**Congo Basin:** around 56 Mha of forest concessions
FSC represents:
- 17% of productive forests in Gabon;
- 19% in Cameroon;
- 23% in Republic of Congo...

7% of IFLs in FSC Congo Basin countries are in FSC-FM concessions and 23% are put under a protection status by managers.

Governmental positioning: between reluctances and willingness to see the debate going further

Political context:
- New Forestry Administrations and new interlocutors (COMIFAC);
- 4 Position papers (Congo, Gabon, COMIFAC, ATIBT)...

**Strong plea on efforts already done by:**
- governments;
- responsible forests managers; and
- Inconsistency with existing legislative and normative framework.

→ Politically: address #M65 is becoming an emergency
Recently, some promises and needed discussions...

1. Two consensus have been reached amongst HCV-RWG members on principles of management of IFLs and one blocking point will be discussed after the GA.

2. “RIL+” concept has been introduced as a requirement to operate within IFLs out of its core zones.

3. Interesting graphic solutions will be developed by ETH Zurich and FSC Congo Basin.
Hear the voice from the forest:

02 years Project 2017-2019 approved Forest Peoples Programme/FSC implemented in four VPAs countries (Cameroon, Gabon, Republic of Congo and Central African Republic under reserve)

Launched at 17th Meeting of the Parties (MOP) of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) – Douala (Oct. 2017, 24-27)

Objectives:
- Improving the protection of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities’ rights (IPLCs);
- Insuring the effective participation of IPLCs in responsible forest management.

1. Group of Indigenous Experts as a new way of mediation (FPIC, clause, conflict...);
2. HCV5-HCV6 guideline