



# AFORPOLIS

African Forest Policies & Politics

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## African Forest Policies and Politics (AFORPOLIS)

**Date:** 24-27<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Venue:** Mont Febe hotel, Yaoundé – Cameroon

The conference AFORPOLIS 1 is organised in cooperation with the University of Göttingen in Germany, University of Dschang in Cameroon and the IUFRO (International Union of Forest Research Organisations). The conference benefits from a substantial support of the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and the Centre for International Development and Training (CIDT/ University of Wolverhampton). AFORPOLIS conference series will seek to advance cutting-edge knowledge on the emergence and evolution of African forest governance.

The dynamics of African forests are paradoxical. When the rate of forest degradation due to wood-fuel demand and slash-and-burn small farming rises, the level of deforestation falls below that of South Asia and Latin America. In other words, the utilisation of African forestland resources occurs faster in regions covered by dry and accessible forests while the majority of the rainforests in the Congo basin remains broadly intact. Up to now, African forests from the North Africa Mediterranean region to the southern, eastern, western and central African regions face growing pressure due to forestland conversion, biodiversity loss, livelihood issues, wildfires, above- and underground resources exploitation.

**Talks:** 51 oral presentations are scheduled in 15 sessions closely linked to the main themes of the conference. Each talk is scheduled for 25 minutes in total. This includes 15 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion. During presentation, speakers will be signalled two times about the remaining time, at the 10<sup>th</sup>, and the last minute. Session chairs will make sure that the time frame of each talk is strictly respected.

**Posters:** 11 posters will be presented in one session. In this session, each poster presentation will take 5 minutes followed by open discussions with the audience.

**Side events:** Four side-events are scheduled on the following topics:

Topic 1: Community Forests: Can Agroforestry bring profitability, sustainability and social equity? (World Agroforestry Centre, ICRAF).

Topic 2: OSFACO project- Earth observation for monitoring forests in Central and Western Africa (French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development, IRD)

Topic 3: Participatory development of a national forest policy and programme: The case of Mozambique (Ministry of Land Environment and Rural Development, Mozambique).

Topic 4: Impacts of certification on forest management - how do we know what we know? (Forest Stewardship Council, FSC).

## Organising committee

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## Opening speaker:



**Roger Tsafack Nanfosso**, Rector of the University of Dchang, Cameroon

**Keynote speakers:** Each keynote talk is scheduled for 45 minutes in total. This includes 25 minutes for presentation and 20 minutes for discussion.



**Keynote 1: Max Krott**, Professor of Forest and Nature Conservation Policy, University of Göttingen, Germany

**Talk:** “The role of science for developing policy in Africa”



**Keynote 2: Phil Rene Oyono**, Senior Researcher with Rights Resources Initiative (RRI), Cameroon

**Talk:** “Forest Governance Multi-Scaled: The Politics of Choice in African Contexts”



**Keynote 3: Richard Eba'a Atyi**, Senior researcher, CIFOR – Cameroon

**Talk:** “Governing forest concessions in the Congo basin”



**Keynote 4: Maria Brockhaus**, Professor of International Forest Policy, University of Helsinki, Finland

**Talk:** “Forest conversion, plantation or conservation? Benefits, equity and the politics of deforestation”

**15 conference sessions:** 1) Political economy of deforestation and forest plantations; 2) Forestlands and agricultural commodities; 3) Biodiversity and market-based instruments; 4) Nature conservation policies; 5) Forest and climate change; 6) Forest concessions; 7) Transnational and decentralized forest governance; 8) Development, social equity and sustainability; 9) Community forestry and local development; 10) Forestland and political instability; 11) Forestland use and informality; 12) Territorial development; 13) Livelihoods and non-timber forest products; 14) Institutions and forest regulation; 15) International forest governance initiatives

### **Chairs of sessions:**

<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Chair persons</b>
Session1: Political economy of deforestation and forest plantations	Alain Karsenty
Session 2: Forestlands and agricultural commodities	Mesmin Tchindjang
Session 3: Biodiversity and market-based instruments	Jonas Ngouhouo Poufoun
Session 4: Nature conservation policies	François Hiol Hiol
Session 5: Forestland and political instability	Samuel Assembe-Mvondo
Session 6: Forest concessions	Serge Bobo Kadiri
Session 7: Transnational and decentralized forest governance	Martin Tchamba
Session 8: Development, social equity and sustainability	Takanori Oishi
Session 9: Community forestry and local development	Guillaume Lescuyer
Session 10: Forest and climate change	Ann Degrande
Session 11: Forestland use and informality	Paolo Cerutti
Session 12: Territorial development	Isabelle Tritsch
Session 13: Livelihoods and non-timber forest products	Verina Ingram
Session 14: Institutions and forest regulation	Jolien Schure
Session 15: International forest governance initiatives	Denis Sonwa

## Schedule of the conference

	Plenary room (R1)	Session room (R2)	Session room (R3)
Monday, 24.09.2018			
09:00-10:00	Arrival, registration of participants		
10:00-10:45	Welcome ceremony (Moderator: Abdon Awono, CIFOR Cameroon)		
	1) Welcome speech Symphorien Ongolo, University of Göttingen - Germany 2) Opening speech Roger Tsafack Nanfosso, University of Dschang- Cameroon		
10:45-11:30	Coffee break		
11:30-12:15	Keynote speech Max Krott, University of Göttingen, Germany		
12:15-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-16:00	Session 1: Political economy of deforestation and forest plantations	Session 2: Forestlands and agricultural commodities	Session 3: Biodiversity and market-based instruments
16:00-16:30	Coffee break		
16:30-18:30	Side event 1: Community Forests: Can Agroforestry bring profitability, sustainability and social equity? (ICRAF).		
Tuesday, 25.09.2018			
09:00-10:30	Session 4: Nature conservation policies	Session 5: Forestland and political instability	Session 6: Forest concessions
10:30-11:00	Coffee break		
11:00-11:45	Keynote speech Phil Rene Oyono, Rights Resources Initiative (RRI), Cameroon		
11:45-13:30	Lunch break		
13:30-14:30	Posters' session		
14:30-17:00	Side event 2: OSFACO project - Earth observation for monitoring forests in Central and Western (IRD)*	City tour and a visit of a wood market in Yaoundé	
17:00-18:30	Local barbecue in CIFOR's garden		

\* Shuttle service will be available at 16:30 for those of participants who would like to join the CIFOR 's garden party.

## Schedule of the conference (continued)

Wednesday 26.09.2018			
09:00-09:45	Keynote speech Richard Eba’a Atyi CIFOR - Cameroon		
09:45-10:15	Coffee break		
10:15-12:15	Session 7: Transnational and decentralised forest governance	Session 8: Development, social equity and sustainability	Session 9: Community forestry and local development
12:15-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-15:30	Session 10: Forest and climate change	Session 11: Forestland use and informality	Session 12: Territorial development
15:30-16:00	Coffee break		
16:00-18:00	Side event 3: Participatory development of a national forest policy and programme: The case of Mozambique (Ministry of Land Environment and Rural Development, Mozambique).		
19:30-21:30	Gala dinner ( ``La table des saveurs`` Boulevard du 20 mai, Yaoundé)		
Thursday, 27.09.2018			
09:00-09:45	Keynote speech Maria Brockhaus, University of Helsinki, Finland		
09:45-10:15	Coffee break		
10:15-12:15	Session 13: Livelihoods and non-timber forest products	Session14: Institutions and forest regulation	Session 15: International forest governance initiatives
12:15-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-16:00	Side event 4: Impacts of certification on forest management - how do we know what we know? (FSC).		
16:00-16:30	Closing ceremony		

**Notice:** Dear participants, we are honoured that you will join us and appreciate your participation to the first edition of AFORPOLIS conference. Please, kindly be aware that AFORPOLIS Organising committee does not assume any liability whatsoever for any risk or damage associated with your participation to the Yaoundé-IUFRO conference (AFORPOLIS 1) 2018.

**Table of presentations**

<b>N°</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Names of the first authors</b>	<b>Abstract titles</b>	<b>Countries of affiliation</b>	<b>Oral presentation / poster</b>
<b>1</b>	Political economy of deforestation and forest plantations	<b>Arttu Malkamäki</b>	The endogenous drivers of inter-organisational exchange of information in South African tree plantation policy	Finland	Oral presentation
		<b>Isabelle Tritsch</b>	Impact of sustainable forest management on deforestation in the Congo Basin	France	Oral presentation
		<b>George Christoffel Schoneveld</b>	The new face of private sector investment in Africa's natural resource-based economies: Implications for natural resource governance	CIFOR Kenya	Oral presentation
		<b>Alain Karsenty</b>	Certification of tropical forests: private instruments of public interest?	France	Oral presentation
<b>2</b>	Forestlands and agricultural commodities	<b>Emily Jeanne Gallagher</b>	The land squeeze in Tanzania: Where commodified landscapes displace agricultural extensification	CIFOR Kenya	Oral presentation
		<b>Selma van der Haar</b>	Governing agriculture induced deforestation in Africa	CIFOR Kenya	Oral presentation
		<b>Jorlin Tsiavahananahary Tsaralaza</b>	Improved rice production system for biodiversity conservation. Case of the Mahavavy-Kinkony Wetlands Complex Protected Area	Madagascar	Oral presentation
		<b>Mesmin Tchindjang</b>	Central Cameroon Region between agricultural activities, urbanization and forest cover degradation.	Cameroon	Oral presentation

3	Biodiversity and market-based instruments	<b>Neville Mapenzi</b>	Challenges and opportunities of market access in enhancing the farmers' livelihood through sustainable agriculture in Biosphere Reserve landscape.	CIFOR DRC	Oral presentation
		<b>Julius Chupezi Tieguhong</b>	Wood processing and trade on wood products in Africa	Ivory Coast	Oral presentation
		<b>Forbi Preasious Funwi</b>	Livelihoods and non-timber forest products: Influence of access and ownership rights, access to market among Bantu and Bagyeli at the periphery of Campo Ma'an National Park	Cameroon	Oral presentation
		<b>Grace Mudombi-Rusinamhodzi</b>	Theory-driven evaluation of land and resource tenure system in Zimbabwe	Germany	Oral presentation
4	Nature conservation policies	<b>Kajenje Magessa</b>	Does Tanzanian Participatory Forest Management policy achieve its governance objectives?	United Kingdom	Oral presentation
		<b>Belachew Gizachew Zeleke</b>	The context, challenges and prospects of implementing REDD+ in Africa	Norway	Oral presentation
		<b>Yvonne Kiki Nchanji</b>	Engendering collaborative forest management in selected protected areas in Cameroon: Reality versus Ideals	Finland	Oral presentation
5	Forestland and political instability	<b>Okoli Chukwuma</b>	Boko Haram Insurgency and the Necessity for Trans-territorial Forests' Governance on the Lower Lake Chad Basin	Nigeria	Oral presentation
		<b>Locardia Shayamunda</b>	Farmer's responses to political crisis: a case study of four villages in rural Zimbabwe	Germany	Oral presentation
		<b>Mawa Karambiri</b>	Why are people crowding out of forest management in Burkina Faso?	Finland	Oral presentation



6	Forest concessions	<b>Silvia Ferrari</b>	Analysis of a new approach to formalise the sector of the small scale chainsaw milling for export in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (Nord-Kivu and Ituri provinces)	CIFOR DRC	Oral presentation
		<b>Xiao Jianmin</b>	Assessment on Chinese Forest Management in Mozambique	China	Oral presentation
		<b>Serge Bobo Kadiri</b>	Suitable timber tracking system for low income forest corporations in Central Africa	Cameroon	Oral presentation
7	Transnational and decentralised forest governance	<b>Guybertho Randrianarivelo</b>	Change and continuity in decentralised forest governance in Madagascar: a case study of Ambohilero forest"	Madagascar	Oral presentation
		<b>Richard Eba'A Atyi</b>	Cross-border woodfuel trade uncovered: mapping of regional trade flows between and from Central African countries and implications for woodfuel governance	CIFOR Cameroon	Oral presentation
		<b>Sandrine Andong Essola</b>	Globalizing governance of Cameroon's forests: a case study of the internalization of the VPA-FLEGTprocess	Cameroon	Oral presentation
8	Development, social equity and sustainability	<b>Takanori Oishi</b>	How can local stakeholders make the room for negotiation?: Addressing the paradox of 'participation' and 'community' in forest management policies in south-eastern Cameroon	Japan	Oral presentation
		<b>Rindra Randriamifidison</b>	Modeling of a local governance of forest areas by the valorization of the Agnarandray concept or the heritage affiliation of the Zafimaniry of Amoron'i Mania, Central Highlands of Madagascar	Madagascar	Oral presentation
		<b>Samson Shimelse Jemaneh</b>	Determinants of sustainability of exclosure establishment and management practices in Tigray Region, Ethiopia.	Ethiopia	Oral presentation
		<b>Markus Ihalainen</b>	Where are the women? A critical review of the current literature on gender and wood fuel value chains in Sub-Saharan Africa.	CIFOR Kenya	Oral presentation

<b>9</b>	Community forestry and local development	<b>Niwaeli Kimambo</b>	Extent and composition of private tree farming in Southern Tanzania	USA	Oral presentation
		<b>Eric Mbogning Koueda Koug</b>	Traceability of wood energy in dry savannah zone: case of Biskavaï community forest, Far North Cameroon region	France/ Cameroon	Oral presentation
		<b>Diane Bala Bala</b>	Toward an innovative community forest governance strategy: A case study of three Community Forests in Centre Cameroon	Cameroon	Oral presentation
		<b>Lescuyer Guillaume</b>	Are community forests a viable model for the Democratic Republic of Congo?	France/ CIFOR Indonesia	Oral presentation
<b>10</b>	Forest and climate change	<b>Martin Yemele (presented by Christophe Dongmo)</b>	Using wood to mitigate Climate Change in Africa: Lessons learned from Quebec Policy Experiences	Canada	Oral presentation
		<b>Serge Piabuo Madiefe</b>	Impact of illegal logging on climate change: Case of timber producing countries in the Congo basin and Asia.	Cameroon	Oral presentation
		<b>Maurine Ningala</b>	Have you Ever seen Trees bringing Rain Here? The Mau Complex and the Political Economy of deforestation in Kenya	Kenya	Oral presentation
<b>11</b>	Forestland use and informality	<b>Zhixin Deng</b>	Intra-industrial Development Priority Identification in Relation to China-Africa Forestry Capacity Cooperation	China	Oral presentation
		<b>François Hiol Hiol</b>	Deforestation and forest degradation within and around Douala-Edea Fauna Reserve : Status, Drivers, Impacts and Responses	Cameroon	Oral presentation
		<b>Paolo Cerutti</b>	Rosewood' and illegal timber trade: informality, global capital and rural development in Zambia	CIFOR Kenya	Oral presentation

12	Territorial development	<b>Olfa Boughamoura</b>	Identification of territorial actors for development through ecotourism in mountain protected areas in Tunisia: case of Ichkeul and Cape Negro-Jbel Chitana	Tunisia/France	Oral presentation
		<b>Rodrigue Fapa (presented by Bobo Kadiri)</b>	Determinants of the scale of forest governance in community forests in East Cameroon	Canada/Cameroon	Oral presentation
		<b>Michelle Sonkoue</b>	Challenges of coexistence between conservation and development of industrial plantations in the divisions of Nkam and Dja-et-Lobo in Cameroon.	Cameroon	Oral presentation
13	Livelihoods and non-timber forest products	<b>Jonas Ngouhouo Poufoun</b>	Households livelihoods and deforestation in the Tridom Transboundary Conservation : A spatial analysis	France	Oral presentation
		<b>Eliezer Majambu</b>	Traditional institutions and management of forest resources in the Democratic Republic of Congo: case study of Bosukulu 1, riparian village of the Biosphere reserve of Yangambi	DRC	Oral presentation
		<b>Miora Rakotoarivelo Malalaniaina</b>	Local forest governance and non-timber forest products in developing contexts: a case study of Sahatsiho-Ambohimanjaka and Vohidahy, Ambositra in Madagascar	Madagascar	Oral presentation
		<b>Verina Ingram</b>	Divergent policy and practice; Governing NTFPs in Cameroon	Netherlands	Oral presentation

14	Institutions and forest regulation	<b>Chih-Ching Lan</b>	Examining the Jurisdictional Landscape Approach and Its Implications for African Palm Oil Industry	Netherlands	Oral presentation
		<b>Frankline Nghobuoche</b>	Socio-economic Benefits and challenges to Certification in Cameroon: An Assessment of Eighteen local communities in Manyu division, South West Region of Cameroon	Cameroon	Oral presentation
		<b>Mathieu Auger-Schwartzberg</b>	Official recognition of FSC National Standard as FLEGT-compliant in Cameroon: what impact on the market and on forest management?	FSC RC	Oral presentation
15	International forest governance initiatives	<b>Samuel Assembe-Mvondo</b>	An overview of how the international REDD+ policy is transferring in Central African States	COMIFAC Cameroon	Oral presentation
		<b>Rodrigue Nodem Fomene</b>	Using Multi Criteria Evaluation in forest resource management: an elaboration of a decision map of the transboundary conservation area between Cameroon and Nigeria	Cameroon	Oral presentation
		<b>Richard Sufo (presented by Denis Sonwa)</b>	About remunerations and rewards for avoided or reduced deforestation: REDD+ story telling in Central Africa	France/ CIFOR Cameroon	Oral presentation

	Posters	<b>Samuel Eric Kamgang</b>	The Sacred Woods as World Public Goods: analysis of the Bamiléké context	Cameroon
		<b>Alain Parfait Ngulungu</b>	In search of forest governance index in Central Africa. Improving forest governance in the light of the fragility and resilience of COMIFAC countries (2015-2025).	DRC
		<b>Hermane Diesse</b>	Comparative effects of trees outside forests on mycorrhizal fungi diversity and soil fertility in the Yangambi region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	DRC
		<b>Sagesse Nziavake</b>	The dynamics of fuelwood consumption and supply by micro-enterprises in the Yangambi Biosphere Reserve, DRC	DRC
		<b>Serge Alexis Kamgang</b>	Interactions between people and chimpanzee ( <i>Pan troglodytes ellioti</i> Matschie 1914) in the Mbam and Djerem National Park, Cameroon	Cameroon
		<b>Roger Ngoufo</b>	Communal Forestry faced with diffuse and diffracted local demand: the experience of the Ngog-Mapubi /Dibang Intercouncil Forest Initiative in Cameroon	Cameroon
		<b>Patrice Kamkuimo</b>	Evolution of the Legal Framework and Institutionalization of the Sustainable Forest Management in Central Africa: what impacts on Improving Rural Communities' Rights in Cameroon?	Cameroon
		<b>Christophe Dongmo</b>	Resilience to Environmental Challenges and the National Disaster Insurance Programme in Kenya	Cameroon
		<b>Sylvestre Koussi Kouame</b>	Tragedies and hopes in the governance of protected areas in Côte d'Ivoire	Ivory Coast
		<b>Divine Foundjem-Tita</b>	The transformation of community forest to community forest enterprises in Cameroon: Process, opportunities and challenges	Cameroon
		<b>Martin Tchamba (presented by Joseph Keutcheu)</b>	Training to improve forest governance: programs for quality education of forestry actors	Cameroon

## In-country information in brief

### Accommodation

There are different options in Yaoundé, from hotels to Airbnb. The organising committee would recommend the following hotels:

- *Mont Febe hotel: (where Conference Venue is located)*

Tel: +237 2 22 21 40 02

<http://www.hotel-montfebe.com/>

- *Hotel la falaise:*

Tel: +237 2 22 22 06 16

[https://uk.hotels.com/ho531879/hotel-la-falaise-yaounde-ameroon/?locale=en\\_GB&pos=HCOM\\_UK](https://uk.hotels.com/ho531879/hotel-la-falaise-yaounde-ameroon/?locale=en_GB&pos=HCOM_UK)

- *Hotel Meumi Palace:*

Tel: +237 2 22 20 92 11

<http://leshotelsmeumi.com/palace.html>

### Currency

“Communauté Financière Africaine” Francs (Fcfa) is the currency in Cameroon. The usual currency exchange with Euro is: 1 Euros = 655 Fcfa. ATMs exist in the majority of banks in Yaoundé. There are available agencies for money transfer in the city. The general accepted payment in Yaoundé is Cash. For this, we suggest participants to consider bringing cash. Payment by credit card is possible in some hotels, some supermarkets and restaurants, but not in small shops and fast foods. Please confirm in advance with your hotel if credit cards will be accepted for payment.

### Transportation:

The recommended transportation in Yaoundé is taxi. It costs around 10.000 Fcfa from and to the airport of Yaoundé Nsimalen. An individual use of yellow taxi in the city costs around 2500 Fcfa per journey or 300 Fcfa in a collective use with other passengers.

There will be available conference buses to transport participants from the Meumi Palace and la falaise hotel to the conference venue during the conference days (transport from and to airport should be arranged by each participant with the selected hotel).

### Mobile

Recommended Sim-cards: MTN Cameroon; Nexttel; Orange Cameroon

### Internet

Internet access is free of charges in hotels but outside hotels there are individual private options (Nexttel; Orange Cameroon; MTN Cameroon)

### Climate and Weather

September is usually a raining season in Yaoundé, please do not hesitate to take an umbrella or a raincoat with you. Temperature in Yaoundé varies from 20 to 28°C in September.

### Opening time of shops

The working days are from Monday to Saturday. Shops open at 9am and close at 6pm. The majority of shops are closed on Sunday.

The available supermarkets around Mont Febe hotel and Meumi palace hotel are DOVV and Mahima

### Eat & drink

A meal costs approximately from 2500 to 10000 Fcfa depending on restaurant category

Water in bottle costs from 250 to 500 Fcfa

Selection of typical food: Ndolé, Poisson braise, Poulet-DG; plantains frits, baton de manioc, Coki & beignets haricot (for vegetarians)

Selection of typical drink: 'vin de palm', Foléré.