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## COMMUNIQUÉ

### Complaint from Local Community Regarding IFC's CBG Project, Guinea

Washington, D.C., May 06, 2019 – The Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO), the independent accountability mechanism for the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, was in Guinea to assess a complaint regarding IFC's support for Compagnie des Bauxites de Guinée's (CBG) bauxite mine in Sangaredi. The complaint was filed to CAO in February 2019 by communities neighboring the project, with the support of national and international civil society organizations.

IFC provided a senior debt facility of up to US\$200 million to support the expansion of the Sangaredi mine, processing plant, and associated infrastructure.

The [complaint](#) raises concerns about lack of compensation for loss of land and displacement, impacts on livelihoods, safety risks for the communities in relation to CBG's operations, and air and water pollution, as well as access to water. It also raises concerns about consultation, information disclosure, and the effectiveness of the company's grievance mechanism.

CAO is conducting an assessment of the complaint issues, talking to community members, representatives of CBG, IFC staff, the organizations supporting the complainants, and other relevant stakeholders, including government representatives. CAO makes no judgment about the merits of the issues at this stage. The assessment will inform next steps taken by CAO in addressing the complaint.

More information about this case is available at [www.cao-ombudsman.org](http://www.cao-ombudsman.org). More information on CBG is available on [CBG's website](#). More information about IFC's involvement in the project is available at [disclosures.ifc.org](http://disclosures.ifc.org).

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