

**18th Meeting of Parties of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership
27 November 2018 at the Royal Museum of Central Africa, 3080 Tervuren and at the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brussels
28 November 2018 at Palais d'Egmont, 1000 Brussels
Official agenda**

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

Main theme: "Towards a sustainable future for Congo Basin forests, their inhabitants, flora and fauna"

Registration and side event

| DATE | Time | Event | Organizer | Venue |
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| Sunday, 25 November 2018 | All Day | COMIFAC ministerial meeting - Technical segment (of experts) | COMIFAC | The Hotel - Meeting Room 27 |
| Monday, 26 November 2018 | 09:00 a.m. | Registration opens | Belgian Facilitation of the CBFP | Bureau AGRER Avenue Louise 251 / 12th floor |
| | All Day | Ministerial meeting - Technical segment (of experts) | COMIFAC- ECCAS | The Hotel - Meeting Room 27 |

Exhibition area

| DATE | Time | Event | Organizer | Venue |
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| Tuesday, 27 November 2018: | 10:00 AM a.m. | Opening of exhibition area | Belgian Facilitation of the CBFP & Partners | MRAC reception area |

Preparatory policy segment

Venue: Royal Museum of Central Africa (3080 Tervuren) and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE) (1000 Brussels)

Tuesday 27 November - Policy Segment I

Morning

| DATE | Time | Event | Organizer | Venue | |
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| Tuesday, 27 November 2018: | 07:30 a.m. - 08:30 a.m. | Arrival of participants | CBFP Facilitation of the Kingdom of Belgium | MRAC | |
| | 08:30 a.m. -9:00 a.m. | Opening of the Works | CBFP Facilitation of the Kingdom of Belgium and MRAC | Auditorium | |
| | 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The colleges are free to continue their discussions until 12:30 p.m. if they wish | Morning Time allowed for CBFP colleges to meet | | | |
| | | COMIFAC ministerial meeting Begin: 09:00 am | | Leaders: COMIFAC - CEEAC | The Hotel |
| | | <u>College</u> – Civil society | | Leaders: CEFDHAC and African Community Rights Network | Piknik Room |
| | | <u>College</u> - International NGOs | | Leaders: AWF and WWF | Meeting Room 2 |
| | | <u>College</u> – Private sector | | Leaders: ATIBT and TFT | Meeting Room 1 |
| | | <u>College</u> – Donors Begin: 10:00 am | | Leaders: EU and US | Room DV01-MAE |
| | | <u>College</u> – Training and research institutions | | Leaders: ACCBFP and CIRAD | Auditorium |
| <u>College</u> – Intergovernmental and multilateral organizations | | Leaders: FAO and GVTC | Meeting Room 3 | | |

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| 10:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. | Coffee-break & Poster Session & Exhibition | CBFP Facilitation of the Kingdom of Belgium | Hall |
| 11:00 a.m. -12:30 a.m. | Scientific Day Session 1 (Side event - climate session) | Leaders: ACCBFP, CIRAD and MRAC | Auditorium |
| | Scientific Day Session 2 + 3 (Side event - bush crisis + ecosystem value, goods and services)) | Leaders: ACCBFP, CIRAD and MRAC | Piknik Room |
| | Private sector Day | Leaders: ATIBT, TFT, Volcanoes Safaris | Meeting Room 1 |
| | Ministerial meeting | COMIFAC - ECCAS | The Hotel |
| | CSO College | CEFDHAC / ACRN | Meeting Room 2 |
| 12:30 p.m. -1:25 p.m. | Signing of agreements between COMIFAC and some partners (CNEE, SEEAC, IUCN, UNEP / WCMC, EY ...) | COMIFAC | The Hotel |
| 12:30 p.m. -2:30 p.m. | Lunch break and poster session | CBFP Facilitation of the Kingdom of Belgium | Afrika Paleis |

Afternoon: Fifth CBFP Council Meeting held concurrently with Scientific Days, Private Sector and Side Events

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| Tuesday, 27 November 2018: | 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Fifth CBFP Council Meeting | EU Facilitation of the CBFP | DV01-MAE |
| | 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Scientific Day Session 1 (Side event - climate session) | Leaders: ACCBFP, CIRAD and MRAC | Auditorium |
| | | Scientific Day Session 2 + 3 (Side event - bush crisis + ecosystem value, goods and services) | Leaders: ACCBFP, CIRAD and MRAC | Piknik Room |
| | | Private sector Day (Plenary) | Leaders: ATIBT, TFT | Meeting Room 1 |
| | | ECCAS facility - « Bilateral Ministerial Session » - Congo | Leaders: ECCAS: | The Hotel |
| | 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Coffee break and posters | CBFP Facilitation of the Kingdom of Belgium | Hall |
| | 5:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m. | Scientific Day Session 1 (Side event - climate session) | Leaders: ACCBFP, CIRAD and MRAC | Auditorium |
| | | Scientific Day Session 2 + 3 (Side event - bush crisis + ecosystem value, goods and services) | Leaders: ACCBFP, CIRAD and MRAC | Piknik Room |
| | | Private sector Day (Plenary) | Leaders: ATIBT, TFT | Meeting Room 1 |

| Side Events | | | |
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| 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Side event Drivers of Deforestation: Are we on the right track? | Rainforest Foundation UK and Tropenbos International | Meeting Room 3 |
| | Side Event: Wildlife Trade Law Enforcement in the Congo Basin: Becoming informed actors through AFRICA- TWIX (=Trade in Wildlife Information Exchange ») - a tool for law enforcement staff | TRAFFIC - COMIFAC and GIZ. | Meeting Room 2 |

Evening: **Welcome cocktail**

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| Tuesday, 27 November 2018: | 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. | Welcome cocktail | CBFP Facilitation of the Kingdom of Belgium | Hall |

N.B. The side events will help to showcase groundbreaking projects with tangible impacts as evidence of practical local and regional solutions to challenges facing Central Africa. Such projects will have to be scaled up and replicated and serve as a source of inspiration for people across the region. They reflect our commitment to protecting the Congo Basin's future.

**Wednesday, 28 November 2018:
CBFP Plenary and High-Level Segment
Palais d’Egmont, 1000 Brussels**

| DATE | Time | Event | Organizer | Venue |
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| Wednesday, 28 November 2018: | 08:00 a.m. | Opening of exhibition area | Belgian Facilitation of the CBFP & Partners | Sax et Atrium |

CBFP Plenary and High-Level Segment

| DATE | Time | Event | Organizer/Lead | Venue |
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| | 07:00 a.m. | Arrival of the Trignon security officer | CBFP Facilitation/Protocol | 24D |
| | | Arrival of organizers and service provides - technical firm | | 8bis |
| | 07:30 a.m. | Arrival/ Welcoming of delegates and escorting of guests to halls | CBFP Facilitation/Protocol | 8bis 24D |
| | 8:30 a.m. | VIP arrivals | CBFP Facilitation | 07 GREEN Room – Welcome Coffee |
| | 09:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. | Opening ceremony | Minister of State François-Xavier de Donnea, Facilitator of the Kingdom of Belgium of the | Europe room |

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| 28/11/2018 | | Moderator: Ambassador Josef Smets, Belgium | CBFP | |
| | 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Coffee–Break+ Exhibition/Posters Session | | |
| | 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. | High-level statements Partners Continuing Engagement Moderator: Ambassador Josef Smets, Belgium | | Europe room |
| | 11:15 a.m. -12:30 p.m. | Press conference + Signing ceremony (Parallel Session) | | Library |
| | 11:15 a.m. -12:30 p.m. | Plenary –Panel of Stream Leaders and coordinators of Private Sector and Scientific Days / Feedback from discussions | | |
| Forest Governance and Land Use Dr Aurelian Mbzibain (CIDT-FGF) ; Marie Vallee/Lauren William (WRI-FLW) | | <u>Stream leaders:</u> CIDT/WRI/FAO/COMIFAC <u>Background Paper:</u> CIDT/WRI/FAO/COMIFAC | | Europe room |
| <u>Biodiversity and wildlife</u> Maxime Nzita, CBFP Facilitator ; Andreas Athanas, AWF | | <u>Stream leaders:</u> AWF – WCS - COMIFAC <u>Background Paper:</u> AWF, WCS, WWF, TRAFFIC, IUCN, GVTC | | |
| Climate change- Mitigation and Adaptation Ndjatsana Michel, COMIFAC ; Dr Denis Sonwa, CIFOR ; Dr Dany Pokem, CBFP Facilitation | <u>Leader:</u> COMIFAC <u>Background Paper:</u> COMIFAC, CIFOR, JICA | | | |

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| | <p>Scientific and Academic Day Pierre Procès, CBFP Facilitation; Eric Force, CIRAD; Virginia Zaunbrecher, UCLA; Wannes Hubau, MRAC</p> | <p><u>Leaders:</u> CIRAD – ACCBFP (UCLA) - MRAC <u>Background Paper:</u> Scientific College</p> | |
| | <p>Private sector Day Emmanuel Heuse, CBFP Facilitation ; Jacqueline Vandepol, ATIBT ; Ngatchou Erith, TFT</p> | <p><u>Leaders:</u> ATIBT, TFT <u>Background Paper:</u> Private sector College, TFA 2020,</p> | |
| Lunch break + Side Event | | | |
| 12:30 p.m. -2:30 p.m. | High-level Lunch | | Galerie des Glaces |
| 12:30 p.m. -2:00 p.m. | Participants' Lunch | | Sax et Atrium |
| 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | High-Level policy dialogue | | Arenberg |
| 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | GEF 7 Congo Basin Program | GEF Secretariat | Europe room |
| | World Heritage Convention: a global instrument for protecting the Congo Basin's natural heritage | UNESCO | Bleue |
| | Roundtable Discussion on Wildlife Conservation Capacity Development in Central Africa | USFWS | Orange |

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| | | Africa-China collaboration: Opportunities for sustainable natural resource trade between the Congo Basin and China | TRAFFIC | Library |
| | | Protected Areas 2.0: How to make conservation sustainable? | Rainforest UK, APEM | Mandarine |
| | | The role of small grants in leveraging grassroots voices on forest in the Congo Basin. | Central Africa Advisory Board (CAAB) Global Green grants Fund (GGF) | Brel |
| | 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | The relevance of Transboundary Collaboration in achieving Zero Poaching: The case of Greater Virunga Landscape | GVTC | Mandarine |
| | | Together to save Africa's largest forest - Salonga Book Launch Ceremony | WWF | Bleue |
| | | The Accountability Framework initiative: delivering on ethical supply chain commitments | Rainforest Alliance, WWF | Orange |
| | | Intact Forests in the Congo Basin, to identify priorities and opportunities for maintaining intact forests in the region | WCS, WRI, FSC | Library |

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| | | Towards a legal instrument for people displaced by climate: Situation and prospects | Carre Geo, Environment | Brel |
| | | Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (MDGs) in Central Africa. The contribution of participatory forestry | FAO , FERN, Nature+ | Europe room |
| | Plenary - High-Level Dialogue Panel | | | |
| | 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. | <p>High-level Panel - (Multiparty)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E.M. Marie Chantal MFOULA, Deputy General Secretary, ECCAS ○ Mr Ndomba Ngoye Raymond, Executive Secretary, COMIFAC ○ Mme Chantal Marijnissen, Head of Unit C2, DEVCO, European Commission ○ Mr Benoît Jobbé-Duval, General Director, ATIBT ○ Dr John Robinson, Vice-President, WCS ○ Marie Tamoifo, Regional Coordinator, REJEFAC <p>THEME: Brussels Declaration on Conservation, sustainable management, the fight against climate change and local development in Central Africa</p> | <p>Moderator: Minister of State François-Xavier de Donnea, CBFP Facilitator of the Kingdom of Belgium</p> | Europe room |

| Plenary - Closing session | | | |
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| 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Closing ceremony including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reading of Brussels Declaration | CBFP Facilitation of the Kingdom of Belgium | Europe room |
| 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Press briefing | RECEIAC | Library |

**Thursday 29 November 2018
Side Events**

| DATE | Time | Event | Organizer | Venue |
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| 29/11/2018 | | European Parliament: The new EU multi-financial financial framework (MFF): what's in it for forests and community livelihoods?" exploring community forestry, sustainable forest management and the impact of EU aid funding with EU and Central African Experts | FERN and FAO | European Parliament Rue de Wiertz 60 Room A3H-1 1000 Bruxelles Belgium |

***N.B.** Besides this official agenda, an exhibition area will be available for CBFP partners to showcase and share information on their objectives, priorities, programs, activities and innovating results. A number of related events and areas for networking will be planned alongside the official agenda.*