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Responsible trade of forest products

**International Seminar:
“Forest management as a tool for cooperation and rural development in
Central Africa”**

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DRAFT AGENDA

Objectives:

1. Assess the progress and situation of sound forest management and forest certification as well as its links with the sustainable development of producers countries
2. Evaluate the actual scenario for the legal trade of forest products and its implications in the timber sector
3. Identify the most adequate approach for international cooperation with those countries supplying the Spanish timber industry

Day 1: Thursday, 17th November 2011

9:00 Arrival participants

9:30-10:30 h Ministerial Roundtable: The conservation of Congo Basin forests in the political agenda

- Mr. Henri Djombo. Minister for Forestry Economy and Environment from the Republic of Congo
- Mr. Elvis Ngole Ngole. Minister of Environment and Nature Protection from Cameroon
- Mrs. Rosa Aguilar. - Minister of Environment of Spain
- Mr. Juan Carlos del Olmo. CEO WWF Spain
- Mrs. Yolanda Kakabadse.- WWF International President
- Mr. Andre de Freitas, General Director of FSC International

10:30-11:00 h. Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 h. Keynote speech: Implications of forest exploitation and FSC certification in the conservation of Great-Apes' habitats

- Dr. Ian Redmon.- Chairman of the Ape Alliance



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12:00- 13:00 h. State of the tropical forests. Case study: Central Africa (part I)

- State of the Congo Basin Forests. Mr. Martin Tadoum. Deputy Executive Secretary of COMIFAC (Central African Forest Commission).
- Overview of the progress of FSC certification. Mr. Elie Hakizumwami. Regional Director of FSC Africa.
- Role and vision of the forest industry. Ralph Ridder. General Director. TIBT/IFIA (Interafrican Forest Industries Association)
- Forest Conservation in the Spanish Cooperation Agenda. M. Soraya Rodríguez. Secretary of State for International Cooperation in Spain

13:00 -14:00 h. Lunch Break

14:00-15:00 h. State of the tropical forests. Case study: Central Africa (part II)

- Threats, challenges and opportunities in Central Africa. Karine Jacquemart. Campaign Coordinator. Greenpeace International.
- The role of partnerships NGO-companies in forest conservation. Mr. Bruno Perodeau. WWF Central Africa
- Social benefits of forest certification. Jean-Michel Pierre. CIB (*Congolaise Industrielle des Bois*)
- Environmental benefits of forest certification. Tim Rayden. WCS (Wildlife Conservation Society)

15:00-16:00 h. Timber market, sustainable forest management and promotion of forest products.

- Responsible markets and cooperation experiences between Spain and Central African countries. Mr. Félix Romero. Head of the Forest Program in WWF Spain.
- Timber Trade Regulation in the EU. Mr. John Bazill . International Forest Policy Officer. European Commission
- Implementation of the EU Timber Regulation in Spain. Mr. José María Solano. General Director of Forestry Policy. Environment Ministry of Spain.
- Implications of the EU Timber Regulation in the Spanish timber sector. Mr. Francisco Pons. CEO. Confemadera (Spanish Confederation of Timber Industries).

16:00-16:15 h. Break

16:15-17:00 h. Discussion

17:00-17:30 h. Conclusions.

- Mr. George White. Head of the Global Forest & Trade Network de WWF

Welcome dinner



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Day 2: Friday, 18th November

Morning: Trip from Madrid

Lunch

Afternoon: Technical visit to Maderas Villapol (Trabada, Lugo, Galicia).

www.villapol.com

Dinner

Day 3: Saturday, 19th November

Morning: Technical visit to Benito Sistemas de Carpintería (Navia, Asturias).

www.benito-sdc.es

Lunch

Afternoon: Trip to Madrid

Day 4: Sunday, 20th November

Departure of participants