

Objectives of the meeting

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Two general objectives

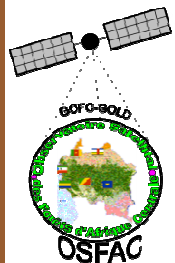
- 10 years of the creation of the regional network of GOFC-GOLD

→ meeting of the network

- 2 months after Copenhagen

→ scientific workshop

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Creation of the OSFAC network

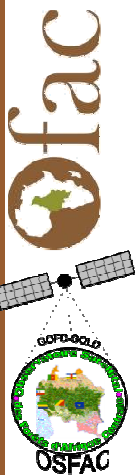


Libreville, 22-24 February 2000



Important milestones

- OSFAC installed in Kinshasa in 2004
 - Supported by CARPE
 - POC in Cameroon
- State of the Forests 2006 (and 2008)
 - First joint initiative by all stakeholders
- OFAC in 2007
 - Initial EU support, with many other partners
 - Official recognition by COMIFAC as reference center



A real network ?

- Kinshasa partners collaborate well, but the link with national entities can be strengthened
- With deforestation estimates (UCL/JRC/FAO), a common work done by the scientists and technicians of the COMIFAC countries
- Academic institutions not involved (apart UNIKIN)
- Time to reanimate the network

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Regional network

- A **stronger integration** between OFAC, OSFAC, WRI and other regional partners is suitable
- Official link with COMIFAC
- More **joint activities** involving directly all the countries will reinforce the network
- Link with **training institutions** in order to create the critical mass
- Need of a **scientific committee** for guaranteeing the quality of the products delivered by the countries to the international conventions



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Objectives for REDD

- Scientific workshop
 - Share experience, projects, scientific approaches
 - New techniques, instruments, algorithms
 - New players
- Policy-support workshop
 - Political context = REDD with a lot of impact
 - Do not oversell your techniques to decision-makers
 - Do not underestimate the impact of your assumptions (external review by UNFCCC)



Objectives for REDD

- Satellite data
 - Information on existing and coming initiatives (data policy, acquisition strategy...)
 - Need for a link between the countries, the future infrastructure and the regional processing facilities

Concrete proposals for a better exploitation of the available and future satellite data in regional and national capacities

Objectives for REDD

- Survey of projects
 - Similar projects co-exist with similar activities on the same territory, without any coordination (competition and not co-operation)
 - Lack of involvement of national authorities
 - Need of a regional platform of exchange

**Establishment of open collaborations
between projects and institutions,
with the development of a regional platform
of exchange**

Objectives for REDD

- Monitoring Reporting Verification
 - MRV must be developed at national level
 - Similar issues and context in the region, existing pool of competence at regional level
 - Big projects are just coming !

Concrete proposal to submit to donors on a MRV system valid combining the national capacities and the regional pool of excellence

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Output of the workshop

- High scientific quality
 - Excellent program and speakers (state-of-the-art)
 - Debate should be interesting
- How can we capitalise on that?
 - Several chapters in the SOF 2010?
 - Special issue of a scientific journal?
- In the long term
 - Permanent share of information, experience...
 - Scientific Committee for helping COMIFAC (role of the Observatory)

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