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The Congo Basin Forest Fund (CBFF)

An Experience to Build on

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Other info

Congo Basin Forest Fund

WHO WE ARE

- ❑ Multi-donor Trust Fund which seeks to alleviate poverty and address climate change by financing projects that seek to change the way that people live in and earn a living from the Congo Basin forests and the way that governments protect and preserve these forests
- ❑ Pilot mechanism: 2008-2018
- ❑ Established: United Kingdom, Norway, COMIFAC
 - ❖ Canada joined in 2012
- ❑ Housed: African Development Bank
- ❑ Total Capitalization: ~139 million Euros

Congo Basin Forest Fund

WHO WE WORK WITH

**COMIFAC
member
countries**

**Private
sector**

NGOs

CSOs

**Regional
Government
Institutions**

WHERE WE WORK



- Burundi
- Cameroon
- CAR
- Chad
- DRC
- Equatorial Guinea
- Gabon
- Republic of Congo
- Rwanda
- Sao Tome & Principe



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Selection Process



Competitive calls for proposals

Projects initiated by the CBFF Governing Council

Up-scaling of high-performing projects with demonstrable impact

Portfolio

40 Operations in 7 years

71.5 million Euros in Committed Funds

51.5 million Euros Disbursed



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Selected Results

**More than 25,000 hectares
of forest species planted
by Forest Communities**

**More than
200,000
participants in
the production,
processing,
and/or selling
of forest
products**

**Over 200,000
direct
beneficiaries of
CBFF-funded
activities**

**Supporting the REDD+
process in Central
Africa: 6 Pilot Projects in
DRC; R-PP Prepared for
5 Countries**



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Selected Results (cont.)

Over 200 forest-related studies Conducted

55 scholarships awarded for the pursuit of Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate Degrees in forestry studies

Over 30 million hectares of forest mapped out with primary use

CBFF Projects Awarded Equator Prize and Energy Globe Award



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Lessons Learned

Lack/limited capacity of grant recipients

Up-front risk assessment at fund, country and project levels

Stronger thematic focus of calls for proposals

Fund/Agency mismatch

Fund ownership

Challenges in securing future funding

High sensitivity to trends in development assistance

Timeframe for return on investments



Conclusion & Way Forward

Trust fund: 'glue' for national, regional and bilateral efforts in sustainable forestry and REDD+

Extensive on-the-ground experience with broad-range of actors

Knowledge of costs associated with working small grants and grantees

Ready to overhaul and revamp based on lessons learned

Independent evaluation planned for first semester 2016



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