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## AFRICA MUST SUCCEED IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS AT COP 31 IN ANTALYA - TURKEY.

https://unfccc.in/event/opening-ceremony-of-the-antalya-leaders-summit

Africa has missed out on several COPs to date.

COP 31 is taking place in a very tense international environment, yet one that favors multilateralism.

The Glasgow funds are still in transit to Africa.

COP 30 ended with a fire at the Africa Pavilion in Brazil, with delegates returning without any traceable agreements.

**Global environmental degradation is caused by the poisoning of the air and oceans from missiles fired in war zones and widespread forest fires. Africa's tropical forests stand as the primary solution to the climate challenges ahead.**

The Heads of State of the Congo Basin instructed their ministers to meet in Council on November 4–5, 2026, at the new headquarters of the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC, https://comifac.org).

A Convergence Plan was adopted, and urgent recovery and revival measures for COMIFAC were implemented.

In Antalya, these achievements must be promoted, publicized, and defended.

The sustainable management of the Congo Basin's forest ecosystems is not up for any form of subcontracting, but remains the exclusive domain of the Congo Basin States.

Any initiative, mechanism, or provision that undermines the alignment outlined in the Paris Agreement would be a pure distraction.

The final communiqué of the 12th COMIFAC Council of Ministers is clear and precise regarding the guidelines enforceable upon all our partners.

It will serve as the basis for convening a Summit of Heads of State, who will demand rigor and clarity in the COP 31 conclusions.

When in doubt, it is best to leave any contentious points to the wise decision of the upcoming Summit of Heads of State of the Congo Basin.

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