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Ministère des Affaires Etrangères*
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Under the auspices of His Excellency Mr Henri Djombo, Minister of Sustainable Development, Forest Economy, and Environment of Congo, and President of the International Coordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme.

This Forum will bring together regional stakeholders to discuss concrete steps toward strengthening the biosphere reserve network in Central Africa and using Congo Basin biosphere reserves as pilot sites to combat deforestation, protect biodiversity, and promote sustainable development through bio-carbon modalities.

The Forum will involve an important number of high-level policy makers from governments and organizations in the region, scientific experts, local and indigenous peoples' representatives, and MAB and biosphere reserve leaders.

*Note change of venue.

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PROGRAMME

Ministère des Affaires Etrangères

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WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 2010

09h00 **REGISTRATION**

10h00 **OPENING**

With the presence of the

Council of Ministers of the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC)

Welcome Addresses

Natarajan Ishwaran

Secretary, Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, UNESCO

Guy Reinaud

President, Pro-Natura International

Keynote Address

H.E. Henri Djombo

Minister of Sustainable Development, Forest Economy and Environment, Congo

President of the International Coordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme

Overview of the Congo Basin Forests

Richard Eba'a Atyi

Forest Expert, OFAC

13h00 **LUNCH**

14h30 **PANEL 1:**

Bio-Carbon Methodologies and Opportunities for Biosphere Reserves

CHAIR

Guy Reinaud, President, Pro-Natura International

PANELISTS

Andre Aquino, Carbon Finance Specialist, The World Bank

Michael Cullen, Managing Director, Terra Global Capital

Joseph Lumande Kasali, Academic and Administrative Secretary, ERAIFT

Warwick Manfrinato, Director-Founder, Plant Environmental Intelligence

Didier Rigal, Sustainable Development Manager, SPOT IMAGE

RECEPTION *hosted by the Government of Congo*

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THURSDAY, 22 APRIL 2010

09h00 **PANEL 2:**

Pioneering Experiences with Bio-Carbon and Biosphere Approaches

CHAIR

Donatien N'zala, Director-General, Ministry of Forest Economy, Congo

PANELISTS

Marguerite Butler, Program Manager, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute

Fredric Kizza, Senior Warden, Uganda Wildlife Authority

Alfred Ngomanda, Researcher, Institut de Recherche en Ecologie Tropicale, Gabon

Aubain Saya, Assistant Director for Scientific Activities, CRDPI, Congo

Mutambwe Shango, Professor, ERAIFT; Coordinator, Makala Project

/ **Emilien Dubiez**, Chief of Project, Makala Project

13h00 **LUNCH**

14h30 **PANEL 3:**

Regional Programmes and Networks for Biosphere Bio-Carbon Landscapes

CO-CHAIRS

Natarajan Ishwaran, Secretary, Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, UNESCO

Mambaele Mankoto, Senior Programme Specialist, UNESCO; President, RAPAC

PANELISTS

Robbert Bekker, Regional Coordinator, TRIDOM Project

Agostinho Chicaia, Regional Coordinator, Mayombe Transboundary Initiative

Bamba Diop, Conservation Biologist, African Development Bank

Leila Maziz, Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI), UNESCO

Laurent Nsenga, Vice President, AfriMAB Network; Program Manager Bas-Congo, WWF

18h00 **SUMMARY DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION**

FRIDAY, 23 APRIL 2010

EXCURSION *organized by the Government of Congo*

The Forum is preceded on Tuesday 20 April 2010 by an ABC Initiative training seminar for MAB partners on bio-carbon opportunities, project design and management. The Forum is followed on Saturday 24 April 2010 by a half-day planning session with biosphere reserve managers and MAB Network members to agree upon follow-up action.