

**Dialogue Series/ Technical Training Workshop on Inter-party Dialogue, Natural Resources Governance and Socio- Economic Transformation of Central African Countries**

**Date: 14-15 November 2016**

***Draft Agenda***

**Day one: 14 November 2016**

**8:00-9:00 Registration**

**9:00-10:00 Opening Ceremony**

Chair: A High Level Representative of the National Assembly of the Republic of Congo

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks (30 min)
  - Mr. Abraham Okoko, Executive Director, Foundation Perspectives d’Avenir
  - Dr. Khabele Matlosa, Director of Political Affairs, African Union Commission
  - Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Africa and West Asia Regional Director, International IDEA
- Keynote Address (20min)
  - Prof. E. Nnadozie, Executive Secretary, ACBF
- Formal opening Address
  - The High Level Representative of the National Assembly of the Republic of Congo

**10:00-10:15** Group photo and coffee /tea break

**10:15-11:45 Panel 1: Challenges to socio-economic transformation of Central African Countries**

*This session will discuss and reflect broadly on the challenges to the socioeconomic transformation in Central African Countries – including those related to governance, leadership, quality and effectiveness of institutions, corruption and peace and security. Interventions will focus on how all these bottlenecks affect translating natural resource endowments into development dividends for the citizens.*

Moderator: Barrister Julienne Ondziel-Gnelenga, Former Member of the APRM Panel

Key Speaker (15 mn): Dr. Claude Kabemba, Executive Director, SARwatch

Discussants (10 mn each):

- Hon. Anicet Georges Dologuele, Former Prime Minister, Mp, Central Africa Republic
- Dr. Barrassou Diawara, Knowledge and Learning Officer, ACBF
- Hon. Angélique Ngoma, Chair of the Commission of Environment and Sustainable Development at the National Assembly, Gabon.

Discussion with participants

**11:45-13:15 Panel 2: Paradox of Poverty Amidst Central Africa’s Abundant Natural Resources Endowment**

*This session will reflect on and analyze the gap between the natural resources endowment of Central African Countries and the persistence of extreme poverty in most of them. It will seek to answer, among others, the following critical questions:*

- 1) *Has the abundancy of natural resources wealth contributed to stagnation of economic growth and challenges to peace and democracy in the region?*



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2) *What other key socio-political factors can explain the generally poor economic performance and governance deficits in the region?*

3) *What should be done differently (by political and non-political actors)?*

Moderator: Mr. Gervais Ngovon, Head of Project on Strengthening Governance in Central Africa's Extractive Sector, CEMAC

Key speaker (15 mn): Mr. Jacob Mukete, Former Director, OSGE, AfDB, Resource Person

Discussants (10 mn each):

- Mrs. Anne Mayher, Coordinator IANRA
- Mrs. Chantal Lembo Bashizi, Director of Administration and Legal Affairs of the Mining and Cadaster Ministry, DRC
- Hon. Josuah Osih, Mp, Cameroon

Discussion with participants

**13:15-14:15 Lunch break**

**14:15-15:45 Panel 3: Politics of Natural Resources Governance in Central African Countries**

*The panelists will share national level experiences of the natural Resources and the resulting revenues are governed. The emphasis will be on legislative and institutional framework at the national level; but most importantly, the practice in relation to what role political institutions and politicians play in the governance of these revenues.*

Moderator: Hon. Beatrice Epaye, Former Member of the TNC, Mp, Central Africa Republic

Key speaker (15 mn): Mrs Evelyne Tsague, Africa Deputy Director, NRG

Discussants (10 mn each):

- Dr. Beruk Negash, Programme Officer, ACBF
- Dr. Claude Kabemba, Executive Director, SARwath
- Hon. Saleh Kebzabo, Mp, Republic of Tchad

Discussion with participants

**15:45-16:00 Coffee /tea break**

**16:00-17:45 Panel 4: Which Natural Resources Governance for the Socioeconomic Transformation of Central African Countries?**

*This panel will focus on concrete, actionable recommendations for improved governance of natural resources at a regional level. What is that countries in Central African region need to change, do differently and/or do together to better realize socioeconomic transformation using the existing natural wealth?*

Moderator: Mrs. Chantal Lembo Bashizi, Director of Administration and Legal Affairs of the Mining and Cadaster Ministry, DRC

Key Speaker (15 mn): Dr. Yao Graham, Coordinator, TWinAfrica

Discussants (10 mn each)

- Mr. Uwe Michael Neuman, Senior technical Advisor, Project on Strengthening Governance in Central Africa's Extractive Sector, CEMAC
- Mrs Evelyne Tsague, Africa Deputy Director, NRG
- A Representative of the Ministry of Mining and Geology of the Republic of Congo

Discussion with participants

**End of Day one**

**19:30-21:30 Conference Dinner**



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**Day Two: 11 November 2016**

**9:00-10:45 Panel 5: Which Role for Political Parties and which Tools to Harness Natural Resources Governance in Central African Countries**

*This panel will reflect on why strong programmatic political parties and why an interparty consensus among them is imperative to harness natural resource Governance in Central African countries.*

Moderator: Dr. Cyrille Zogo-Ondo, Representative of OIF

- Key Speaker (15 mn): Mr Frank Kayitare, Programme Officer, IDEA

Discussants (7 mn each):

- Mrs Anne Mayher, Coordinator, IANRA
- Maurice Engueleguele, AWA IDEA
- Dr. Yeo Graham, Executive Director, TwinAfrica (discussion of the Ghana Case Study)

Discussion with participants

**10:45-11:00** Coffee /tea break

**11:00-13:00 Panel 6 : Policy Dialogue Forum: Diverse Political Party Inputs on Natural Resource Governance**

Moderator: A High Level Representative of the National Assembly of the Republic of Congo

- 7 mn for each Representative of Political party
- Discussions

**13 :00-13 :45 Closing Ceremony**

Chair: A High Level Representative of the National Assembly of the Republic of Congo

- Concluding Remarks
  - Mr. Abraham Okoko, Executive Director, Foundation Perspectives d’Avenir
  - Dr. Khabele Matlosa, Director of Political Affairs, African Union Commission
  - Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Africa and West Asia Regional Director, International IDEA
  - Prof. E. Nnadozie, Executive Secretary, ACBF
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**13:45-15:30** Lunch break

**15:30-17:00** Coordination Meeting between Partners (AWA/IDEA, ACBF, GIZ, AfDB, DPA/AUC, CEMAC, OIF)

**17:00** End of the Dialogue