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On September 23 and 24, 2021, Dr. Christian Ruck, facilitator of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership, held talks with leading experts of the World Bank Group in the field of development and climate protection/biodiversity.

The former deputy chairman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group and long-time development expert in the German Bundestag reported in his talks with the WBG on the successes and future plans of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership and elicited areas of possible cooperation in light of the upcoming international environmental conferences.

Together with Gunther Beger, the German Executive Director at the World Bank, Dr. Ruck and Jürgen Voegele, Vice President for Sustainable Development, discussed China's role in climate protection and in the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources. He said China is ready to take on more responsibility outside of China and is an essential interlocutor. Benoit Bosquet, the regional director responsible for China, also emphasized this point and referred to China's increasing commitment to the environment.

In meetings with WBG leaders responsible for the Congo Basin, Dr. Ruck discussed the World Bank's engagement in the region, opportunities for improved donor coordination, and options for leveraging allocated funds. Political stability and good governance are essential for successful climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation in the Congo Basin, he said.