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As part of the Summit of the Three Forest Basins of Biodiversity Ecosystems and Tropical Forests, and the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP28), and with a view to defending the search for gender-sensitive adaptation or mitigation solutions to the global climate challenges, The African Women's Network for Sustainable Development (Réseau Femmes Africaines pour le Développement Durable - REFADD), representing the cause of gender minorities within the Congo Basin, is organising a regional workshop from 19 to 22 September 2023 in Brazzaville-Congo, to prepare advocacy tools for better participation in these two international events, which represent opportunities for high-level political expression.

Funded by the GIZ Regional Project in support of COMIFAC, the main aim of the workshop is to prepare the technical elements for REFADD's participation in the Three Basins Summit on Biodiversity Ecosystems and Tropical Forests, in particular position papers, letters of commitment and other communication tools designed to develop and support advocacy in favour of valuing and taking into account gender-specific sensitivities. The work will take place in a hybrid face-to-face and online format and will bring together around 50 participants representing the Regional Coordination and Country Offices of REFADD, REFACOF, the Sectoral Ministries, COMIFAC, as well as technical and financial partners.

REFADD was created in 1998 in Bata, Equatorial Guinea, during the Conference on Dense and Moist Forest Ecosystems in Central Africa (CEFDHAC).  It is a network of mainly women's civil society organisations working in the sustainable management of natural resources, and concerned with gender issues and the empowerment of women. REFADD currently operates in the 10 member countries of the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC): Burundi, Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tomé& Principe and Chad.