



Local community discussing on the causes of climate change.
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Insights market on: Opportunities and Challenges for emerging themes on climate change in Central Africa

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In its response to climate change, Central Africa has attached great importance to REDD+. The humid forest areas of Central Africa, especially the Congo Basin, quickly emerged as the contribution of the region to global efforts to fight against climate change. Agriculture, logging and even mining are all sectors that have a nexus in one way or another to the preservation or modification of the forest. Moreover, in Central Africa, in addition to the wet forest areas, there are other ecosystems such as mangroves, lowlands, semi-arid and arid areas, etc. that need to be taken into consideration in national responses to climate change. Documents submitted or to be submitted to the UNFCCC should consider this ecosystem and sectoral diversity.

This insights market will be an opportunity to present preliminary information, initiate brainstorming and start discussions that can help provide greater impetus to go beyond what is being done on REDD+ in relation to various land use and forest use types in the region.

Session format: This insights market will be held in two parts followed by a summary by the reporter

Introduction of the market: Denis Sonwa (CIFOR)

PART ONE: PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (1HR 30MINS)

Facilitator: Lisetta Trebbi (Norad)

- 1) Timber production and REDD+ in Central Africa (Richard Eba’a Atyi, CIFOR).
- 2) Adaptation and Mitigation Synergy in Central Africa: realities from community forestry and pilot projects (Eugene Chia & Alba Saray Perez Teran (CIFOR).
- 3) Agriculture and responses to climate change in Central Africa (Rachid Hanna, IITA).
- 4) Mangroves and lowlands in the face of climate change in Central Africa (Jason Ko, USFS)
- 5) MRV in arid and semi-arid areas of Central Africa (Cleto Ndikumagenge & Herve Maidou, FAO & World Bank; Denis Sonwa, CIFOR)

PART TWO: DISCUSSION PANEL (1HR 30MINS):

Facilitator: Denis Sonwa (CIFOR)

Key Questions: What are the lessons to be learned from these opportunities to move forward with negotiations, developing responses to climate change at regional, national and local level in Central Africa? What are the challenges to overcome to better consider these opportunities in response to forest resource management in Central Africa in the face of climate change? What are the ways forward?

Participants: COMIFAC (Martin Tadoum); CBFP (Junichiro Matsumoto, JICA; UNFCCC Focal Points (Gervais Ludovic I-M, Congo Mahamat Hassane Idriss, Chad); Civil Society (Dancilla Mukakamari, ARECO- Rwanda); CIRAD (Philippe Guizol); Private Sector (Jean-Dominique Bescond, IPC-OLAM).

Reporter of the entire Market: Diane Russell (USAID)

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