



## **One Forest Summit**

**Ministerial Session – March 1, 2023 – 4:45 to 6:15pm**

### **Workshop on Sustainable Use of Forest Resources**

*The case of the cosmetic and pharmaceutical industry*

#### **Objective**

This roundtable aims to explore the issues of sustainable forest resource use in the cosmetic and pharmaceutical industry. Discussions will focus on the fair and equitable sharing of genetic resources in Central Africa, the development of sustainable industries, the development of traditional know-how, certification, quality labels and market access.

The experts gathered around the table will present their actions, share their experiences or innovations and make recommendations on the economic and environmental opportunities of the sector.

#### **Speakers**

Moderator: Berta Pesti, Head of the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) Secretariat

#### Panelists:

- Prof. Blandine AKENDENGUE, teacher-researcher, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Health Sciences, Libreville, Gabon
- Christophe MASSON, CEO, Cosmetic Valley
- Shirley BILLOT, President and Founder, Kadalys
- Julie Bertille LANDRY, President and Founder, Ocyna
- Leonnella Gaelle ILAMA, President and Founder, Ndossy
- Denis MASSANDE, President, Association pour le Développement de la Culture des Peuples Pygmées du Gabon (ADCPPG)
- Chouaibou NCHOUTPOUEN, Deputy Executive Secretary, Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC)

#### **Outline**

**1. Opening remarks** (10 min)

**2. Setting the scene** (10min)

- Berta Pesti, Head of the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI) Secretariat
- Prof. Blandine AKENDENGUE, teacher-researcher, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Health Sciences, Libreville, Gabon

*Keynote by Prof. Akendengue. Reminder of the importance of the genetic resources of Central Africa in the world cosmetopoeia and pharmacopoeia. Nagoya Protocol and ABS regulation.*

*Economic opportunities of the sector. Forestry potential linked to the okoume, moabi and douka commodities. Link between scientific research and the use of genetic resources in the cosmetic and pharmaceutical industry.*

**3. Opportunities for Central Africa in the cosmetics sector / Market access issues** (15 min)

- Leonnella Gaelle ILAMA, President and Founder, Ndossy
- Christophe MASSON, CEO, Cosmetic Valley

*Presentation of Ndossy, a local Gabonese brand. Challenges of accessing the Gabonese market. Opportunities for central Africa to access the international market. Issues of compliance with regulatory standards of quality and safety.*

**4. Sustainability innovations in the cosmetics sector** (15 min)

- Julie Bertille LANDRY, President and Founder, Ocyna
- Shirley BILLOT, President and Founder, Kadalys

*Innovative and sustainable solutions developed by Ocyna and Kadalys using padouk waste and banana.*

**5. Fair and equitable sharing of benefits related to genetic resources in Central Africa / Promotion of traditional know-how** (15 min)

- Chouaibou NCHOUTPOUEN, Deputy Executive Secretary, Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC)
- Denis MASSANDE, President, Association pour le Développement de la Culture des Peuples Pygmées du Gabon (ADCPPG)

*Issues related to the effective implementation of the Nagoya protocol. Preservation and promotion of traditional know-how. Role of local communities.*

**6. Questions from the audience** (10 min)

**7. Policy recommendations / Deliverables** (10 min)

*Each speaker makes a recommendation for policy makers regarding the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and the promotion of cosmetic business in Central Africa. Production of a one-page political deliverable for March 2.*

**8. Closing remarks** (2 min)

- Berta Pesti, Head of the CAFI Secretariat