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**Tropical forests:
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*What directions should French efforts
take?***

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27 rue de la Convention

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Wednesday, 11 January 2012	
8:00-9:00	<u>Participants are welcomed</u>
9:00-9:15	<p>Opening of the Conference</p> <p>Philippe Meunier, Head of the Public Goods Directorate, French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p>
9:15-10:15	<p>First Plenary Session</p> <p>Moderator: Jean-Pierre Thébault, French Ambassador for the Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and prospects of the European Union's FLEGT Action Plan, Kristian Schmidt, Director, European Commission, Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation • Review and prospects of forest cooperation actions of the French Development Agency, Jacques Moineville, Associate Chief Executive Officer of the French Development Agency • Review and prospects of forest cooperation actions of the French Global Environment Facility (FFEM), François-Xavier Duporge, Secretary-General of the French Global Environment Facility • France's directions and commitments in sustainable management of tropical forests, Eric Allain, Director-General of Agricultural Agri-food and Regional Policy, French Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, Rural Affairs and Spatial Planning
10:15-10:45	<u>Coffee Break</u>
10:45-12:45	<p>Plenary Session</p> <p>Moderator: Professor Gérard Buttoud, Tuscia University, Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies to tackle deforestation in the Amazon, lessons learned from Brazil's experience, Antonio Carlos Hummel, Director of Brazil's Forest Service • Tropical forest ecosystem goods and services, a representative from an international NGO (to be confirmed) • France and Germany's approach to tropical forest cooperation: synergy and particular features, Hans Schipulle, German facilitator (2007-2010) of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP), former Deputy Director-General of the German Cooperation Ministry • Logging and responsible management, a representative from the logging industry (to be confirmed) • Overview of the tropical forest challenges: introduction to thematic workshops, Alain Billand, Director of the Research Unit on Tropical Forest Ecosystem Goods and Services at the French Centre of International Cooperation on Agricultural Research for Development (CIRAD), Montpellier <p>Discussion</p>
12:45-14:15	<u>Lunch at the Conference Centre</u>

14:15-17:15 **1st thematic session: simultaneous workshops A and B**

Workshop A

Tropical production forests: what steps have been taken with regard to a management-certification model?

Moderator: **Jean-Luc Peyron, ECOFOR**
Rapporteur: **Maya Leroy, AgroParisTech**

Introduction of themes:

- **Benoît Demarquez, TEREA.** The forest management approach: can we go further in terms of biodiversity protection?
- **Tiphaine Lemenager, French Development Agency (AFD)/AgroParisTech-GEEFT.** The sustainable forest management concept: implementation and environmental assessment
- **Guillaume Ernst, French Development Agency (AFD).** Improving production forest management: review and prospects
- **Claude Rupé, National Forests Office.** environmental and social challenges of overseas production forest management
- **Elie Hakizumwami, FSC International.** The certification of tropical forest management: guarantee of better consideration of environmental and social aspects?
- **Samuel N'Guiffo, Center for Environment and Development (CED), Cameroon.** Can we combine industrial exploitation and environmental and social protection?

Remarks by those who submitted written contributions beforehand followed by debate of participants

Workshop B

Investment in tropical forests and financing of environmental externalities

Moderator: **Martin Perrier, ONF International**
Rapporteur: **Anne Chetaille, GRET**

Introduction of themes:

- **Markku Simula, Ardot.** Overview of international financing of sustainable forest management
- **Valérie Merckx, European Forest Institute (EFI).** Overview of the REDD+ mechanism
- **Adeline Giraud, Agronomists and Veterinarians Without Borders (AVSF), Climate Committee of Coordination–Sud.** French cooperation in the forest sector and the implementation of the REDD mechanism: what lessons have been learned and how do they complement one another?
- **Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, Global Environment Facility (GEF).** Multilateral financing prospects of the forest sector: financial instruments of the GEF
- **Simon Rietbergen, World Bank.** New support mechanisms for World Bank forest programmes in Africa
- **Jochen Krimphoff, World Wildlife Fund (WWF).** Overview and assessment of the implementation of trust funds

Remarks by those who submitted written contributions beforehand followed by debate of participants

17:15-17:45 **Plenary session reporting on workshops A and B**

17:45-19:00

Technical workshop on the role of remote sensing in tropical forest protection

Moderator: **Pierre Couteron, French Research Institute for Development (IRD)**
Introductory presentation: state of global forests, **Remi d'Annunzio, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**

Panel discussion
Discussion with participants

Thursday, 12 January 2012

09:00-12:00 2nd thematic session: simultaneous workshops C and D

Workshop C

Tropical forests: land reserves for meeting soaring global energy, food and mineral demand?

Moderator: **Christian Castellanet, GRET**
Rapporteur: **Fabien Girard, TFT**

Introduction of themes:

- **Sébastien Treyer, French Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)**. Scenarios of future changes in global energy and agricultural supply and demand and consequences for tropical forests
- **Sylvain Angerand, Les Amis de la Terre**. Limit the environmental footprint of our diet to curb deforestation
- **Valérie Lemaire, Leclerc**. Commitments in the large retail sector to promote responsible consumption
- **The Forest Trust**. Fighting forest conversion: prospects of the development of certification
- **Laurent Gazull, CIRAD**. Impacts of wood demand for energy on tropical forests

Remarks by those who submitted written contributions beforehand followed by debate of participants

Workshop D

Trade in tropical timber: legality and sustainability

Moderator: **Paul-Emmanuel Huet, Rougier**
Rapporteur: **John Bruneval, European Commission DG DEVCO**

Introduction of themes:

- **Jean Marc Roda, CIRAD**. Overview of tropical timber production and trade: the growing role of emerging countries
- **Guillaume Lescuyer, CIRAD**. Tropical timber production and trade: the importance of the informal sector in Central Africa
- **Ralph Ridder, International Technical Tropical Timber Association (ATIBT/IFIA)**. Access to the European market for the African timber industry
- **Eudeline Melet, French Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, Rural Affairs and Spatial Planning**. Requiring due diligence in the Community market
- **Alain Pénelon, SE COMIFAC**. Challenges of implementing legality in FLEGT voluntary partnership agreements in the Congo Basin countries
- **Jean Bakouma, The Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN)/World Wildlife Fund (WWF)**. Legality versus sustainability

Remarks by those who submitted written contributions beforehand followed by debate of participants

12:00-12:30 Plenary session reporting on workshops C and D

12:30- 13:30 Lunch at the Conference Centre

13:30-16:30 **3rd thematic session: simultaneous workshops E and F**

Workshop E

Tropical forest protection: what progress has been made with regard to tropical forest conservation and protection models?

Moderator: **Christophe Du Castel, French Global Environment Facility (FFEM)**

Rapporteur: **Jean Paul Torre, French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing**

Introduction of themes:

- **Frederic Mortier, Guyana National Park.** Progress and problems of managing a protected forest area
- **Noeline Raondry Rakotoarisoa, UNESCO MAB programme.** Conserving with neighbouring populations: Biosphere Reserves
- **Bernard Cressens, World Wildlife Fund (WWF).** The restoration of dry forests in New Caledonia
- **Sébastien Moncorps, French Committee of the International Union for Conservation of Nature.** Lessons learned from the implementation of small-scale biodiversity conservation projects of the French Global Environment Facility
- **Stéphane Ringuet, Traffic.** The bush meat monitoring centre in Central Africa

Remarks by those who submitted written contributions beforehand followed by debate of participants

Workshop F

Governing forest regions: from a local to international level

Moderator: **Laurence Tubiana, Iddri**

Rapporteur: **Michel Pré, French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs**

Introduction of themes:

- **Pierre Kaboré, President of the Association of forest municipalities of Ganzourgou, Burkina Faso.** The role of local government in tropical forest management
- **Jean-Aubéric Charles, Federation of Amerindian Organizations of Guyana.** The participation of local communities in forest management
- **Frédéric Castell, GRET.** What is the potential for community forestry in Brazil? The case of Pará
- **Cléto Ndikumagenge, Facilitation of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP).** Role of regional coordination: COMIFAC and the Congo Basin Forest Partnership
- **Jacques Andrieu, French Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, Rural Affairs and Spatial Planning.** Global governance of forests: overview and prospects put forward at Rio+20
- **Guillaume Choumert, French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing.** Possible support of a Global Environmental Organization to improve international governance of forests

Remarks by those who submitted written contributions beforehand followed by debate of participants

16:30-17:00 **Plenary session reporting on workshops E and F**

17:00-17:30

Closing session

Closing remarks: **Henri de Raincourt, French Cooperation Minister**



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Workshop themes

A. Tropical production forests: what steps have been taken with regard to a management-certification model?

Forest management efforts have mainly been focused on companies holding large-scale timber concessions. Management plans have gradually strengthened the social and environmental components of forest management and a number of logging companies have taken steps to establish sustainable management certification. However, companies holding certified large-scale concessions may face financial problems during economic crises and longer-term problems if the industry develops too slowly. If that were to happen, they could be forced to sell a portion of their activities to companies or individuals who are less motivated by sustainable forest management in general and certification in particular. Therefore, could environmental and social aspects in large-scale concessions be even better taken into consideration without affecting the long-term viability of the managed concession-certification model? Moreover, management projects of small- and medium-scale concessions have been established over the past several years, but it has not been easy. What are the possible ways forward for adapting the model to medium-scale concessions without losing the essential part of the management and certification approach?

B. Investment in tropical forests and financing of environmental externalities

The sustainable management of production and conservation forests has come up against a major obstacle, which is how to pay for services that are not remunerated by the market in a context of limited official development assistance. Conventional financial instruments such as loans are limited by the solvency of recipients and do not finance certain operations that have low or zero profitability. Although subsidies are increasing, they are still for the most part not sufficient to address the considerable environmental and social challenges of tropical forests. New financial instruments have emerged such as debt relief and development contracts and the forest programme of the Global Environment Facility. Private funds have been mobilized in public-private partnerships. How can these financial instruments be further developed? How can they become more complementary and be used more effectively? Can the incentives to curb deforestation provided by the Climate Convention make a real difference in terms of means and method?

C. Tropical forests: land reserves for meeting soaring global energy, food and mineral demand?

Against a backdrop of globalized trade and a growing world population, forest areas are increasingly playing a role of land reserves for economic development and meeting human food and energy needs. The development of an extensive cattle industry and crops such as oil palms and soy beans have

created land-related tensions in southern countries, which can translate into more deforestation. Such products increase trade on international markets and ever-growing global demand of major urban centres of consumption. Moreover, their expansion can often destabilize existing agrarian systems. As a result of growing global demand for energy and minerals, many more energy and mining sites have been established in forest, even in protected ones, causing significant direct and indirect deforestation. With the soar in agricultural business, how can we feed our cities and maintain the living conditions of local communities while conserving tropical forests? What measures can be taken to control the impact of the demand for food and non-food items? How can we assist southern countries in devising new development models that are not based on the conversion of forests to other uses, particularly to export low-cost natural resources to wealthier countries?

D. Trade in tropical timber: legality and sustainability

Considerable efforts have been made by both governments and the private sector to ensure that forest products on the European market come from properly managed tropical forests. They include the signature of voluntary partnership agreements with producing countries and the drafting of Community timber regulations to tackle illegal logging. The tropical timber trade and distribution sector has undertaken initiatives to monitor its supplies, including through stricter certification of control chains. Despite such efforts, many observers have reported that the image of tropical timber on European markets has never been worse. A number of European consumers prefer boreal and temperate species over tropical timber, even when certified. Measures to increase the portion of timber coming from sustainable sources in public procurement are difficult to implement. Stakeholders are concerned about such changes in a context where emerging countries, particularly China, are playing a growing role in global tropical timber trade. What conclusions can be drawn about the different measures used to ensure the legality and sustainability of timber on the Community market? Do the steps being taken to promote legality and sustainability mutually reinforce one another?

E. Tropical forest protection: what progress has been made with regard to tropical forest conservation and restoration models?

Commitments made under the Convention on Biological Diversity underscore the importance of conserving tropical forests, which are the terrestrial ecosystems richest in biodiversity. Giving a portion of tropical forests "protection" status is a cornerstone of conservation policies. However, the protected area network is far from covering the full range of biodiversity. In many regions, the integrity of protected areas is threatened by the introduction of various activities that are destroying habitats and eliminating protected species. Other conservation efforts likewise concern the restoration of degraded tropical forests, particularly in dry areas where pressure to convert tropical forests to other uses is widespread. Lastly, wildlife harvesting management is another issue to be addressed in certain forests where the pressure of commercial hunting can result in endangered species. How can we coordinate these different strategies to make conservation policies more effective? What priorities could we establish in the area of biodiversity conservation given the growing pressure on tropical forests and limited financial resources?

F. Governing forest regions: from a local to international level

Tropical forests are suffering from a significant lack of governance. Locally, state services are inadequately or ineffectively performing their sovereign duties of controlling access to forest resources. In many regions, peoples living in or on the fringe of forests are playing a crucial role in forest management. In some countries, the management of certain forests is placed under the responsibility of local government, and contractual approaches with forest users have also emerged. What lessons can we learn from these different approaches? What local governance model for forest regions can we promote? What tools can be used to improve local governance?

At a regional and international level, global governance of forests is patchy and has not yet produced very binding systems. The lines of contention between stakeholders in international negotiations remain strong, but are changing with the increased power of emerging countries. Regional processes,

whether voluntary or binding, have sometimes made more tangible progress while processes involving civil society are growing in importance. Should the changing international forest context prompt us to come up with new forest governance models at a regional and international level? Should tropical forests be given special treatment?

Call for contributions

Organizations wishing to participate in workshops are asked to send a summary of their contribution (2 pages maximum) before 20 December 2011.



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