



SUPPORTING THE CONGO BASIN COUNTRIES IN THE REDD+ NEGOCIATIONS

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Detailed description of the project	Services provided
<p>Late 2009, after tough negotiations, the 15th Climate Conference in Copenhagen resulted in a political declaration of intent (setting a 2°C increase limit on global warming by 2050, but without any accompanying constraint, in terms of greenhouse gas emissions) combined with a financial commitment (fast start financing from industrialized countries to the tune of US\$30 billion over three years from 2010, to rise gradually up to 100 US\$ billion in 2020). The work of the Ad hoc Working Groups on the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and Long-term Collaborative Actions (AWG-LCA), expected to be closed in Copenhagen, were extended by one year, until the 16th Climate Conference in Cancun.</p> <p>The Countries of the African Forest Commission (COMIFAC) - Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Chad - worried about their ability to defend their interests in the REDD+ negotiations, but also about adaptation, financing of mitigation and adaptation, etc. have therefore requested an ad hoc expertise to assist them in the negotiations in 2010:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference on the major forest basins (Paris, 10-11 March); • Ministerial conference on climate and forest (Oslo, 26-27 May); • UNFCCC negotiations in Bonn from 31 May to 9 June; • UNFCCC negotiations in Bonn from 2 to 6 August; • UNFCCC negotiations in Tianjin from 4 to 9 October (with six days of prior consultations: G77+China, Africa Group, Least Developed Countries and COMIFAC); • 6th COMIFAC Ministers session in Kinshasa from November 8 to 11. 	<p>Being a fully integrated member of the group of REDD+ negotiators of the COMIFAC (and registered as a member of the Central African delegation, which was at that time President of COMIFAC), the expert's tasks were to provide technical and policy advice on climate negotiations in general, and REDD+ in particular, to facilitate contact with other groups of countries active in the REDD+ negotiations (European Union, Umbrella groups, major emerging countries, etc.), with donors and international NGOs present in these sessions. Specifically, these tasks were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before the sessions: to decipher the issues at stake in the negotiations and the positions of countries, in the form of notes and synthetic presentations; • During the sessions: to accompany the COMIFAC negotiators on a daily basis (or the Ministers during the Ministerial sessions in Paris, Oslo and Kinshasa), helping them to prepare position papers and statements for the plenary sessions, facilitating bilateral diplomatic meetings and facilitating daily briefing and debriefing meetings; • After the sessions: to provide activity reports, containing all the deliverables listed above and including a critical analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the COMIFAC countries in the REDD+ negotiations, and to propose options for taking actions for subsequent rounds. <p>The support provided allowed the REDD+ negotiators of the COMIFAC to better define and defend their positions, to strengthen their bargaining relationships with other countries involved, to make contacts with donors and NGOs on REDD+.</p>