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Congo Basin Forests Partnership (CBFP)

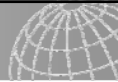
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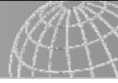
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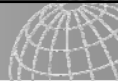
PRESENTATION PLAN

- 1. General information about the partnership**
- 2. Functioning of the CBFP**
- 3. CBFP main accomplishments to-date**
- 4. Perspectives, challenges and steps forward**



GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE CBFP

- **Launched in Johannesburg in 2002 during the World Summit on Sustainable Development**
- **Objectives:**
 - **Put into effect the implementation plan adopted at the WSSD for promoting the development, sustainable management and conservation of forest ecosystems in Central Africa,**
 - **Support the implementation of the Yaoundé Declaration, adopted by the Heads of State of the Central African countries in March 1999**



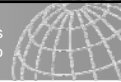
GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE CBFP

- **CBFP – a « type II » partnership**
- **Based on a voluntary agreement between members**
 - **No legally binding business arrangement among “partners”**
 - **“Partners” with different expertise for biodiversity, forest conservation and sustainable forest management**
 - **Coordination of the process by a “facilitator”**



CBFP MEMBERS

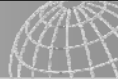
International Organisations	ONG, Research Institutes
WB COMIFAC FAO GRASP ITTO Global Mechanism CBD Secretariat UNESCO UNDP (new Partner) UNEP (new Partner)	African Wildlife Foundation CIFOR International Conservation Forest Trends Jane Goodall Institute UICN WCS WRI WWF



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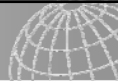
Private Actors
Interafrican Forest Industries Association (IFIA) American Forest and Paper Association Tropical Timber International Technical Association (ATIBT) Society of American Foresters

To date 45 members: Congo Basin Countries and institutions, donors, private sector, NGOs, research institutions



MAIN PREOCCUPATIONS OF THE CBFP

- **Support the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC) in the implementation of the regional forest strategy (Convergence Plan), which is the operational translation of the 1999 Yaounde Declaration**
- **Share information to improve coordination of member activities**



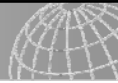
FONCTIONING OF THE CBFP

Governance of the CBFP:

- **Steering through 'facilitation' provided by one of the members for two years: USA (2003-2005), France (2005-2007), Germany (2008-2009)**

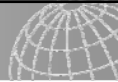
Objective of the Facilitation

- **Organize a dialogue and collaboration between the different partners,**
- **Set up a work programme based on the guidelines provided in the COMIFAC Convergence Plan**
- **Represent and promote the CBFP**



COOPERATION FRAMEWORK

- Adopted in February 2005 in order to favor transparency and coordination between the members and to develop synergies between their present and future projects & programmes
- **CBFP Cooperation framework insists on:**
 - Simultaneous promotion of economic development, poverty reduction and conservation of biodiversity;
 - Incorporation of the activities of the Partners into the national and regional programmes of COMIFAC member states;
 - Institutional support to COMIFAC and its subregional partner institutions;
 - Greater involvement of civil society and the private sector;
 - Better transparency in the management of the sector through national and regional consultation processes.



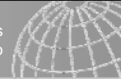
ORGANIZATIONAL SETUP OF THE CBFP

Concertation Structures

- Facilitation
- CBFP Plenary sessions
- Consultative Regional Committee
- Thematic Working Groups

Communication Instruments

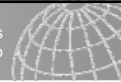
- Web Site : www.cbfp.org
- Information News Bulletins of the COMIFAC
- Electronic « Newsletter »
- Common Publications
(p.ex. State of the Congo Basin forests 2006)



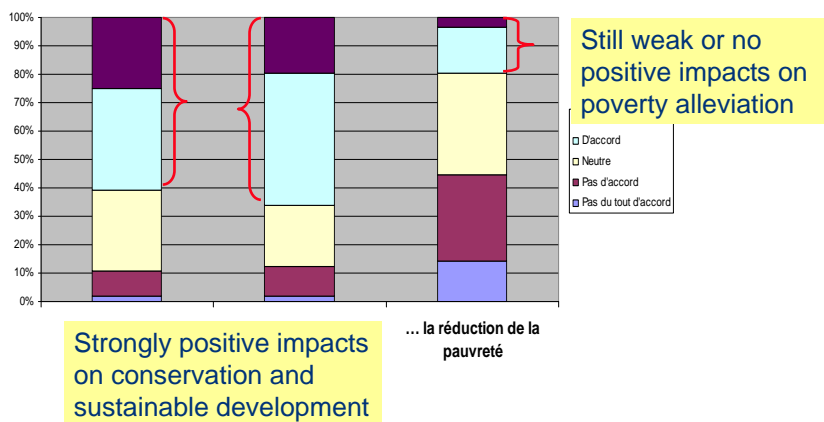
EVALUATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP

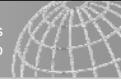
- Carried out in 2007, results presented in November
- Jointly organized and financed by France and Germany
- Independantly executed by a team of consultants

- 76 Questionnaires
- 67 Interviews
- 3 regional reflection groups

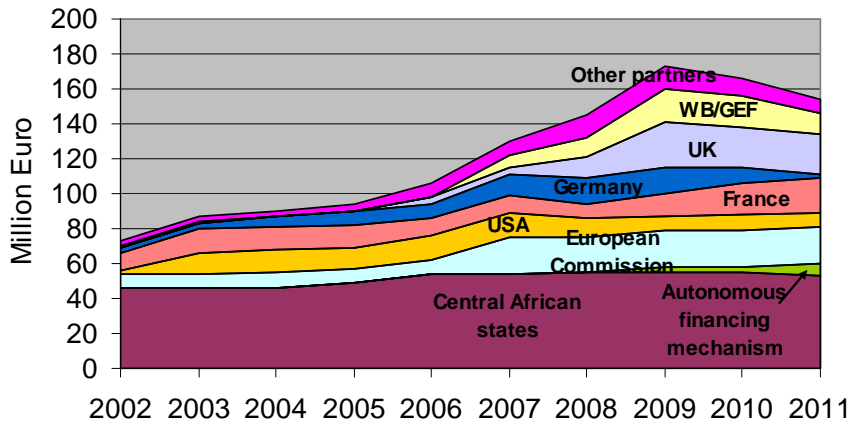


The partnership's impact as perceived by its members

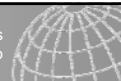




Financial Contributions of CBFP Members (estimate)



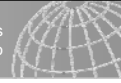
Source: Evaluation conjointe franco-allemande du partenariat pour les forêts du bassin du Congo et de sa facilitation pour la période 2003-2007, final report November 2007



CBFP MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE



- 1. International and regional awareness raised on the importance of Congo Basin Forest:**
 - CBFP membership 26 in 2002, now 45
 - Financial commitments 70m € in 2002, now 140m €, UK 50m £ Congo Basin Fund, TNS trust fund
- 2. Collaboration between donors, partners, NGOs and private sector fostered.**
 - Regular CBFP consultation meetings
 - working groups on funding mechanisms, FLEGT, training and capacity building, ABS-CBD process), implementation of their recommendations
 - Coordinated expert studies on autonomous financing mechanism and monitoring system for COMIFAC



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3. Improved information dissemination:

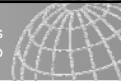
- CBFP website (www.cbfp.org)
- CBFP mailing list
- First State of the Congo Basin Forests report 2006
- Improved and updated report for 2008 and outlook to 2050 commissioned



4. Systematic training and capacity building for COMIFAC member countries and regional organizations

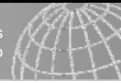


5. Establishment of a French-German regional Support Office for COMIFAC



Steps forward, Challenges

1. Further improve coordination of member activities under the leadership of the COMIFAC Secretariat
2. Continue lobbying to attract more members, funds
3. Encourage stronger participation of private sector players and local NGOs
4. Improve communication through internet communication platform, newsletters, professionally organized meetings etc.
5. Ensure continuation of CBFP



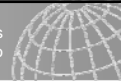
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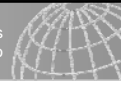


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Positioning partners by areas, identifying leaders of groups

Thèmes prioritaires	Chef/ Noyau de File (à confirmer)	Autres membres (à confirmer)
Gouvernance forestière	C.E., France, WWF, UICN, ITTO	Allemagne, SNV, WRI
Harmonisation des politiques	FAO ; ITTO (position à confirmer)	Allemagne, France, B.M., UICN, WCS, RAPAC,
Renforcement des capacités SE COMIFAC et institutions partenaires	Allemagne, UICN,	Canada, C.E., France, FAO
Participation et renforcement des capacités des acteurs non étatiques	SNV, UICN,	Allemagne, Canada, C.E., France, CI, WWF, WCS, RAPAC, ANPN; USAID CARPE
Connaissance et valorisation des ressources forestières	C.E., FAO ; UICN, WRI, OFAC	ITTO, RAPAC; USAID CARPE; France
Mise en œuvre des conventions internationales	France, CDB, Mécanisme Mondial, WWF, UICN	Allemagne, CCD, UNEP, USAID, PNUD
Aménagement et gestion durable des forêts naturelles et artificielles	USAID CARPE, FAO, ITTO, UICN WWF	Allemagne, Canada, France, B.M., RAPAC
Gestion des aires protégées et protection de la biodiversité	Allemagne, FAO, UICN, ITTO, RAPAC	C.E., France, USAID, UNESCO, UNDP, B.M., CI, WCS, ANPN, WWF, PNUD
Développement d'activités écon. Alternatives	FAO, UICN	C.E., ITTO, UNDP, WWF, WCS, RAPAC, ANPN, PNUD,
Formation, Recherche, Com., Transfert des savoirs	France (à confirmer), FAO UICN OFAC	Allemagne, Canada, C.E., ITTO, CIFOR, WCS, WRI, RAPAC, ANPN,
Développement des mécanismes financiers	WWF ; PNUD	Allemagne, Mécanisme Mondial, CCD, UNESCO, UNDP, WCS, ANPN, France;



Mission générale de la facilitation

