

NATIONAL FORUM IN BUNIA REPORT

The **DRCNDF** has held its 5th national forum in Bunia, Eastern city of DRC on 3rd March 2012 under the theme: "the climate change and its effects in the Congolese Nile basin".

The surface area of the Congolese Nile basin is 27000 km² within the population around 9 million inhabitants. The 95% of the population are farmers and, mainly they destroy natural resources for searching lands and fire woods.

The African civil societies urge the governments to look for mechanisms regarding to climate change and the sustainable economic development besides, those actions (mechanism) are not safely coordinated. However of people working in this domain in developed countries is to ponder the matter of climate change management.

With regards to natural resources protection, sustainable development and poverty reduction, the NBI (Nile basin initiative) has set up in the region of equatorial lakes the development of project of fighting against climate change and its effects.

This way, the DRCNDF has instituted a strategic plan identifying actions of advocacy aiming implicating the civil society in programmes and projects of the government and NBI for the Congolese sustainable development.

I.OBJECTIVES

The key objective of the forum was to make the DRCNDF members and other development organizations sensitive and to reinforce their capacities to favor synergies in elaborating policies and strategies for fighting against climate change:

- To make the population sensitive to the impact of the climate change and its effects to the population well-being;
- Information change on Congolese Nile basin cooperation

-Plead for the civil society implication on the climate change adaptation and its effects in the Congolese Nile basin

II.ACHIEVED RESULTS

-The forum participants bring the letter to ITURI District superintendent to recall the DRC government to sign the CFA

-Civil society and government representative are sensitized to the climate change and its effects upon the conservation of biodiversity, and the poverty in the Congolese Nile basin

-The participants know more and discourse about learnt lessons and available information, and initiate new collaborations on the climate change

-The participants are made sensitive to climate change and its effects

-Identification of key partners to mechanisms development with regard to climate change

-Identification of challenges on the climate change adaptation in the Congolese Nile basin

-Strategies for implicating the civil society in the development of programmes on the climate change.

III.CHART I

REPRESENTATIVE	NUMBER	WOMEN	MEN
Government representatives	5	2	3
Parliamentary	2	1	1
Local community	10	4	6
NGOs	46	10	36
International NGOs	3	2	1
Universities	5	2	3
Media	6	1	5

TOTAL	77	22	55
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IV.RECOMMENDATIONS

Closing this forum, the following recommendations generated from the participants:

- NBD is to be telling the local population about the Nile basin
- The Congolese government is to make effort to appropriate itself the population's proposals related to the environment management
- DRCNDF is to encourage its members in planting trees in the Nile basin
- DRCNDF is to set up advocacies to sponsors and the government for constructing dams in the Congolese Nile basin
- Organizations are to work in synergy
- Everybody is to implicate himself in Nile basin activities
- To set up a frame of reinforcing quarterly our members partners capacities
- To identify other hydro-electric sites in Ituri
- Interconnection and electric courant importation to neighbor countries for eastern regions
- To reinforce capacities of the existing hydro-electric centrals
- intensifications of workshops based on making the population sensitive to the environment protection
- To learn the population to the forest management by respecting the forest regulation
- The capitalization of forum recommendations by participants
- To organize
- The Congolese governments to pay its arrears subscriptions

- To set up the mechanism of planting trees in the Congolese Nile basin
- The implication of NBI and NBD based on fighting against climate change
- To contact FFN (national forest funds) for planting trees projects
- To implicate itself in preventing the climate reheats
- To set up permanent data base on climate change
- To support climatic studies
- To watch out and to set up the environment management regulation
- The Congolese government is to conduct socio-economic studies for the interconnection feasibility.
- To make the population sensitive to the factors causing the climate degradation
- To organize other meetings relating to climate change and its effects to the local population
- To popularize the DRCNDF activities in local languages.