



Swiss Confederation Ambassador, Mr. Chasper Sarott visits ERAIFT

On Thursday March 28, 2024, ERAIFT was honored by the visit of His Excellency, the Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation, Mr. Chasper Sarott.

After a warm welcome in the office of ERAIFT Director Prof. Baudouin Michel, Mr. Sarott was invited into the conference room to attend a session of the regional remote sensing workshop for the consolidation of deforestation monitoring in dense rainforests, organized by the “*Observatoire des Forêts d'Afrique Centrale*” (OFAC) and its partners: CIRAD, FRM, CIFOR, RIOFAC, DIAF, FRM, MINFOF, FAO, AGEOS, MEFCP, CNIAF, OSFAC, UCL.

This work is currently being carried out under the guidance of Prof. Defourny and his team at UCL. participants in the seminar come from seven countries, including Gabon, Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon, Republic of Central Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo and Belgium.

Following a brief presentation of ERAIFT, HE Mr. C. Sarott was briefed on the school's history, its main teaching principles and its current and future projects.

The morning ended with the planting of the Swiss Confederation tree in the ERAIFT mini-forest, the signing of the guest book and a family photo.



This morning of contact initiated by ERAIFT is part of the activities of the project to build the capacity of biodiversity practitioners, scientists and policy-makers for the sustainable management of protected areas and forest ecosystems in Africa. In particular, this activity is part of the project to forge closer ties with diplomatic authorities, and to fundraise and diversify financial resources.

This project, implemented in the Congo Basin sub-region and West Africa, is funded by the European Union and ERAIFT, a category 2 center under the auspices of UNESCO. It is jointly implemented by the AGRINATURA EEIG and ERAIFT.

ERAIFT would like to thank the European Union, the Swiss Confederation for the visit of Her Ambassador, and all its partners for making these important meetings possible, which lead to innovative, sustainable and relevant projects.