



**Information Note : The CBFP celebrates its 20th anniversary and holds its 19th Meeting of Parties (MOP)**

**5-8 July 2022, in Libreville, Gabon**

**Continued implementation of the Declaration of commitment by COMIFAC member states to the forests of Central Africa and call for equitable financing and Fair Share and the COP 26 Congo Basin Joint Donor Statement : A “Fair Deal” towards sustainable development for the Congo Basin forests, their inhabitants, forests and biodiversities**

Dear Partner,

The facilitation of the Federal Republic of Germany is pleased to announce that the 19th Meeting of Parties of the **Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP)** is scheduled to take place from **5 to 9 July 2022, in Libreville (Gabon)** in hybrid format.

It will be organized by the CBFP Facilitation of the Federal Republic of Germany in close collaboration with the Republic of Gabon and the Central Africa Forest Commission (COMIFAC).

The 19th Meeting of Parties of the CBFP will be chaired jointly by **His Excellency Honourable Dr Christian Ruck**, Goodwill Ambassador, CBFP Facilitator of the Federal Republic of Germany and **His Excellency Jules Doret Ndongo**, Cameroonian Minister of Forestry and Wildlife, Chairman of COMIFAC, alongside **His Excellency Prof. Lee White**, Minister of Water, Forests, Sea and Environment in charge of the Climate Plan and Land Use Plan of Gabon, **host country of this 19th Meeting of Parties**.

Following a review of recent major international conferences and the *status quo* in the Congo Basin, three main themes have been selected for discussion in four streams during the first two days of the 19th MOP:

- (1) Sustainable Land Use (**1a** Prerequisites for effective and sustainable land use planning and **1b** Conditions and prospects for a sustainable timber economy);
- (2) Biodiversity : the future of protected areas
- (3) Landscape restoration

In addition, the second half of day two will be devoted to two round table discussion formats on hot topics, such as improving and coordinating technical and financial contributions for the Congo Basin and the draft EU legislation on deforestation-free products.

**The CBFP colleges** will have the opportunity to hold college meetings on day 3 of the MoP 19. Later, a high-level political dialogue between the Regional College and the Donor College will take place alongside the **CBFP Governing Council**, which will be holding its 10th Meeting. On the evening of Day 3, the CBFP will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a **Gala evening** in

the presence of former CBFP Facilitators featuring a retrospective of the past 20 years of the CBFP and a look at the CBFP's vision for the next 20 years.

On Day 4, the **19th CBFP Plenary** "General Assembly" will be held, a high-level political segment.

An **exhibition area** will be set up to accommodate about twenty exhibitors from among CBFP members. Information on the logistics of the exhibition will be made available soon on the CBFP website. **Networking sessions** will also be included on the meeting agenda.

An optional **field trip** for CBFP MoP 19 participants will take place before the first day of the CBFP MOP 19 to get some on-the-ground insights before commencing the thematic discussions.

This event will be organized **with the financial support of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)** and implemented by the **German Technical Cooperation (GIZ)**.

### **Important deadlines**

Please take note of the deadlines below; more information will be sent to you shortly:

**Participant registration:** registration for the CBFP MOP 19 opens on **22 April** and closes on **20 May 2022**.

**MOP 19 side events:** Partners wishing to host *side events* at the 19th Meeting of CBFP Parties are requested to indicate their wish to do so between **22 April and 20 May 2022**.

**MOP 19 exhibition center:** registration for partners wishing to acquire an exhibition space opens on **10 May** and closes on **10 June 2022**.

**MOP 19 field trip** : Registration for partners wishing to take part in the field trip opens on **31 May** and closes on **10 June 2022**.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AT THE CBFP MOP 19 IN LIBREVILLE, GABON!**

*N.B. Participation expenses will be borne by the Participant.*