International Conference of Ministers of Defense, Security and Protected Areas on the fight against poaching and other cross-border criminal activities

23 – 25 January 2019 - N'Djamena, Chad

Under the distinguished Patronage of His Excellency Mr Idriss Déby ITNO, President of the Republic of Chad

Co-Chair: Minister of State François-Xavier de Donnea, Facilitator of the Kingdom of Belgium of the CBFP

Main Topic: “Threats posed by armed groups moving between the Sahel, Sudan and north of Equatorial Africa with their natural protected areas and local communities: Analysis and Action Plans”

Draft Agenda of the Conference

Wednesday 23 January 2019 - Expert Technical Segment

- Morning:
  - Opening session of the expert technical segment
  - Installation of the Bureau
  - **Thematic Session No. 1**: The issue of cross-border transhumance and illegal armed groups in the sub-region

- Afternoon:
  - **Thematic Session No. 2**: Operational strategies to fight poaching and armed groups

Thursday, 24 January 2019

- Morning
  - **Thematic Session No. 3**: Cross-border anti-poaching agreements: Inventory, in-depth examination of existing sub-regional and cross-border LAB agreements, identifying emerging geographical blocks, extending agreements, issues, prospects.

- Afternoon:
  - **Thematic Session No. 4**: Financing and coordinating with technical partners on the implementation of the N'Djamena Declaration
  - Meeting of technical and financial partners

Friday 25 January 2019 – Policy segment of the conference

- Solemn opening of the conference: High level official Speeches and Statements and Cultural Event
- Report from expert segment
- Meeting behind closed doors of ministers of countries concerned; Niger, Chad, Sudan, Cameroon, CAR, DRC, South Sudan and Regional organizations
- High-level policy dialogue: Ministers and financial partners.
- Closing ceremony, including the reading of the N'Djamena Declaration
- Press Briefing