

Congo – Event
15 October 2019
BIP, Koningsplein 11, 1000 Brussels

Through this initiative VLIR-UOS would like to give the opportunity to current programme and project promoters in DR Congo to present their project / programme results, to exchange experiences and relevant information, and to share good practices and challenges.

We also hope to facilitate exchange between staff of the Flemish universities and university colleges active in DR Congo in view of a shared vision and (potential) synergies among ongoing projects in DR Congo.

Finally, we wish to receive input with regard to (recent) developments in the higher education sector in DR Congo through a policy discussion.

The event will consist of presentations, workshops and discussions. The involved Congolese counterparts and PhDs staying in Belgium during the time of the event, are more than welcome to participate.

The used languages will be English and French.

08:45 Enrolment in **BIP, Koningsplein 11 - 1000 Brussels** (installation of stands, posters, demo's, ...) in room Zinneke

09:15 Welcome and objectives of the event (plenary session room Zinneke) – K. Verbugghen, Director

09:25 Presentation of portfolio in DR Congo (brief history of the VLIR-UOS country policy since 2008 and evolution towards a country strategy and programme (2017-2021), overview of project activity, link with ANGC) (plenary session room Zinneke) – K. Wuytack, Programme Manager

09:40 Presentations (followed by debate) of ongoing Congo-projects (2014 – 2020) by their promoters/collaborators in 3 parallel seminars (transversal projects – health – natural resources/sustainable agriculture) with focus on challenges/difficulties, successes, lessons learned (in 3 different rooms: Zinneke, Magritte, Delvaux)

- **Seminar 1: Transversal projects (education, ICT, language, QA) at national and IUC level – room Zinneke (facilitation by Tom Smits and Arno Libotton)**

1. Contribution à l'amélioration de l'efficacité des écoles primaires et secondaires de la Province Orientale en R.D. Congo + Efficacité des écoles secondaires des Provinces de la Tshopo et de l'Ituri en R.D. Congo (UNIKIS) ; R. Janssen, J. Van Damme (KU Leuven)
2. Practical reorientation and quality improvement of the Informatics curriculum at the Catholic University of Bukavu.; P. Boedt, J. Kennis (Karel De Grote Hogeschool)
3. Anglais Académique – Phase 4 : Qualité, Extension, Durabilité (7 univ en RDC) ; T. Smits, P. Cuvelier (UAntwerpen)
4. Assurance qualité aux universités partenaires de la R.D. Congo – Phase 4 (7 univ en RDC); A. Libotton (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
5. Renforcement institutionnel de l'UCB ; B. Nemery, M. Dekoninck (KU Leuven)
6. Renforcement des capacités institutionnelles de l'UNIKIS ; J.M. Rigo, J. Ackaert (UHasselt)

- **Seminar 2: Health – room Magritte (facilitation by Ben Nemery and Paul Steels)**

1. Appui scientifique pour la réalisation du projet interdisciplinaire/interuniversitaire en santé maternelle à UNIKIN et UNILU ; J.P. Van geertruyden (UAntwerpen)
2. Pollution par les métaux et effets sur la santé publique au Katanga (UNILU); E. Smolders, B. Nemery, T. Kayembe (KU Leuven)

3. Diagnostic et traitement par hydroxyurée de la drépanocytose en R.D. Congo (UNIKIN): étude scientifique ; K. Devriendt, A. Lumaka (KU Leuven)
4. Renforcer les capacités académiques et l'échange d'expertise dans le domaine de la cardiologie et de la neurologie en R.D. Congo (UNILU) ; M. Hendrickx, P. Steels, D. Malamba (UHasselt)
5. Screening and management of renal diseases in children living in D.R. Congo (UNIKIN); E. Levchenko, P. Ekulu (KU Leuven)
6. Concerted Research Program in Health Economics at Kinshasa School of Public Health (UNIKIN); D. De Graeve, A. Lulebo (UAntwerpen)
7. Improved prevention and treatment of non-Typhoidal Salmonella disease in Africa through understanding the role of human carriers (UNIKIS); C. Van Geet (KU Leuven)
8. Spécialisation en médecine d'un corps médical dans les problèmes de santé (UCB); J. De Langhe (UGent)

• **Seminar 3: Sustainable agriculture/natural resources – room Delvaux (facilitation by Erik Verheyen and Marijn Bauters)**

1. Evaluation de l'impact de mycorhizes arbusculaires (AMFs) sur la nutrition phosphatée et azotée et la production du maïs et des cultures légumières dans la région de Lubumbashi (UNILU) ; G. Haesaert, J.-T. Kwembe (UGent)
2. Recensement, écologie et création des jardins communautaires des plantes médicinales et mise en écotourisme des sites dégradés/secteur de Kolo et villages d'alentours (UNIKIN) ; P. Van Damme, W. Van Hove (UGent)
3. Understanding responses and resilience of central Congo basin forests to a changing environment – FORMONCO II (UNILU); P. Boeckx, M. Bauters (UGent)
4. Capacity building for a sustainable fishery in Lake Tanganyika: biological monitoring and socio-economics of sardine stocks (Centre de Recherche en hydrobiologie); F. Volckaert (KU Leuven)
5. Restauration forestière agro-sylvo-pastorale et sécurité alimentaire (hinterland de Kindu et Kisanгани ; UNIKIS, UNIKI) ; G. Baert, J.-T. Kwembe (UGent)
6. Amélioration de la rentabilité des systèmes de culture à base de manioc (UCB); R. Merckx (KU Leuven), P. Boeckx (UGent)
7. Centre d'Expertise en gestion minière au Sud-Kivu (CEGEMI, UCB) ; S. Geenen (UAntwerpen)
8. Contribution de l'agriculture durable à la sécurité alimentaire dans le bassin nord-est (UNIKIS); G. Baert (UGent), R. Swennen (KU Leuven)
9. Contribution de la biodiversité à la formation et sécurité alimentaire dans le bassin nord-est (UNIKIS); E. Verheyen (UAntwerpen)
10. CAFRINAT, Centre of excellence for African Great Lakes' Natural Capital, P. Boeckx, V. Devriendt (UGent)

10:45	Coffee Break: room Zinneke
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11:15	Continuation of the presentations and debate (identify main challenges, how to tackle them, what are good practices (lessons learned)?, what are new challenges, Q&A)
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12:30	Sandwich lunch + networking (demo's, posters, stands, ...): room Zinneke
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14:00	Presentation of the conclusions of the 3 morning-seminars by the reporters + questions to be taken up for the policy discussion (plenary session room Zinneke)
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14:30	Intro to the policy discussion (room Zinneke): Developments in higher education in DR Congo (plenary session) – K. Wuytack
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14:40	Policy-discussion: in 2 parallel groups room Zinneke (moderators: Roel Merckx and Sara Geenen; reporting by Georges Mulumbwa and Emery Mundala)
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15:45	Short feedback of the 2 groups by the reporters (plenary session)
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16:05	Final word (plenary session) and follow up – P. De Lannoy, Head of Programmes
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16:15	End
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