



International Conference on the Central African Republic

From humanitarian relief to resilience building: the contribution of the EU Trust Fund “Bêkou”

Brussels, 26 May 2015

8:30 - 9:00

Welcome coffee and installation of participants

9:00 - 10:30

Opening Ceremony

Opening statement by Mr. Mimica, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development

Mrs Samba-Panza, Interim President of the Central African Republic

Mr. Stylianides, European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management

Video: Intervening in a situation of fragility

Mrs Kang, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, OCHA

Mrs Mushikiwabo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Rwanda; representative of International Conference on the Great Lake Region (ICGLR)

Mr Girardin, Secretary of State for Development and responsible for Development and Francophony, France

Mrs Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, The Netherlands

Mr Müller, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

Other speakers:

M. Tshibanda, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Francophony, Democratic Republic of Congo

M. Maurer, President, International Red Cross Committee

Moderator: Mr Frutuoso de Melo, Director-General of DG International Cooperation and Development

10:30 - 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 - 13:00

Supporting affected populations in a context of fragility (Panel)

Chair: Mr Stylianides, European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management

Introduction by Mrs Yarafa, Minister for Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action of the Central African Republic

Discussion panel

- **General presentation:** state of play and principal challenges to the humanitarian response by Mrs Bourgeois, former humanitarian coordinator for the Central African Republic

Possibility to project **a video prepared by OCHA**

- **Emergency challenge:** Vision of the whole territory (Mr. Joan TOBAU, General Director MSF Spain)
- **Fragility challenge:** Focus on early returns, with particular emphasis on the issue of protection and its impact on the process of reconciliation/social cohesion, equity of the response – eg. transhumance – including its regional dimension (Mr. Jan EGELAND, Secretary General of NRC)
- **Regional challenge:** Situation of refugees/returnees, response and challenges linked with the refugees in CAR, perspective of return. Can we speak of sustainable solutions? (Mr. Valentin TAPSOBA, Director of the Regional Office for Africa HCR)
- **Humanitarian Assistance of a process of “emergency exit”:** building the national capacities to meet the population basic needs: presence of the State, strengthening the national collaborative fabric (Mr. Mohamed MECHMACHE, CCO Coordinator – Coordination Committee of International Non-Governmental Organisations)

Exchanges with the other participants

Conclusions



12:30 - 13:00

Press Conference and funding pledges to humanitarian actions and to Bêkou

VIP corner in Berlaymont

13:00 - 14:30

Lunch

14:30 - 17:30

Round table on “Bêkou”: Resilience agenda in CAR and the role of the Bêkou Trust Fund

Moderator : M. Hauck, Head of Programme Conflict, Security and Resilience, ECDDPM

Introduction by Mrs Limbio, Minister of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation of the Central African Republic

Presentation of the Bêkou Trust Fund by Mrs Montesi, Director for West and Central Africa Development and Cooperation DG, Chair of the Bêkou Trust Fund Operational Committee

Panel 1: Basic services and social sectors

- **Debate:** How to ensure the maintenance of recovery of essential services in a post-crisis context? What difficulties? What solutions and best practices?

Panelists

- **BDEAC:** Mr. Armand Guy Zoungue-Sokambi, Vice-President
- **International Organisation of la Francophonie :** Mr. Louis Michel, Special Envoy
- **Save the Children:** Mr. Jonas Keiding Lindholm, Deputy CEO, Save the Children Denmark

Additional speakers

- **Italy:** Mr. Mario Baldi- Head of the Humanitarian Aid Office / DG Development Cooperation / MFA
- **Croix Rouge Française:** Mrs Violaine Saget – Responsible for the Central African and the Indian Ocean areas
- **Switzerland:** Mr. Andreas Huber - Head of Africa Division of the Humanitarian Aid Department
- **IRC:** Mrs Eleanor Dougoud, Vice President for Europe

16:00 – 16.10

Coffee break

Panel 2: Economic recovery and job creation

- **Debate:** Preparing the restart of economic activity of a country in a situation of fragility? Which actors? What solutions?

Panelists

- **AFD:** Mr. Philippe Chedanne, Deputy Director for the Department Africa du Département Afrique
- **Sofia crédit :** Mrs Isabelle Dessande – CEO Sofia Crédit in the Central African Republic
- **FAO :** Mr. Dominique Burgeon – Director, Division of Emergencies and Rehabilitation, Resilience coordinator
- **US:** Ambassador Stuart Symington - United States Special Representative for the Central African Republic

Additional speakers

- **DRC:** Mr. Philippe Conraud - Country Director
- **Crédit Mutuel:** Mr. Christophe Brindel - Directeur du Crédit Mutuel
- **IOM :** Mr.Thorsten Haschenz – Head of Mission, CAR

17:30 - 18:00

Conclusions and perspectives

- Mrs Limbio — Minister of the Economy, Planning and International Cooperation of the CAR
- Mr Le Roy — Executive Secretary General of the European External Action Service
- Mr Cornaro — Deputy Director General DG International Cooperation and Development