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# Climate Finance for Forests and Communities in the Congo Basin

## Progress and challenges



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The Congo Basin is the world's second largest tropical forest after the Amazon, covering nearly two million square kilometres. It is the breadbasket for millions of people and plays a crucial role in regulating the global climate.

While mobilising additional financial resources to support forest protection in the Congo Basin is needed, existing funding offers some insights to address the multiple challenges facing these forests and the needs of local communities.

The event will bring together representatives from the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Congo, the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI), and civil society advocates from the African Community Rights Network (ACRN) and Transparency International to take stock of financial commitments for the Congo Basin, and their impacts on forests and forest peoples.

The event will also premiere a new civil society animation on **Climate Finance: Will it make or break forest protection and forest peoples' rights?**

**Facilitation:** Christophe Van Orshoven, Climate Team Leader at the European Forest Institute

**Speakers:**

- **Maixent Agnimbat**, Member of the ACRN & Coordinator of the Forum on Governance and Human Rights (FGDH) - Republic of Congo
- **Brice Böhmer**, Climate and Environment Programme Lead, Transparency International
- **Guy Kajemba**, National Coordinator of the Renovated Climate Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) Working Group Network (GTCRR+) - Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Aimé Mbuyi Kalombo**, Chief of Division of Climate Change of the Directorate of Sustainable Development at the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development – Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Danae Maniatis**, Representative, Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI)
- **Dr Jean-Frédérique Andea Vidalie**, Green Climate Fund National Focal Point at the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development - Republic of the Congo

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