The Congo Basin Institute (CBI) is building the first integrative, international research and training center in the Congo Basin. Located in Yaoundé, Cameroon—the “hinge” between Western and Central Africa—CBI is ideally positioned to launch regional transformation and answer serious health, food security and ecosystem challenges.

**INTEGRATED AND LOCAL APPROACH**

CBI serves as a local research hub for African scientists and international collaborators to respond effectively and efficiently to the region’s most pressing concerns.

**REGIONAL ISSUES**

- Food and water security
- Public health and disease surveillance
- Climate change
- Poverty alleviation
- Biodiversity

**CBI SOLUTIONS**

- World-class training for African scientists
- Science conducted and applied in the Congo Basin
- International and multidisciplinary collaboration
- Fully equipped research, conference and lodging facilities
- Science that informs policy solutions
CURRENT GOAL

CBI is currently seeking $7 million in Phase I funding to build state of the art, eco-friendly lodging, conference rooms and research facilities at the existing (IITA) campus. With links to IITA’s network across Central Africa, this proposed collaborative center will be a game-changer—making CBI an epicenter for an international science movement.

CBI COLLABORATORS

By leveraging the resources of the University of California, the largest university system in the world, and International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), a cornerstone of the largest African research network, we bring positive change to Africa through collaboration.

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• UCLA
• IITA
• University of New Orleans
• Cameroon Ministries & Universities

GOVERNMENT & NGOs
• World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)
• Centre Pasteur Du Cameroun
• Central African Biodiversity Alliance

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