# **Professional Development Workshop**



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**DATES: 6 - 10 July 2016** 

**LOCATION: Congo Basin** Institute (CBI), Yaoundé, Cameroon

#### **ENROLLMENT:**

Applications are welcome from early-career scientists and graduate students interested in biodiversity conservation

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# Integrating biological, socioeconomic data and modeling for conservation planning in Central Africa

Central African rainforests represent one of the most important centers of biological diversity in the world. While efforts have been made to prioritize regions for protection, habitat loss and climate change threaten the region.

The Central African Biodiversity Alliance (CABAlliance) is an international partnership that seeks to develop an integrated framework for conserving central African biodiversity under climate change that is both evolutionarily-informed and grounded in the socioeconomic constraints of the region. It is funded through a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation's - Partnership for International Research and Education Program.

The professional development workshop targets earlycareer scientists and graduate students from Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Europe and the U.S.

Workshops provide the latest training in:

- Collection and analysis of genetic data
- Collection of macro- and micro- socioeconomic data
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Statistical data analysis
- Professional skills development is also provided through **COACh**

Computers and software will be provided for use at the workshop. Website Travel and subsistence will be covered for U.S. and African participants. To apply send your C.V., contact information for two referees, and a statement of no more than 500 words about your background to Christa Gomez at cgomez@lifesci.ucla.edu.

Deadline for Applications is 30 March 2016