

**TOWARDS A NEW VISION FOR THE FORESTS OF THE CONGO**  
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- Congolese rich resources of diverse and valuable forests are recognized as important for global climate and for the growth of the country's economy and the reduction of poverty;
- DR Congo has the biggest territory of the region but its forests are still a part of the whole Congo basin with its rich biodiversity;
- Therefore harmonized approaches of all relevant countries and donors are important in order to contribute to a sustainable use of the forests of the Congo basin;
- The private sector as a an important player has to be embedded through PPP-measures (certification, environmental and social standards);
- Concerning the country's moratorium on the management of the Congolese forests Germany supports the government's position not to allocate more logging concessions until a sustainable use of the forests is assured.
- The existing allocations shall be implemented in line with the Congolese law, the Forest Code. The government should be assisted by the international community to control the implementation.
- Germany supports not only single countries like DRC or Cameroon. Important is a regional approach to contribute to the development and the harmonization of forest reforms within the Congo Basin, like it is targeted within the COMIFAC-process; this is foreseen to be mentioned in the G8 summit document (German draft as G8-presidency).
- Germany underlines the importance of further contributing to the development of COMIFAC (Central African Forest Commission) and to strengthen their member's ownership within COMIFAC through bilateral cooperation.