



23 June 2014

Dear Juvenal Mukeshimana, Greater Virungas Transboundary Collaboration:

Thank you for the recent application of the Greater Virungas Transboundary Collaboration (GVTC) for consideration of full membership in the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP). It is my pleasure to congratulate you on your engagement and commitment on behalf of all partners of the CBFP, and to welcome GVTC as our newest institutional member.

In the process for membership, the GVTC has clearly demonstrated its engagement in the Congo Basin to the satisfaction of existing members. We all look forward to your team's dedication, active participation and constructive engagement in helping us resolve the challenges to sustain the magnificent natural heritage of the Congo Basin. Please do consult the CBFP working structure for any updates in coming months, which can be found at site web: <http://pfbcbcbfp.org/workingstructure.html>

As a new member, I urge you to be in close contact with the CBFP Communications Officer, Dr Dany Pokem, who will be in touch to announce the entry of GVTC into the partnership and to describe the valuable programs and contributions to our existing members. Please advise Dr. Pokem of the respective point(s) of contact in your organization so that he can add them to our list for periodic regional updates.

With warm regards, and in the hope of seeing you soon at an upcoming CBFP event,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Matthew V. Cassetta'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial 'M'.

*Matthew V. Cassetta*

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