AIM OF THE CONFERENCE

Nutrition is a universal human right. Population growth and a higher demand for food, together with a changing nutrition pattern, will put the environment, at global level, under a growing pressure in the coming decennia. This pressure will be very strong on regions with a high biodiversity due to the ever growing demand on arable land and an increasing demand for animal protein, which will negatively influence the global ecosystem, the global climate and the biodiversity. The aim of the conference is to highlight a number of topics dealing with nutrition, the demand for food and food production – past and future.

This conference will bring together scientists from the North and the South, with a diverse background: lawyers, sociologists, economists, demographers, bioengineers,
agricultural experts, health experts, fieldworkers, … They will address the following major topics:

- nutrition as a universal right
- agricultural economy
- the role of women
- remote sensing and climate change
- soil utilization
- conservation and use of wild-life resources
- meat production
- fish farming
- pre- and post-harvest losses
- malnutrition

The focus will be on a high biodiversity region, the Congo Basin (not restricted to the tropical rainforest region).

For each of the major topics, a keynote speaker has been invited. Besides, a poster session will be organized. Authors of posters will have the possibility to explain in three minutes, during the plenary session, the essential results of their work. This procedure will allow a vivid and focused exchange of ideas during breaks and poster sessions.