

FORESTS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION in Central Africa



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Austria Room, C237 (Building C – 2nd Floor)

The Congo Basin is among the world's major reservoirs of biological diversity and is the home of some 100 million people, most of whom depend on the forest for their livelihoods and for food security and nutrition. A range of non-wood forest products (NWFPs), including bushmeat, play a significant role in poverty alleviation in this area, as they are a source of food, medicine, construction materials and income. However, NWFPs are often considered as an informal sector, which in general results their unsustainable use. Since 2005, COMIFAC's member countries are working together to ensure the sustainable utilization of NWFPs, and to upscale their contribution to poverty alleviation. The objective of the side event is to share experiences from Central Africa and to present and discuss the COMIFAC's strategic options for enhancing food and nutrition security through sustainable management and use of NWFPs and wildlife.

Moderator JeanClaude Nguingiri, Forestry Officer, FAO

Welcoming Remarks Eva Muller, Director, FOE, FAO

Introductory Remarks Raymond Mbitikon, Executive Secretary of COMIFAC

Presentations Dr. Ousseynou Ndoye, CTA Regional Project "Enhancing the contribution of NWFP to food security in central Africa"
Support for improving the contribution of forest products to food security and nutrition in central Africa. Where do we come from?

Martin Tadoum, Deputy Executive Secretary of COMIFAC
The COMIFAC Program on Forests for food security and nutrition in Central Africa

Laura S. Jin, Forestry Food security Officer, FOE
Forests for food security and nutrition and FAO's work

Discussion

Refreshments Provided

