

How we work as CBFP

The CBFP does not play a direct part in program implementation or financing. It does not have a secretariat or permanent staff. It works as a **transmission belt between donors and implementing agencies** and provides a **forum for dialogue** between its partners.

The form of governance chosen by the CBFP is **steering through “facilitation”**, provided by one of its members for a set period of time. The role of the facilitation is to organize dialogue and promote cooperation between the partners, to set up a work program based on the guidelines established in the COMIFAC Convergence Plan, and to represent the partnership externally.

CBFP Facilitation Phase 2008-2009

After the United States of America (2003-2004) and France (2005-2007), facilitation is now provided by Germany for the period 2008 to 2009. Based on the results of a French-German evaluation of the partnership conducted in 2007, the German facilitation committed to enhance CBFP member activities in the following four **strategic priority areas**:

- Strengthening of COMIFAC institutions and the CBFP
- Improvement of forest governance and framework conditions
- Implementation of the Convergence Plan and major international environmental conventions and agreements
- Innovative financial mechanisms to support funding of Convergence Plan measures

In continuation of the efforts accomplished by previous facilitations, Germany endeavours to further strengthen CBFP's coordination potential and to fully develop its role as a forum for dialogue for all stakeholders in the forest sector.

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CBFP partners

The partnership brings together the 10 member states of the COMIFAC, donor agencies, NGOs, scientific institutions and private sector representatives. It currently has **45 members** who share the commitment to enhance communication and coordination among the members and to create synergies between their respective projects, programs and policies, in support of the COMIFAC Convergence Plan.

■ Governments

Belgium, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, European Commission, France, Gabon, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom, United States of America

■ International Organizations

African Development Bank, COMIFAC, FAO, Global Mechanism of the UNCCD, GRASP, International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO), Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, World Bank

■ NGOs and research groups

African Wildlife Foundation, Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Conservation International, Forest Trends, IUCN, Jane Goodall Institute, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), World Resources Institute (WRI), WWF International

■ Private sector

American Forest and Paper Organisation, Interafrican Association of Forest Industries (IFIA), International Technical Association for Tropical Timber (ATIBT), Society of American Foresters



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