

**ERAIFT participates in the eighth session of the Green Days of Ibi village in the Batéké
plateau (Kinshasa, DR Congo): 08-10/07/2022**

At the request of Ibi village, ERAIFT participated in the eighth session of the Ibi village Green Days at the Plateau des Batékés, from July 08 to 10, 2022. The overall objective of this activity is to promote the sustainable management of ecosystems in the DRC by demonstrating a practical model, the "carbon sink of Ibi Batéké", in the context of climate change mitigation. Operationally, this action aims to raise awareness among stakeholders, namely policy makers, development partners, the private sector, civil society and local populations on the issues of tree planting to support sustainable agricultural production in harmony with the environment, and at the same time, fight against the adverse effects of climate change. The theme chosen for this session is: *"Ibi fait respirer la ville de Kinshasa"*. (Ibi allows the city of Kinshasa to breathe).

ERAIFT was honored to be represented by its Director, Mr. Baudouin MICHEL and its Academic and Research Secretary (SAR), Professor Jean-Pierre MATE. Several round tables were organized to dissect some of the current issues related to the green economy, the carbon market, the valorization of cassava bread flour, etc. ERAIFT particularly contributed to the round table on Carbon, where its director clearly showed the importance of the Congo Basin forests as the first reservoir in the world for carbon sequestration, the importance of the first flux tower in the Congo Basin located in a natural forest for the measurement of carbon fluxes (at Yangambi). Killing two birds with one stone, the SAR has taken the opportunity to prepare a teaching mission in situ for the benefit of students in the Master of Forest Management Technique (TAF) of ERAIFT for a course entitled "Tropical woods including wood energy", during the period from 11 to 21 July 2022 in Ibi village. This training, in real environment, will be accompanied by the Group of Initiatives for Agroforestry in Africa (GI Agro), a non-profit organization that implements community development actions in this site.

ERAIFT thanks the leaders of Ibi Village and GI Agro for having associated it with this community development activity. It also expresses its gratitude to the Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN), through its Director General, Olivier MUSHIETE, a traditional chief and owner of the site. Finally, it thanks the European Union and AGRINATURA for their various supports



On the left, ERAIFT Director Baudouin MICHEL, moderates the roundtable discussion on the carbon market, and on the right, the participation of university youth at the Ibi Village Green Days.