




Mobilizing Financing for Sustainable Forest Management

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The Congo Basin Forest



- ❖ Second largest tropical forest in the world after the Amazon
- ❖ Home to more than 50 million people
- ❖ More than 10,000 species of plants, 1,000 species of birds and 400 species of mammals
- ❖ Deforestation rate: 0,6% a year and total annual deforestation estimated at 934,000 hectares
- ❖ Covers ten countries: Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, CAR, RDC, Rwanda, Chad & STP

WHAT IS CBFF?



- ❖ CBFF has been established as a multi-donor special forest financing mechanism given the international interest in preserving the Congo Basin forests resources
- ❖ The CBFF is a demand-driven, quick access, and quick disbursing facility

MOBILIZATION MODEL



- ❖ CBFF is an innovative forestry financing mechanism, using the Portfolio Approach that consists of utilizing a combination of financial products and services that can raise financial resources for effective action on forests
- ❖ CBFF is a combination of three of the six major financial product and service “types” including: “ODA”; “Payments for Ecosystem Services”; “Mobilizing Philanthropic Leaders”

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CBFF



- ❖ **Funds made available by Donors**
- ❖ **Requests for financial support received from Governments, NGOs, Civil Society, Private Sector entities & Research institutions**
- ❖ **So far, CBFF approved 15 projects and 36 proposals are under consideration**

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MOBILIZING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

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PROBLEM OF DEFORESTATION



- ❖ Logging, shifting agriculture, population growth and oil and mining industries are all putting increased pressure on Africa's forests
- ❖ **Africa is losing 4 million hectares of forest per year. This is twice the rate for the rest of the world**
- ❖ Stopping or slowing the rate of deforestation is essential to maintaining the carbon-storing capacity and the ecological "services" forests provide including biodiversity, watershed protection and recreation, as well as community activities leading to livelihoods and SFM

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SUSTAINABILITY



- ❖ Helping local communities find livelihoods consistent with the conservation of forests
- ❖ **Slowing and eventually reversing the rate of deforestation through new financial mechanisms and appropriate models**
- ❖ Developing forest management capacity of national and/or regional institutions
- ❖ **maintain local communities benefits and mobilize additional financial resources**

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HOW TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABILITY



- ❖ Put in place incentives/policies that motivate all stakeholders
- ❖ Ensure that selected policy or mechanism proposed addresses the problem
- ❖ Good governance
- ❖ Identify other available financial resources (e.g. private sector)
- ❖ Define clear indicators to measure performance (balance the interests of people and those of ecosystems)

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GOING FORWARD



- Advocacy to mobilize more resources for CBFF from bilateral and/or multilateral funds
- Develop partnerships with other institutions involved in the preservation of the Congo Basin Forest Ecosystems
- Develop strategies and programs able to leverage more financial resources (e.g. REDD+)
- Contribute to countries' capacity building for readiness
- Reduce the process and timeframe for the approval of projects

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