



Financement du Plan de Convergence de la COMIFAC : vers une vision stratégique et opérationnelle du FFBC

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CBFF Introduction

Launched in June 2008 with £100 million (approximately € 120 million) from the UK and Norway to fund transformative, innovative initiatives from governments, civil society, and the private sector.



Pledges and Funds Received

in Euros

Pledged	Received	Balance											
<u>118,4 million</u>	<u>98,931,467</u>	<u>19,468,533</u>											
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How is the money being spent?

First call for proposals

15 projects selected = € 15,750,512

Disbursed as at Sept 2012 = € 6,321,470

Disbursement rate ongoing Operations: 49%

- 188 concept notes received
- 94 full proposals received
- 15 projects selected

Second call for proposals

26 projects selected: € 69,000,000

Disbursed as at Sept 2012: € 6,611,770

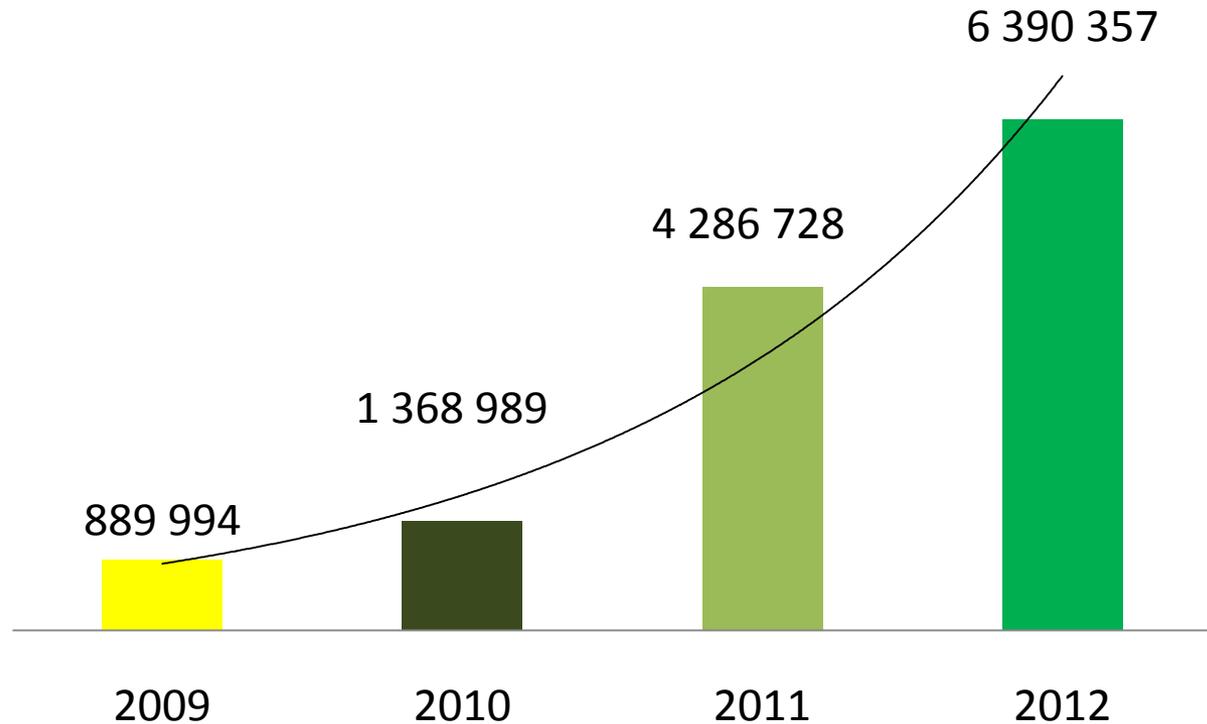
Disbursement rate ongoing Operations: 19%

- 422 concept notes received (382 from NGOs, 40 from governments)
- 13 Government Projects selected and 1 MRV Regional Project
- 12 NGO Projects



Cumulative Disbursements (in €)

CBFF Disbursements in Euros per year



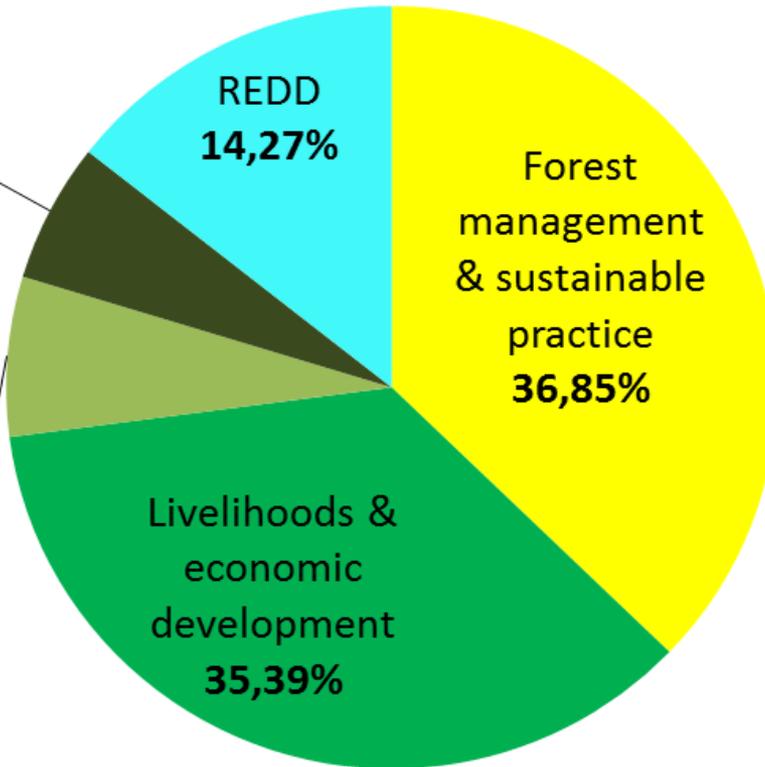
- Total disbursed as at Sept 2012: € 12,933,240
- Global disbursement rate on effective operations = 27.06%

CBFF Projects by thematic areas



Benefits from
carbon
markets
5,85%

Monitoring,
assessment &
verification
6,71%





The share of Government and NGO projects

- 27 projects funded for NGOs and civil society organisations
 - (total value: € 26 million)
- 14 projects funded for Government and Regional bodies
 - (total value: € 58 million)
- Total project commitments: € 84 million



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Operational Effectiveness Review

- Completed June 2012 by independent consultants and approved by the Governing Council June 27, 2012
- Action Plan for implementation of Recommendations is currently being executed by AfDB and the CBFF Secretariat
- The OER highlights the need for improving a number of crucial aspects of CBFF operations



Operational issues to be solved to improve CBFF effectiveness

Operational issues identified by the OER include:

- The need to rebuild confidence among the stakeholders (beneficiaries, donors, etc...)
- Need to clarify the roles of the different parties to the operations of CBFF (GC, AfDB, FMA, Secretariat)
- Continued need to improve and simplify procedures (including disbursement and procurement)



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Strategic issues to be tackled



The OER lists the following strategic issues, amongst others:

- Geographical focus (Congo Basin and “espace COMIFAC” not the same thing)
 - Very ambitious objectives
 - Support for human livelihoods, but also....
 -commitment to tackling forest Degradation and Deforestation issues as contributors to climate change
 - Complex institutional set-up
 - Not designed as a sustainable funding mechanism, therefore many projects face an uncertain future after an all-too-short CBFF-funded phase
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The COMIFAC convergence plan and a CBFF strategic review

- The Convergence Plan has not been explicitly following a climate-related strategic pathway
- Convergence Plan to undergo a long-awaited review, with AfDB (PACEBCO) funding
- CBFF needs strategic planning to increase the future efficiency of its targeting of financial resources
- Each of these processes should help the other

The CBFF: a particular type of funding mechanism

- The CBFF was designed from the outset as a source of funds for innovative projects
- The CBFF is a project finance mechanism; its purpose is not to serve as a mechanism that would provide budget support to national programmes
- Innovative projects may help meet the objectives of the Convergence Plan. The sooner the Convergence Plan is revised, the better





The CBFF and the Convergence Plan: to summarise

- The CBFF needs to improve the quality of its operations and its service to its partners
- COMIFAC and its partners need to accelerate the revision of the Convergence Plan
- The revision must take proper account of the Durban Declaration of 2011
- With those two advances under way, the CBFF will be in a position to define its most effective future role in the broad and complex landscape of policies and interventions in the Congo Basin forest



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The CBFF needs a strategic plan

- The OER called for the CBFF to make more use of its formal Reference Group, which is the CBFP
- The CBFP could assist the CBFF in providing the expertise, from among its partners, to contribute to the strategic planning that would clarify the most effective role that the CBFF might play in the future.
- At next month's CBFF Governing Council meeting, the timing and processes of doing this will be discussed, with the input of the CBFP facilitator.



Thank you

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