

CENTRAL AFRICAN FORESTS FOREVER

Tuesday October 24, 18.00 – 21.00 Rhumsiki room

Theme: Cooperation between Europe/US/Asia and Congo Basin countries.

What can governments, companies and citizens in Europe/US/Asia and in Congo Basin countries do to make conservation and sustainable use of the Congo Basin rainforest a reality.

Speakers:

- **Meindert Brouwer** from the Netherlands. Editor and publisher of the book *Central African Forests Forever*.
- **Cécile Ndjebet** from Cameroon. President of the African Women's Network for Community Management of Forests REFACOF.
- **Alphonse Maindo** from DRC. Professor in political sciences and director of NGO Tropenbos International DRC.
- **His Majesty (Mfaw) Robinson Tambe Ayuk TANYI** from Cameroon. Secretary General of the Pan African Council of Traditional and Native Authorities.
- **Henk Hoefsloot** from the Netherlands. Program coördinator at NGO Tropenbos International the Netherlands.

Discussion.

Presentation of the book *Central African Forests Forever* about opportunities and solutions to preserve the Congo Basin rainforest.

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Longer version

Brief summary of the book:

The book *Central African Forests Forever* offers an inspiring overview of opportunities and solutions to preserve the Congo Basin forests and their megabiodiversity. The book examines the Congo Basin forests from many viewpoints: economically, socially and ecologically. It is an intriguing mix of eyewitness reports, interviews and opinions of experts, most of them native to Central Africa itself.

Renowned scientists have contributed to the book with a chapter. Among them are Professor Godwin Kowero at Cgiar and president of the Africa Forest Forum; Professor Alphonse Maindo of the University of Kisangani; dr Isilda Nhantumbo of the International Institute for Environment and Development IIED; Dr Peter Minang of the World Agroforestry Centre; Dr Kevin Njabo of the Center for Tropical Research at the University of California, Los

Angeles (UCLA) and Professor Bill Laurance of James Cook University and Director of the Centre for Tropical Environmental and Sustainability Science (TESS).

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Two editions

English: *Central African Forests Forever*

French: *Les forêts d'Afrique centrale pour toujours*

More info at: www.centralafricanforests.org

About the editor:

Meindert Brouwer (1951) is an independent conservationist and writer, based in the Netherlands. He is specialised in the economic value of nature conservation and sustainable use of nature. His previous books *The Ecosystem Promise* and *Amazon Your Business / Opportunities and solutions in the rainforest* have received excellent reviews and have been distributed all over the world.

Illustration: Cover of the book *Central African Forests Forever* (attached).