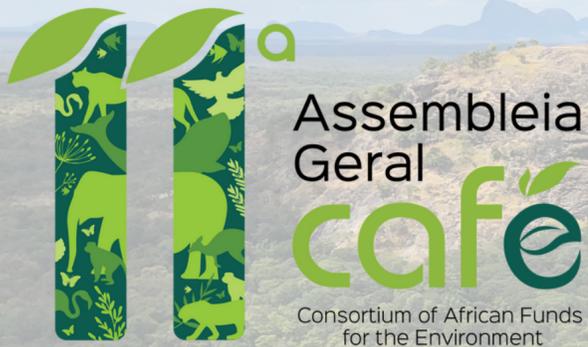


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The 11th General Assembly of CAFÉ held in Maputo and **online** had its second day with around 100 people virtual and presential connected representing over 20 countries in Africa and other continents, and 1378 people watching via streaming services on **facebook** and the **website page**.

The journey across Africa has continued with brief updates from four **CAFE** members sharing experiences, challenges and emerging opportunities since the last CAFÉ Conference in 2019 in Benin. Funds have highlighted the need to improve coordination at national and regional levels and diversification of financing mechanisms for an effective support to biodiversity conservation. “Challenges also open new windows of opportunities, such emerging collaboration between Conservation Trust Funds (CTFs) and private sector.” – stated *Luis Honwana*, BIOFUND Executive Director.

The members updates were followed by a presentation of *Mr. Madyo Couto* from National Fund for Sustainable Development (**FNDS**) emphasizing the role of the public fund supporting biodiversity conservation, rural development and resources mobilization in Mozambique.

At the end of the morning, participants were invited to deep dive into thematic discussions made in two parallel sessions led until the end of the day, with a plenary session in between kick-starting the afternoon on New funding opportunities for African countries presented by emerging financing CTFs and **SADC** financing facilities. **FFEM** presented the *BRIDGE Project*, a new collaborative mechanism to connect **CAFE** and **RedLAC** members to continue support innovative financing schemes, build a community of practices and promote knowledge exchange across continents.



The Parallel Session 1 composed by 3 sessions has taken participants to discuss about Innovative Financing Mechanisms for Conservation Trust Funds.



Under the theme of *Biodiversity Offsets Potential for Africa* very interesting experiences from **COMBO+ Project**, Madagascar in Mozambique CTF's have stressed the need to create a community of practices across the continent where lessons will be shared, allowing countries and CTFs to identify their role on offsets.

Success of Mozambique and Ivory Coast in the implementation of **REDD+** mechanism and carbon financing opportunities from **World Bank** has shown a new cycle for REDD+ implementation in Africa, that is still complex but certainly doable.

Evolution of CTF collaborative models and new partnerships with private sector were deeply discussed in Session 1.3, with emphasis on existing and emerging models stressed in the **Conservation Trust Funds 2020: Global Vision and Local Action** commissioned by **CFA**. Blended financing mechanisms and funding opportunities from coral reefs conservation in Africa were also presented by **GFCR**. This session was closed in an atmosphere of new and promising collaborative opportunities between CTFs and private sector.

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The Parallel Session 2 composed by 3 sessions took place focusing on Essential CTF Functions: impact monitoring, communications and ESMS.

Two presentations from **TERRANOMICS** and **MAVA Foundation** loaded with incredible experiences have taken participants to share and discuss challenges and opportunities to *measure impact in biodiversity conservation* as reporting impacts is an old challenge for CTFs. CTFs are asked to be innovative and improve methodologies to measure their impact in a complex conservation world. It's critical to consider that building strong monitoring tools requires coordination and standardized mechanisms among CTFs. This process requires time, human resources, capacity building, and long-term financing and strong donor support for meaningful and sustainable impacts.



Communication is another relevant function among CTFs that is critical to disseminate information about CTFs. Maximizing collaboration and time is critical for strong communication results, as stated by **FMCN**. Participants were also taken to see the link between communication and environmental and social safeguards by **FUNBIO** presentation.

To *Avoid Trouble*, Environmental and Social Risk Management Systems (ESMS) for Conservation Trust Funds are critical.

This session closed the day with valuable contributions from participants and **Kathy Mikitin** emphasizing the need to institutionalize ESMS practices within CTFs and promote strong internal capacity building and experience exchanges among partners to build a sustainable ESMS mechanism for the benefit of CTFs.

See the brilliant Virtual Exhibition: Mozambique Biodiversity through our lenses that takes participants to travel from mountains to the ocean in Mozambique still available for visit. All photos were curated by BIOFUND, and provided by its staff members, partners, and friends. Link: <https://tinyurl.com/BIOFUNDvirtualexhibition>

The panelists' presentations are available [here](#).

For those participants who missed any sessions, recordings will be provided soon.

Follow our third day and join us on this amazing event that gathers more than 20 African countries through this [ZOOM link](#).

For more details see our [agenda](#).

