



**Under the patronage of the Prime Minister, Head of Government of
Cameroon**

1st African Meetings of Carbon Market

RAMAC 2023

CONCEPT NOTE

**Theme: Investing in carbon markets for a contribution to
local development and the conservation of ecosystems in
Africa**

Douala-Cameroon, from 04 to 07 October 2023

At the SAWA hotel, the Akwa village hall and Canal Olympia Bessengué

Partners :



Summary

Under the high patronage of the Prime Minister Head of Government of Cameroon, the first edition of **RAMAC: African Meetings of Carbon Market**, will be held in the Congo Basin, the second largest carbon sink in the world after the Amazon; more precisely in Douala, the economic capital of Cameroon. This edition, which is dedicated to learning, sharing and collaboration processes around international carbon markets and climate finance, will take place from October 4 to 7, 2023 under the theme: *“Investing in carbon markets for a contribution to development and the conservation of ecosystems in Africa”*. It will bring together nearly 100 speakers, 500 participants, 40 artists and musicians, and around 10,000 visitors from African countries and the world.

These meetings, which are part of a context of relaunch of post-COVID climate and environmental activities, aim to amplify the dynamics of international carbon markets in Africa, while encouraging African States to engage more in new markets, such as the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA); not only to offset the emissions of developed countries, but also contributed to local development and the conservation of ecosystems in African states through sustainable and low-carbon solutions.

Since the advent of carbon markets, Africa has not really benefited: there are only about 2.8% of projects developed in Africa under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), with a very limited transfer of knowledge. Yet Africa is responsible for less than 4% of greenhouse gas emissions in the world, and the continent bears the brunt of the adverse effects of climate change compared to other continents, particularly women and young people.

Our ambition is to make Africa in general and the Congo Basin in particular, the new global destination for climate investments, with a view to moving from 2.8% of projects under the CDM to at least 30% under the Sustainable Development Mechanism (SDD).

It is therefore a question for the organizers to create a framework for multi-actor dialogue which will bring together around the same table the African States and Development Partners, in order to reorient, hand in hand, the frameworks for collaboration. Taking place on the eve of COP 28, these meetings will also allow the collection of position papers from local actors with a view to their consideration at the COP.

I. Main objective

The international carbon markets as implemented nowadays are not socially fair and equitable for African countries (only 2.8% of projects implemented under the CDM), coupled with the limited transfer of knowledge, the instability of price of a ton of CO₂ equivalent and the difficulty of appropriating these mechanisms by local players.

Thus, the general objective of these first meetings is to create a framework for multi-stakeholder dialogue, in order to facilitate learning around carbon finance, the strengthening of public-private partnerships in order to amplify the dynamics of carbon markets in Africa.

II. Specific objectives

Specifically, these are:

- Take stock of the evolution and level of appropriation of international carbon markets by local actors,
- Establish a credible consultation framework on the International Carbon Markets, likely to bring together the African community and development partners,
- Identify investment opportunities in carbon markets in Africa,
- Lay the foundations for consultation with a view to contextualizing carbon markets.

III. Expected results

At the end of the work, it is expected:

- A credible consultation framework on carbon markets in Africa is set up,
- Participants have a better knowledge of carbon markets,
- The partners undertake to increase collaboration with local actors for the development of several climate projects,
- Increased commitment by African States to carbon markets, particularly CORSIA.
- Funds collected for the development of climate projects in Africa.

IV. Provisional locations

Sawa Hotel, Akwa Festival Hall and Canal Olympia Béssengué: Hotel Sawa will serve as the main site for the opening ceremony and the thematic sessions but will also hosted a few exhibition stands; the Akwa village hall will also hosted exhibition stands, but will act as the main site for training workshops and master classes. Finally Canal Olympia Béssengué will hosted the exhibition stands, entertainment activities, shows and the closing party.

V. Provisional dates

From 04 to 07 October 2023

VI. Presentation of the organizer

Created in 2006, the Cameroonian Association for Development, Social Mutual Assistance and Environmental Protection (ACDESPE) is a non-profit, non-denominational Cameroonian civil society organization. It works from the local to the central level for the protection of the environment and the fight against climate change, through the promotion of the green economy and international carbon markets.

ACDESPE has more than 15 years of experience in the fight against climate change through various projects carried out in various fields such as the sustainable management of plastic waste, renewable energies, sustainable management of forests, forestry or even health, with the technical and/or financial support of partners such as the Ministry of the Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED), the Ministry of Public Health (MINSANTE), the Conference on Dense and Humid Forest Ecosystems of Central Africa (CEFDHAC), the World Bank, Synergies Africaines, the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Risk and Disaster Reduction (GNDR), Carbon Market Watch (CMW), UN MONDE AVENIR, Green Horizon, etc.

Although it is present on several fronts in the fight against climate change, ACDESPE has particularly shone thanks to the events it creates in connection with emerging themes; these include, for example, the National Forum on Green Economy (FONEV) and the African Meetings of Carbon Market (RAMAC).

Since 2014, ACDESPE has been part of a dynamic of collaboration with other local actors in order to amplify its voice in advocacy processes and decision-making; this is how it has since belonged to several platforms and networks, national and international; these include CEFDHAC, CMW, GNDR, Climate Action Network (CAN), LEAD Cameroon, Citizen Dynamics (DC), Littoral CSO Platform (PLAFOSCIL), the Water and Climate Network of Youth Organizations in Central Africa (RECOJAC), the African Network on Carbon and Climate Change (RACCC) and the Global Waste Cleaning Network (GWCN).

Similar event already organized: National Forum for Green Economy (FONEV)

At the initiative of ACDESPE, Cameroon organized the FONEV, the last edition of which took place from November 13 to 14, 2019 at the Palais des Sports in Yaoundé; it is a general public event which had the general objective of initiating a reflection aimed at laying the groundwork for a green economy that will bring about sustainable development in Cameroon. For two days, FONEV brought together some forty speakers, hundreds of participants (environmental experts and researchers from All edges) and the general public in general.

At the end of FONEV, Cameroon has laid the groundwork for its path towards green growth, and is now one of the countries in the world committed to green growth.

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