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**ERAIFT participates in the closing symposium of the "PilotMAB" project organised by the
Royal Museum for Central Africa (RMCA)
From 19 to 21 December 2023**

From 19 to 21 December 2023, ERAIFT, represented by its Director, Professor Baudouin MICHEL, participates in the closing symposium of the "PilotMAB" project implemented by the Wood Biology Department of the Royal Museum for Central Africa from 2019 to 2023 in the Luki and Yangambi Biosphere Reserves, pilot sites for research and development in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The symposium also marks the launch of the second phase of the PilotMAB plus project "Applying insights from Congolese MAB pilot sites to upscale research and development" for the period 2024-2028.

A number of conferences will be held during the conference to disseminate the results of research into forest ecosystems in the Congo Basin, and in particular in the Luki and Yangambi Biosphere Reserves. In addition, PilotMABplus project stakeholders will discuss the project's implementation prospects during the conference.

ERAIFT thanks the Royal Museum for Central Africa for the invitation to attend this very important symposium, which will give new dynamism to scientific research in the Congolese Biosphere Reserves.

Attached: full symposium program



PilotMAB project closing symposium

19 to 21 December 2023
Visitor center, Royal Museum for Central Africa
Leuvensesteenweg 17, 3080 Tervuren

Day 1, Tuesday 19/12: PilotMAB conference Meeting room 1

9:00 - 9:30	Registration and coffee
9:30 - 9:40	Welcome and introduction by Bart Ouvry, Director RMCA
9:40 - 9:50	PilotMAB introduction by Dr Hans Beeckman, Head of the Wood Biology Service
9:50 - 10:20	Alain Huart, Texaf Bilembo: "SOS planète Congo, un outil de sensibilisation à la recherche scientifique sur la forêt, sa protection et régénération"
10:20 - 10:50	Prof Dr Guy-Crispin Gembu Tungaluna, UNIKIS and CSB: "Etude de la biodiversité animale dans le Bassin du Congo : collaboration scientifique, expériences et perspectives"
10:50 - 11:20	Prof Dr Corneille Ewango Ekokinya, UNIKIS and CSB: "Biosystématique et fonctionnement de l'écosystème forestier tropical sous l'effet du changement climatique"
11:20 - 11:40	Coffee break
11:40 - 12:10	Prof Dr Bhely Angoboy Ilondea, INERA and UPN: "Réserve de biosphère de Luki, laboratoire de recherche sur les écosystèmes forestiers et le climat"
12:10 - 12:40	Nestor Luambua Kashikija, Yangambi Wood Laboratory: "Laboratoire de Biologie du Bois et Méga-transect à Yangambi, Rétrospective 2022 - 2023"
12:40 - 13:10	Prof Dr Marie-Caroline Momo Solefack, ERAIFT: "Reaction of wound after experimental debarking of three socio-economical important tree species (Cameroon)"
13:10 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 14:30	Donatien Mentute Musepena, INERA: "Foresterie et Herbarium INERA à Yangambi, aperçu des activités et collections"
14:30 - 15:00	Brice Yannick Djiofack, PhD candidate UGhent: "Building carbon stocks in the Congo Basin forests: opportunities of natural regeneration and planting trees"
15:30 - 16:00	Basile Luse Belanganayi, PhD candidate ULiège: "Unravelling the periodicity of secondary growth: predicting forest responses to climate change"
16:00 - 16:30	Dr Chadrack M. Kafuti, UGhent: "Tree performance, population demographics and distribution of <i>Pericopsis elata</i> "



Day 2, Wednesday 20/12: Tree4Flux and Damoco presentations
Meeting room 2

13:00 - 13:30	Registration and coffee
13:30 - 14:00	Introduction by Prof Dr Wannes Hubau and Prof Dr Hans Verbeeck
14:00 - 14:30	Pauline Hicter (PhD Tree4Flux)
14:30 - 15:00	Blanca Vanhoutte Alonso (PhD Damoco)
15:00 - 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 - 15:45	Dr Steven De Hertog (Postdoc Damoco)
15:45 - 16:15	Freke Van Damme (assistant Tree4Flux)

Day 3, Thursday 21/12: Prospects for PilotMABplus
Meeting room 1 and Foyer

9:00 - 9:30	Registration and coffee
9:30 - 9:45	Welcome and introduction by Prof Wannes Hubau, promotor of PilotMABplus
9:45 - 11:00	Parallel sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Zoology session, with Prof Guy-Crispin Gembu Tungaluna, UNIKIS and CSB- Forest sciences session, with Prof Corneille Ewango Ekokinya, UNIKIS and CSB
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 12:30	Parallel sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Zoology session, with Prof Guy-Crispin Gembu Tungaluna, UNIKIS and CSB- Forest sciences session, with Prof Corneille Ewango Ekokinya, UNIKIS and CSB
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Parallel sessions: drafting of meeting minutes
15:00 - 16:30	Reception and "verre de l'amitié"

