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## **Congo Basin Forest Partnership – 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties**

### **Side Event: Small grants and community-led conservation in the Congo Basin: opportunities and challenges**

**14.00 – 15.30, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Brel Room, Palais d'Egmont, 1000 Bruxelles**

The Congo Basin Forest Partnership Meeting of Parties is being held in Europe for the first time, offering a timely opportunity to bring Congo Basin grassroots groups together in a room with representatives from Governments and Regional Institutions from the Congo Basin, European funders and NGOs to have an open discussion about some of the opportunities and challenges of funding grassroots-led conservation in the Congo Basin.

The session will be split into two sections. It will begin with presentations from a grassroots group about how small grants have helped their work. This will provide an opportunity to learn about what worked well, what they learnt and what they might do differently in future.

The second part of the session will take the form of a panel session and discussion. Panel members will include a range of funders and NGOs who support grassroots groups in the Congo Basin through grants funding. They will share their experiences, highlighting some of the opportunities and challenges from a 'funder' perspective. The moderator will then chair a discussion between the audience and panel members to discuss how we might better celebrate some of the successes and overcome some of the challenges.

The session will be followed by coffee and the opportunity to network.

#### **Participants**

**Moderator:** Cath Long, independent consultant and co-founder of Well Grounded

**Speaker:** Diel Mochire (tbd), Provincial Director, PIDP-North Kivu (Programme Intégré pour le Développement du peuple Pygmée au Kivu)

#### **Panelists:**

Simon Counsell, Executive Director, RFUK

Mireille Kayijamahe, Co-Director, Well Grounded

Samuel Nnah Ndobe, Central Africa Regional Coordinator, Global Greengrants Fund

Adam Phillipson, Program Officer, Arcus Foundation,

Katy Scholfield, Co-Head of Programmes, Synchronicity Earth

#### **Agenda**

2.00-2.05pm Welcome and overview of the session (Samuel)

2:05-2.20pm Diel Mochire presents on PIDP and the importance of funding grassroots conservation

2.20-2.35pm Q&A (moderated by Cath)

2.35- 3.00 introduced and moderated by Cath Long, each panellist has five minutes to introduce their organisation and how they support grassroots conservation in the Congo Basin. They will each give one opportunity and one challenge of giving direct support to grassroots conservation.

3.00-3.30 Cath Long will open the floor to questions for the panellists and moderate a discussion, specifically focusing on any other challenges and ideas for how we can collectively and individually overcome these.

