



United Nations
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COP30 ECCAS Congo Bassin Climate Commission - UNECA – African Union Side Event **To Establish the Congo Basin Natural Capital Consortium** **17-18 November 2025, Belem, Brazil**

Theme: "Natural Capital Consortium: What is it? What does it take to put it in place and operate successfully in order to reposition economies lacking sustainable financing and double-digit growth on the path to shared prosperity, resilience and sovereignty?"

I. Context

In Africa and elsewhere in the world, significant challenges remain in the management of monitoring, measurement, evaluation, valuation, and ownership of so-called natural capital, despite advocacy and awareness-raising efforts undertaken in recent years. Indeed, according to performance monitoring indicators and standards in this area, the states and governments of the exceptional forest, mining, oil, and metallurgical basins of the world, including the Congo Basin, are struggling to make a systematic inventory of what they have the advantage of possessing as real wealth buried in and under their soils and above their soils due to a lack of concrete collective initiatives undertaken on a large scale to make the most of these strategic asset classes.

To achieve this, the ECCAS, the Congo Basin Climate Commission (CBCC), and their strategic partners propose to organize, in close collaboration with all key stakeholders of COP30, a Side Event on the theme "Natural Capital Consortium: What is it? What does it take to put it in place and operate successfully to reposition economies lacking long-term financing and double-digit growth onto the path of shared prosperity, resilience, and sovereignty." This Side Event is envisaged to be held on November 17, 2025, in Belém, Brazil, as a SPECIAL EVENT during the day dedicated to reviewing the agenda of development priorities and sustainable financing solutions for the Congo Basin.

It is in this context that the ECA, the lead agency, and other technical and financial partners in the Congo Basin region are undertaking to launch a series of

stepwise consultations and progress reviews aimed at improving the monitoring, measurement, evaluation, and valuation of the Congo Basin and other sensitive ecosystems on the continent.

Development practitioners, opinion leaders, and researchers invited to this high-level meeting on natural capital monitoring will share their views on the common path to follow to fundamentally reform the business environment for natural capital. The goal is to discuss potential solutions to help resource-rich economies, which are constantly seeking sustainable financing and double-digit growth, to adopt the methods and tools for inventorying and accounting for their real wealth, thereby helping them escape the cycle of poverty and underdevelopment once and for all.

Building on the declarations from the Three Basins Summit (October 26-28, 2023, Congo) and the One Forest Summit (March 1-2, 2023, Gabon) and the final communiqué of the consultation of heads of state and government organized on the sidelines of COP29, this unique opportunity for sustainable dialogue and mobilization in the Amazon region is aimed at impact investors, key partners, builders of nature-based solution ecosystems, communication agencies and media groups within and outside the Congo Basin zone to exchange ideas on ways and means of taking action to operationalize the Consortium for monitoring natural capital.

II. Objectives

1. General objective

The aim is to strengthen the partnership to accelerate the implementation and operationalization of the initiative to establish a consortium for the proper measurement, evaluation, and enhancement of the natural capital of the Congo Basin.

2. Specific objectives

- i. Co-create spaces for sustainable dialogue and joint commitments for the mobilization of endogenous resources and sharing of experiences and know-how between the private and public sectors, strategic partners and practitioners and experts in the measurement, evaluation, valuation and popularization of natural capital.
- ii. Strengthen the partnership through advocacy, awareness-raising, and communication activities aimed at increasing membership and expanding the Consortium's shareholding beyond the countries of the Congo Basin.
- iii. Identify strategic partners and special purposes vehicles (SPV) who can make the Congo Basin a leading investment destination.
- iv. Propose a roadmap for action outlining the shared path to achieving a global coalition for the phased establishment and operationalization of the natural capital Consortium.

III. Expected results

- v. The review of performance evidence monitoring and shared vision regarding the key issues, challenges, and opportunities related to accurate measurement, evaluation, valuation and ownership of natural capital are shared.
- vi. ii. Solutions approaches and tools for measuring, evaluating, valuing, ownership of natural capital are identified through a scientific lens to ensure better harmonization, coherence and convergence.
- vii. The commitment of stakeholders to join the Initiative for the establishment and operationalization of the Consortium for the measurement, evaluation, and valuation of Natural Capital has been secured.
- viii. The joint roadmap for action in support of the

establishment of the consortium for monitoring the measurement, evaluation, and valuation of natural capital has been shared for effective ownership.

IV. Format

The Congo Basin Climate Commission-ECCAS-UNECA-African Union Side event is proposed to take place in according to the provisional program of work provided at Page 3.

V. Audience

The SIDE EVENT and its Special Event are aimed at heads of delegations and representatives of member states of the African Union (AU); potential shareholders outside the African zone of the Consortium project; impact investors and private sector actors including popular shareholding from the informal sectors and rural communities; technical and financial partners; development experts and practitioners; and the scientific community.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OF WORK

17 NOVEMBER 2025, CBCC PAVILION

Time	Activities	Speakers
8:00 -9:00		
9:00 -10:30		
11:30-12:30		
12 :30-13:00		
13:00 -14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 -14:45		
14:45-15:00	Coffee Break	
15:30 -16:30		
16:30-17 :30	Consultation of the Strategic Working Group for Natural Capital Monitoring (GTSCN). Towards establishing a global coalition for monitoring natural capital and other strategic asset classes worldwide.	Chair: UNECA CBCC Moderator: (To be confirmed) Pavilion: Congo Bassin Climate Commission Pavilion Speakers: - Representative of Brazil (host country) - Representatives of research and innovation focused organizations focused in the measurement, evaluation, valuation, accounting, auditing and certification of the quality of natural capital and other strategic asset classes in the Congo Basin and other sensitive ecosystems worldwide - Representatives of African central banks and financial institutions - Representatives of insurance companies and energy producers
17:30-18:30		

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8:00-9:00		
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11:30-12:30	• Strategic context. Towards the establishing the Congo Basin Natural Capital Consortium (CBNCC) and other sensitive ecosystems of the continent. • Presentation by ECA. “Natural Capital Monitoring Consortium initiative: What is it? What does it take to put it place and operate successfully? What joint actions to take to follow up on the outcomes of the consultation organized at the level of African heads of state and government gathered on the natural capital agenda on the sidelines of COP 29?” • Speaking by CBNCC stakeholders • Reading of the final communiqué of the step consultation on the establishment of the CBNCC	Chair: Congo Basin Climate Commission/ECCAS Moderator: (To be confirmed) Pavillion: Congo Basin Climate Commission Pavilion (CBCC) Speakers: - Representative of the Chairperson of the Congo Basin Climate Commission - Representative of the Chairperson of the Economic Commission of Central African States - Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) - Representative of the Republic of Congo - Representative of the Republic of Gabon - Representatives of the Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe (STP) - Representative of the Republic of Chad - Representative of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea - Representative of the Republic of Cameroon - Representative of Central Africa Republic (CAR) - Representative of African Union - Representative of Central African Financial Markets Supervisory Commission (COSUMAF) - Representative of Central Banks and financial institutions...) - Representative of insurance companies and energy producers - Representative of the private sector, civil society, traditional leaders, customary orders and indigenous peoples.
12:30-13:00	• Press conference & media actions organized with African, local and international institutions and press bodies.	Chair: CEA CBCC CEEAC Moderator: (To be confirmed) Pavillion: CBCC Speakers: - Contributors, facilitators, sponsors, advertisers of the Side-Event and Special Event of the ECCAS - Congo Basin Climate Commission – ECA - African Union (AU) on the launch of consultations and joint actions for the establishment of the Consortium for monitoring the natural capital of the Congo Basin and other sensitive ecosystems of the world.
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