Morning Session: Information Gathering Meetings

Stream 5 seeks to conduct semi-structured interviews of the leaders of other Streams to better understand how they are making decisions and how Stream 5 could facilitate knowledge-based decision making. Stream 5 will develop a semi-structured interview questionnaire to conduct these meetings in advance of the November MoP to ensure the meetings are productive, and that the same information is gathered from each Stream.

First, we will conduct an internal training of Stream 5 members who will conduct the interviews to review the semi-structured interview form. (1 hour).

Second, we will hold 2 hour meetings with two to four leaders of each Stream to discuss:

- How they currently share information and data within their Stream and with other Streams, and what do they see as areas for improvement
- Identify knowledge gaps from within the team
- How they currently interact with institutions of higher learning.
- Assess interest of Streams in employing AC in a consultative role

Teams of two to three Stream 5 members will conduct each interview.

These interviews will address key issue #1 of Stream 5, “Identification of priority topics to be addressed by scientists and technicians in support of decision/policy making about the forest ecosystems/landscapes of Central Africa

### Day 2 (Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>), Afternoon Session: Review of Interview Results (2.5 hours)

An internal meeting to review the data from semi-structured interviews.

- 15 minute presentations from the interviewers of the findings of each of the four interviews (1 hour)
- Group discussion of themes and insights that have come from the interviews
- Group discussion of ideas for activities within CBFP that come from the interviews
- Group discussion of next steps: what do we do with the data we've collected? What follow up activities should we plan?

Attendees: all Stream 5 members. Moderated by Virginia Zaunbrecher.

This moderated discussion will address key issue #5 of Stream 5, "Ideas and opportunities for joint research programs/projects."

### Day 2 (Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>), Afternoon Session: National Geographic Society Opportunities (0.5 hours)

Chloé Cipolletta, Program Director of the National Geographic Society's East Africa Fund, will give a brief presentation present NGS grants in general and the NGS East Africa Fund, a program aiming to increase research and conservation opportunities in the East Africa region (including Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and DRC).

### Day 3 (Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>), Morning Session: Stream Recommendations and Next Steps (3 hours)

This capstone discussion will include:

- Moderators of the previous sessions on capacity building, research communication, and reviews of the interviews will present on the outcomes of their discussions (15 minutes each)
- Group discussion about how Stream 5 can better support decision making within CBFP
- Develop and validate recommendations from Stream 5

Moderated by: Kevin Njabo

## Expected Deliverables

- Improved understanding of research and capacity development activities conducted in central Africa among research and training organizations as well as other stream and colleges
- Data on practices and needs related to knowledge-based decision making from semi-structured interviews from Streams 1-4
- Plan for analysis of interview data and next steps in facilitating knowledge-based decision making in CBFP
- White paper for what we're going to do to
- Identified subject for decision support pilot

## Next Steps

- Confirm presenters from Academic Consortium and other research and training partners
- Schedule meetings and presentations with other Streams
- Select interviewers for semi-structured interviews
- Develop semi-structured interview outline
- Develop agenda for research communication discussion
- Develop agenda for capacity building discussion
- Confirm moderators for meetings