



## Global Peatlands Initiative: 3rd Meeting of Partners

Brazzaville 21–23 March 2018

### Draft Agenda

Orientation for all panels:

- Each panelist will intervene to present the latest progress of their work on the subject;
- Panelists can share speaking notes or slides in advance to illustrate some key findings from their research;

Day 1 - Wednesday, 21 March 2018		
Time	Description	Speaker(s)/Panel Members
08:00 – 08:30	Participant Registration	
08:30 – 09:15 SESSION 1	<p><b>Opening Ceremony:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Address by Africa Regional Director, UN Environment</b></li> <li>• <b>Address by Executive Secretary of the Central African Forest Commission</b></li> <li>• <b>Intervention by Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Democratic Republic of the Congo</b></li> <li>• <b>Opening Speech by Minister of Tourism and Environment, Republic of Congo</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: FAO Master of Ceremonies</b></p>	<p>Juliette Biao Koudenoukpo, Africa Regional Director, UN Environment</p> <p>Gervais Ludovic ITSOUA MADZOUS, Deputy Executive Secretary, Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC)</p> <p>Amy Ambatobe Nyongolo, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Democratic Republic of the Congo</p> <p>Arlette Soudan-Nonault, Minister of Tourism and Environment, Republic of Congo</p>
09:15 – 09:30	Coffee break and Group photo	
09:30 – 10:00	Organizing committee/ Mise en place du bureau	
10:00 – 11:00 SESSION 2	<p><b>Regional Context – Status update by the Congo Governments</b></p> <p><b>Summary of the current state of knowledge of the importance of peatlands and summary of work ongoing in the Cuvette Centrale Peatlands:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- what do we know?</li> <li>- what do we need to know about?</li> <li>- what are the gaps?</li> </ul> <p>Discussion, Q&amp;A, summary of key knowledge gaps</p>	<p>Roséline Blanche Akenze, née Ognimba, Head of Aquatic Ecosystems Department, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Republic of Congo</p> <p>Rubin Rashidi Bukanga, Director of Cabinet of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development and National REDD Coordinator, Democratic Republic of the Congo</p> <p>Gervais Ludovic ITSOUA MADZOUS, Deputy Executive Secretary, COMIFAC– overview of</p>

	Moderator: UN Environment – Tim Christophersen	<p>trans-boundary conservation areas related to the Cuvette Centrale peatland</p> <p>Georges Claver Bouzanga, National Coordinator REDD+, Republic of Congo</p> <p>Honore Tabuna, Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) Expert – overview of economic issues related to protected areas.</p> <p>Jay Aldous, Ramsar Secretariat – overview of international agreements and conventions applicable to the Cuvette Centrale peatland.</p>
11:00 – 12:30 SESSION 3	<p><b>Know where peatlands are, their extent, global significance and how they are changing</b></p> <p>Moderator: Alue Dohong, Badan Restorasi Gambut, Indonesian Restoration Agency, Republic of Indonesia</p>	<p>Keynote address on Congo Basin Peatlands: Simon L. Lewis, University of Leeds and University College London</p> <p>Panelists: Hans Joosten, Griefswald Mires Center Ifo Suspens, Université Marien Ngouabi Julian Fox, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN Samba Gaston, Université Marien Ngouabi Lauren Williams, World Resources Institute</p>
12:30 – 14:00 SESSION 4	<p><b>Understanding the value of peatlands – ecosystem services, natural capital, protection and conservation and review options for productive use and drainage-free livelihoods</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ibrahima Thiam - Wetlands International</p>	<p>Keynote address on Ecosystem Services Valuation and Natural Capital Accounting Thierry de Oliveira, UN Environment</p> <p>Panelists: Alain Huart, World Wildlife Fund Democratic Republic of the Congo Emilie Fairet, Wildlife Conservation Society Congo Gerald Schmilewski, International Peatland Society Johannes Refisch, Great Apes Survival Partnership</p>
	<p><b>South-South Exchange: Importance of peatland conservation and restoration in the context of climate change and sustainable development: experience from the Katingan project in Indonesia.</b></p>	<p>Lifeng Li, Wetlands International</p>
14:00-15:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
15:00-16:30 SESSION 5	<p><b>Understanding Financial Instruments and Developing investment options</b></p> <p>Moderator: Jonny Hughes, International Union for Conservation of Nature</p>	<p>Keynote Speaker: Agus Justianto, Director General Climate Change, Republic of Indonesia</p> <p>Panelists: Maître Pongui Brice, Blue Carbon Fund Mirey Atallah, REDD+ National Fund (FONARED) Adamou Bouhari, UN Environment Faizal Parish, Global Environment Centre</p>

	<p><b>South-South Exchange: Indonesian examples of drainage-free livelihoods and deforestation-free supply chains;</b></p> <p><b>Lac Tele-Lac Tumba Landscape Carbon Offset Feasibility Study</b></p>	<p>Alue Dohong, Badan Restorasi Gambut, Republic of Indonesia</p> <p>Jack Major, FOREsight Capital and Advisory, UNDP Consultant</p>
16:30 – 17:00	<p>Summary of Day 1, Briefing including protocols for Day 2 Logistics questions</p>	<p>Facilitator and Dianna Kopansky and Andre Toham, UN Environment</p>

## Day 2 - Thursday, 22 March 2018

Time	Description	Speaker(s)/Panel Members
08:00 – 8:30	Arrival and Registration of Participants	
08:30 – 9:00	Arrival of GPI Ministers and Head of UN Environment	
09:00 – 9:30	<b>Press Conference – GPI Ministers and Head of UN Environment</b>	
09:30 – 10:00	Arrival and Seating of All Ministers and Head of UN Environment	
10:00 – 11:30 <b>SESSION 6</b>	<p>High- Level Opening of the Global Peatlands Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome words of the Deputy, Mayor of Brazzaville</li> <li>• Address by high level delegates</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Speech, Monsieur Clément MOUAMBA, Prime Minister, Republic of Congo</b></p> <p><i>Theatrical piece from the book of the Head of State entitled "Africa, stake of the planet", Association for the culture of the protection of Fauna and Flora</i></p> <p>Handing over of Global Peatlands Initiative Publication « Smoke on Water » « De La Fumée sur L'eau »</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> FAO Master of Ceremonies</p>	<p>Christian Roger Okemba, Mayor of Brazzaville</p> <p>Siti Nurbaya, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Republic of Indonesia</p> <p>Ambassador Ahmad Allam-mi, Secretary General, Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)</p> <p>Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment</p> <p>Amy Ambatobe Nyongolo, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Democratic Republic of the Congo</p> <p>Bruno Tshibala, Prime Minister, Democratic Republic of the Congo</p> <p>Arlette Soudan-Nonault, Minister of Tourism and Environment, Republic of Congo</p> <p>Clément Mouamba, Prime Minister, Republic of Congo</p>
11:30 – 12:00	Group photo following the cocktail offered by the government of the Republic of Congo	
12:00 – 13:00 <b>SESSION 7</b>	<p>Introduction to the Ministerial High Level Dialogue</p> <p><b>Indonesia</b> – Keynote presentation on policy / legal or institutional frameworks for peatland management in Indonesia</p>	<p>Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment</p> <p>Siti Nurbaya, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Republic of Indonesia</p>
	<p>Ministerial Dialogue on the political / legal or institutional frameworks that must be put in place to support the protection of Central Cuvette peatlands</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Suze Filippini, FAO Representative, Republic of Congo</p>	<p>High Level Panel:</p> <p>Arlette Soudan-Nonault, Minister of Tourism and Environment, Republic of Congo</p> <p>Amy Ambatobe Nyongolo - Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Democratic Republic of Congo</p> <p>Siti Nurbaya, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Republic of Indonesia</p> <p>Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment</p>
13:00 – 13:30 <b>SESSION 8</b>	<p>Déclaration de Brazzaville</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> FAO Master of Ceremonies</p>	<p>Reading and signing of the Brazzaville Declaration</p>

13:30 – 14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:30 – 15:30 SESSION 9	<p><b>Triangular Exchange on Governance of Peatlands:</b> Indonesia’s experiences on management tools and approaches for peatland restoration and coordination.</p> <p>Policy and institutional set ups in Scotland and the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Restoring Peatlands in Russia.</p> <p><b>Moderation:</b> Ndinga Assitou, Wetlands International</p>	<p>Muhammad Rizali Karliansyah, Director General of Pollution Control and Environmental Degradation, Republic of Indonesia</p> <p>Jonathan Hughes, International Union for Conservation of Nature</p> <p>Lifeng Li, Wetlands International</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16:00 – 17:00 SESSION 10	<p><b>Multi-sectoral panel discussion on the political / legal or institutional frameworks that must be put in place to support the protection of Central Cuvette peatlands</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Tim Christophersen, UN Environment</p>	<p>Key note presentation on Carbon, biodiversity and land-use in the Central Congo Basin Peatlands by Lera Miles, UNEP-WCMC</p> <p><u>Republic of Congo Panelists:</u> Agriculture: Marcel Koubemba, Point Focal REDD+ Mines and Geology: Médard Prince Ndombi Dabondi, Geology Attaché Hydrocarbons: Jean Pouti, Oil Tanker Advisor Land Affairs: Erick Kasongo, Land Expert Parfait DIHOUKAMBA, REPALEAC representative</p> <p><u>Democratic Republic of the Congo Panelists:</u> Agriculture: Narcisse Mayitu, Director of Agricultural Programs Mines and Geology: Professeur Ngoy Kitwa, Director, Mineral Development Civil Society Representative(tbc)</p>
17:00 – 17:30 SESSION 11	<p>Summary and Closing remarks</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> FAO Master of Ceremonies</p>	Tim Christophersen, UN Environment
19:00	Informal dinner for Global Peatlands Initiative partners (tbc)	

**Day 3 - Friday, 23 March 2018 –Global Peatlands Initiative Meeting  
(for GPI members only)**

Time	Description	Speaker(s)
<b>Alue Dohong to Chair the proceedings for this day</b>		
09:00 - 09:30 <b>SESSION 12</b>	<b>Global Peatlands Initiative Status Update</b> - Update on achievements so far and next agreed steps	Dianna Kopansky, UN Environment
09:30 - 10:30 <b>SESSION 13</b>	<b>Global Peatlands Initiative Governance</b> - Presentation of Governance Documents and Procedures	GPI Steering Committee Members Jonny Hughes, International Union for Conservation of Nature Julian Fox, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
11:00 - 12:30 <b>SESSION 14</b>	<b>Global Peatlands Assessment</b> - Outline of the Global Peatlands Assessment - Assigning chapters to lead authors - Agree on timeline, target and research gaps to fill	John Crump, GRID Arendal Lera Miles, UNEP-WCMC
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
13:30 - 14:30 <b>SESSION 15</b>	<b>Technical Exchanges on:</b> - Advances in data and mapping extent of peat (Hotspot Mapping) - Tools and approaches to measuring and valuing peat - WWF DRC on an integrated Mapping of DRC Carbon Stock  Discussions and recommendations	Hans Joosten, Greifswald Mires Centre Rosa Roman Cuesta, Center for International Forestry Research Maria Nuutinen, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN Elvis Tshibusu, World Wildlife Fund Democratic Republic of the Congo
14:30 - 15:30 <b>SESSION 16</b>	<b>Technical Exchanges on:</b> - Advances in early-warning and risks for peatland degradation - Tools and approaches on peatland fire management  - Peatland Restoration and Carbon financing - ASEAN Programme on Sustainable Management of Peatland Ecosystems 2014-2020 (APSMPE) - Peatland subsidence and flooding projections for lowland tropical peatlands in South East Asia  Discussions and recommendations	Norbert Ngami, Wildlife Conservation Society Congo Johan Kieft, UN Environment Raffles Panjaitan, Ministry of Environment and Forestry Indonesia  Timothy Jessup, Global Green Growth Institute Faizal Parish, Global Environment Centre Lifeng Li, Wetlands International
15:30 - 15:45	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
15:45 - 17:00 <b>SESSION 17</b>	<b>Global Peatlands Initiative Way Forward</b> - Mapping out key milestones - Outline of workplan for 2018/2019	Jay Aldous, Ramsar Secretariat Timothy Jessup, Global Green Growth Institute
17:00 - 18:00	Wrap up and closing	Tim Christophersen, UN Environment and Alue Dohong, Badan Restorasi Gambut, Republic of Indonesia