



IUCN World Conservation Congress
The Congress will drive action on nature-based recovery, climate change and
biodiversity post-2020
Marseille, 3 to 11 September 2021

High Level Event
LANDSCAPES CENTRAL STAGE – EXHIBITION AREA
September 5th, 2021 (2:30pm-3:15pm)

*High-Level Event on International Engagement for the Protection of the Congo Basin
Ecosystems and their vicinity*

*Engagement with High-Level Representatives of climate finance mechanisms: GCF, GEF,
AF, CIF on biodiversity and climate finance for the Congo basin and their vicinity*

High-Level Event on International Engagement for the Protection of the Congo Basin Ecosystems and their vicinity, increasingly the world's most important rainforest lung and an important component of the global biosphere, which continues degrading by deforestation, which is expected to continue despite policies to prevent it.

The high-level event will be making the case for a new "climate/biodiversity deal": advocating for a fair share of climate/biodiversity funding directed towards the Congo Basin rainforests: Protection and sustainable use of the Congo Basin ecosystems for an adequate share of international funding allocated to the protection of climate and biodiversity. This mean not only for more international funding for the protection of Congo Basin ecosystems for the benefits from reduced carbon emissions but also for the valuation of its biodiversity, Peatlands, marines and forests as natural heritage to the international community.

An urgent call to action to save this lung of the planet - Relative to its share of global tropical forest area, the Congo Basin should receive at least 5 % of all climate finance. Assuming that the announced US\$100 billion per year for the GCF are available, this would correspond to US\$5 billion per year of climate finance for the Congo Basin. In this respect, the advocacy is directed at increasing the willingness of households and politicians in the developed countries to pay to help finance the protection of the Congo Basin forest. Increased willingness of households to pay to prevent the loss of the Congo Basin's forests, the last remaining lung of humanity, and would generate yet larger estimates of aggregate value, likely comparable to the carbon benefits from Congo Basin rainforest protection.

Co-Convened by COMIFAC, ECCAS, CBFP, CAFI, GIZ and IUCN

Theme: This high-level event is convened by the COMIFAC and ECCAS with the Support of CBFP, CAFI, GIZ and IUCN. It aims to showcase the COMIFAC countries' efforts in the field of conservation, sustainable management and their contribution to the fight against climate change and to promote the Declaration of ECCAS/COMIFAC countries aiming for a new "Climate Deal" for the Congo Basin as a cost-effective nature-based solution: Protection and sustainable use of their forests in exchange for an adequate share of international climate and biodiversity funds. This high-level side event will bring together the ministers of ECCAS/COMIFAC member countries, Ministers of CBFP Donor countries and High-Level Representatives of climate/biodiversity finance mechanisms.

Moderator: Minister Raymond Mbitikon, Co Facilitator of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership and Chouaibou NCHOUTPOUEN, Deputy Executive Secretary-Technical Coordinator (TBC)

The High-Level Event will unfold in two parts: An Introduction - Opening Ceremony, and High-Level Panel of Representatives of climate finance mechanisms: GCF, GEF, AF, CIF



Welcome and Introductory presentations – 10 min

This part will include the following welcome addresses and opening statements:

- Opening remarks by the CBFP Federal Republic of Germany Facilitator, Honorable Dr Christian Ruck
- Opening remarks by the Republic of Cameroon, His Excellency Mr. Jules Doret Ndongo, Minister of Forestry and Wildlife of Cameroon, Acting President of the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC)
- Opening remarks by the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) Commission, Dr. Honoré TABUNA, ECCAS Commissioner in Charge of the Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Rural Development Department

High Level Panels – 30 min

This second part will bring together the ministers of forests and/or the Environment of the COMIFAC-ECCAS countries and High-Level Representatives of climate finance mechanisms: GCF, GEF, AF, CIF, AfDB, WB

Dialogue between Ministers of COMIFAC/ECCAS member countries and High-Level Representatives of climate finance mechanisms: GCF, GEF, AF, CIF, AfDB, WB

Scene-setting Presentations Panel 2 (30 mn):

- High Level Statement by Representatives of climate finance mechanisms: GCF, GEF, AF, CIF, AfDB, WB
- The ECCAS/COMIFAC ministers will be also called upon to make statements
- The presentations will be followed by discussions between Representatives of climate finance mechanisms and ministers.

Summary, Conclusions and Recommendations of the High-Level Event – By Moderators (5min)

Date: 5th September 2021

time: 2.30-3.15 pm. pm CET

location: Landscapes Central Stage at the Exhibition Area

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INFORMATION DESK:

The Congo Basin Delegation will be present with brochures, leaflets or banners showcasing the Congo Basin Region. Two scientific reports on the theme will be distributed: The State of the Congo Basin forests report 2020 (Biodiversity and Financing)