

## Professionals support the training of ERAIFT students: a valuable

ERAIFT regularly ensures that its students hear from professionals in the various fields taught, in addition to theoretical academic courses and practical work. The "Social Forestry and Agroforestry" chair given to the thirteen students of the Masters in Integrated Management of Tropical Forests and Lands (AGIFT) by Prof. Cédric Vermeulen is just one example. The chair, which came to an end on 15 June 2023, was enriched by contributions from a number of experts in the field.

**Emilien Dubiez (CIRAD) presented his views on wood energy and participatory land management; Ernest Muanda (ULB Coopération) gave a presentation on concentrated beehives and initiatives to protect small areas in the landscape of the Luki Biosphere Reserve and the Mangrove Marine Park; Olivier Mushiète (Ibi Village) discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the Acacia-Manioc agroforestry system; Thoms Katembo (RFN: Rainforest Foundation Norway), Prince Baraka (UNIKIN) and Timothée Besisa (ERAIFT) spoke about local community forest concessions in DR Congo; and finally Tania Trindade (SODEFOR) came to talk to the learners about social clauses in the exploitation of private forest concessions.**



ERAIFT thanks this diverse panel for the rich exchanges with ERAIFT students, which have benefited the training provided by field experience.

