



Commission des Forêts d'Afrique Centrale

*Une dimension régionale pour la conservation
et la gestion durable des écosystèmes forestiers*

INSTITUTIONNAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOREST GOVERNANCE IN CENTRAL AFRICA

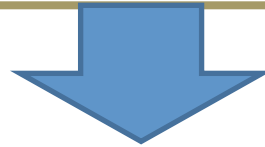
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Background

Forest governance is strongly linked to global issue of SFM: awareness raising at the global level at early 1990 (Rio Summit, World Bank, EU, ...)



In Central Africa

- ✓ Revision of Forest legal framework (forest law) at country level and creation of a ministry in charge of forest in many countries (1994-2000)
- ✓ Holding of the 1st Summit of the Heads of State of Central Africa on Conservation and SFM in March 1999 (Yaounde Declaration) and creation of COMIFAC in 2002



Institutionnal Arrangements – Sub regional level

1. Institution for coordination and capacities building: COMIFAC

- ✓ Setting-up 4 thematic working group with particularly a working group on forest governance (2013) which comprises 5 experts committees (legality & certification, transparency and fight against corruption, policy & legislation, informal & artisanal sector, decentralized forestry)
- ✓ Adoption of sub regional Agreements and Directives: Accord on forest control, Directives on the participation of local communities, indigenous people and NGOs to SFM, ...

2. Promotion of the participation of all stakeholders to SFM: CEFDHAC

- ✓ Creation of national forum as national platform of discussion, sharing experiences and lessons learnt of all stakeholders
- ✓ Existence of sub regional networks on thematic issues or stakeholders categories: Parliamentarians, Women, Youth, Indigenous and local populations, green economy, ...



Institutionnal Arrangements – Country level

1. Planning, monitoring & coordination: Ministry in charge of forest in all countries
2. Enhancement of legality: VPA/FLEGT with EU (Cameroon, Congo, CAR)
3. Promotion of transparency: commette to fight against corruption & forest control independant observatory (Cameroon), commission of attribution of forests licenses (Cameroon, Gabon)
4. Implementation of participative approaches: many stakeholders platforms with CSO and governments



Challenges

1. Sub regional level: long-lasting of forest governance working group and others platforms (funding difficulties, dynamism and motivation of the members, ...)
2. National level: mainstreaming of sub regional tools to national frameworks, respect/full implementation of law and regulations, Strengthening the efficiency of the existing committees/Platforms or setting-up the appropriate committees, ...

THANK YOU



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