



### **A new PhD in Integrated Forest and Land Management of Tropical Forests and Territories (Academic Year 2025-2026)**

On Thursday, November 6, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, a public defense of a doctoral thesis in Integrated Forest and Territorial Management and Planning will take place in a hybrid format—on-site in the ERAIFT conference room and remotely for the other jury members. This thesis presents a 'Socio-economic Evaluation of Robusta Coffee (*Coffea canephora* Pierre ex A. Froehner) in Tshopo Province, DRC: status and prospects.' It thoroughly examines local perceptions of coffee farming, assesses the effects of investments on stakeholders and the



environment, and explores the governance structure of coffee production, focusing on institutional interactions, social benefits, and drawbacks—all from a systemic viewpoint. The findings highlight potential for revitalizing the coffee sector in Tshopo Province.

The jury members who reviewed this study hail from various international institutions, such as KU Leuven and MRAC (Belgium), the University of Dschang (Cameroon), IFA/Ybi, UNIKIN, and ERAIFT (DRC). After this review, the candidate was awarded the degree with the honor of 'great distinction.»

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