



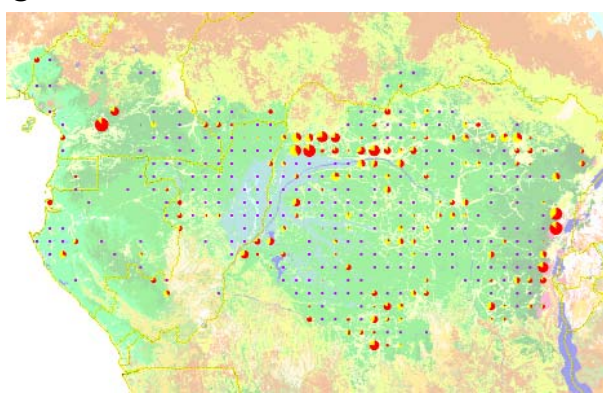
15th Conference of Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

*The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JRC) and
the Commission for Central Africa Forests (COMIFAC)
have the pleasure to announce:*

**A side-event to be held on 7 December 2009 (18:00 – 20:00)
In pavilion of the European Union (Room Monnet)**

REDD issues in the Congo Basin: towards an operational Observatory for Central Africa Forests

The Observatory for Central African Forests (OFAC) is building local capacities for providing robust estimates of forest cover changes and a baseline for the Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation negotiations. A carbon budget for the year 2000 was produced over the entire Congo Basin.



Agenda and Speakers

Moderator: **Dr Frédéric Achard, European Commission Joint Research Centre**

18:00 – 18:15 Regional needs of the Congo Basin countries for monitoring and reporting the carbon stocks and fluxes in the forestry sector, **Mr Martin Tadoum, COMIFAC**

18:20 – 18:30 The Observatory for Central Africa Forests: a regional reference center for forest policies, **Dr Philippe Mayaux, European Commission Joint Research Centre**

18:30 – 18:45 Forest area changes at national and regional level derived from remote sensing: first estimates between 1990, 2000 and 2005., **Pr. Pierre Defourny, Université catholique de Louvain**

18:45 – 19:00 First estimates of the Carbon stocks in Congo Basin Forests: by a combination of in-situ and geospatial data, **Dr. Denis Sonwa, CIFOR**

19:00 – 20:00 Questions to the speakers and roundtable with different stakeholders:

Mr Vincent Kasulu, UNFCCC focal point for Dem. Rep. of Congo

Dr. Danilo Mollicone, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations