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Climate Commission for the Sahel Region



**2nd CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF
THE CLIMATE COMMISSION FOR THE SAHEL REGION**

FINAL STATEMENT

ADDIS ABABA, FEBRUARY 17th, 2023



1. The 2nd Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region was held on February 17, 2023 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the sidelines of the 36th General Assembly of the African Union, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Mohamed BAZOUM, President of the Republic of Niger, Chairman of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region;
2. On behalf of the member countries, the following leaders or their representatives were present:
 - **President of the Republic of Cabo Verde, H.E.M. Jose Maria Neves, President of the Republic;**
 - **Islamic Republic of Mauritania, H.E.M Mohamed Ould El-Ghazaouani, President of the Republic;**
 - **Republic of Niger, H.E.M Mohamed Bazoum, President of the Republic;**
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria H.E. Mr. Muhammadu Buhari, President of the Federal Republic;**
 - **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Tiémoko Meyliet Koné, Vice-President of the Republic**
 - **Republic of Benin, H.E.M Aurélien Agbénonci, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation**
 - **President Republic of Cameroon, H.E Pierre Helé, Minister of Environment, Nature Conservation and Development**
 - **Republic of Chad, H.E.M Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Minister of Foreign Affairs**
3. As partner countries, the following leaders or their representatives were also present:
 - **Kingdom of Morocco: H.E.M Aziz Akhannouch, Head of Government**
 - **Republic of Congo: H.E. Mrs Arlette Soudan-Nonault, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin**
 - **Republic of Seychelles: H.E.M Will Agricole, Technical Advisor Climate Change and Energy**
4. Also took part in the 2nd Conference:



- **Mrs. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, African Union Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment;**
- **Mrs. Garama Saratou Rabiou Inoussa, Minister of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification of the Republic of Niger, President of the Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS;**
- **Mr. Issifi Boureima, Regional Coordinator of the Transitional Operational Framework of the CCRS;**
- **Mrs. Louise Mushikiwabo, Secretary General of the Organization International de La Francophonie;**
- **Mr. Kevin Kanina Kariuki Vice-President of the African Development Bank in charge of Electricity, Energy, Climate Change and Green Growth;**
- **Mrs. Massandje Touré-Litsé, Commissioner for Economic Affairs and Agriculture of the ECOWAS Commission**

5. As a prelude to this Conference, the 4th and 5th Meetings of Ministers in charge of the Environment were held, respectively, on October 20, 2022 and November 29, 2022, Preceded by the 6th Meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) of Experts from Member States of the Climate Commission for the Sahel region, on October 18 and 19, 2022 in Niamey, Niger.

6. The solemn opening ceremony was marked by the speech of HE Mr. Mohamed BAZOUM, President of the Republic of Niger, President of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region. H.E Mr. Mohamed BAZOUM noted in his intervention the important results obtained during the transitional process and this, with the sustained commitment and full determination of the Member States of the Commission. He also thanked the Technical and Financial Partners for their support in the smooth running of this process and invited them to continue this support as part of the operationalization of the CCRS.

This speech was preceded by the following messages from distinguished guests:

✓ Speech by: the Vice-President of the African Development Bank Development in charge of Electricity, Energy, Climate Change and Green Growth;

✓ Address by: His Majesty the King of Morocco, delivered by His Excellency the Head of Government of Morocco.



✓ Address by: His Excellency the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, delivered by Her Excellency Madam Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, African Union Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable environment;

✓ Speech by: His Excellency the President of the Republic of Congo, President of the Congo Basin Climate Commission, delivered by His Excellency Mrs. Arlette Soudan-Nonault, Minister of the Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin;

✓ Address by: His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya, Chairman of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC);

✓ Address by: His Excellency the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall;

7. The Conference then heard the Communication of **Mrs. Garama Saratou Rabiou Inoussa**, Minister of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification of the Republic of Niger, President of the Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS, on the Report and the Recommendations of the 4th and 5th Ministerial Meeting preparatory to this Summit. The Conference congratulated the Ministerial Meeting and the Transitory Operational Framework of the Commission for the important work accomplished and took good note of the said Report and Recommendations.

8. The closed session resulted in the following decisions:

- The adoption of the additional protocol establishing the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region;
- The adoption of the convention for the creation of the Sahel Climate Fund;
- The adoption of the methods of contributions of the States defined for the financing of the operation of the Executive Secretariat of the CCRS and the Sahel Climate Fund as well as for the participation in the 1st capitalization of the said Fund;



- The appointment of the Coordinator of the Transitory Operational Framework of the Commission, Mr. Issifi Boureima, to the position of Executive Secretary of the Commission for a non-renewable period of three (03) years, without the possibility of candidacy for future terms of office;

- The establishment of a panel of Heads of State in support of the President of the CCRS within the framework of the strengthening of advocacy relating to its operationalization. This panel is composed of the following leaders: **HIS MAJESTY KING MOHAMMED VI, H.E.M ALASSANE OUATTARA, H.E.M MUHAMMADU BUHARI, H.E.M GENERAL MAHAMAT IDRIS DEBY ITNO;**

- The designation of the personalities mentioned below as Ambassadors of the CCRS for advocacy and the mobilization of resources for the financing of the programmed actions: H.E Mr. Issoufou MAHAMADOU, former President of the Republic of Niger, First President of the CCRS, Mrs. Amina MOHAMED, Mr. Tidjane THIAM, Ibrahim Hassane MAYAKI, Mr. Mô IBRAHIM, Mr. Aliko DANGOTE, Mr. Ibrahima THIAW, Mr. Paul Kammogne FOKAM, Mr. MOSSADECK BALLY.

9. The Conference instructs H.E. Issoufou MAHAMADOU, former President of the Republic of Niger, First President of the CCRS, for the mobilization of the personalities appointed as CCRS Ambassadors and the animation of this panel through, in particular, the elaboration and conduct a roadmap including actions in support of advocacy for the mobilization of resources.

10. The Authority commits the Executive Secretary to the conduct of due diligence relating to the effective establishment of the Executive Secretariat team as well as the monitoring of the operationalization of the Sahel Climate Fund in relation with all stakeholders.

11. The Conference takes note of the proposal of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to host the headquarters of the Sahel Climate Fund and its readiness to provide all the necessary amenities. In this regard, it approves that the headquarters of the Sahel Climate Fund be established in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

12. The Authority urges the Executive Secretary to take the necessary steps, in relation to the headquarters countries of the operational organs of the Commission, which are respectively the Republic of Niger for the Executive Secretariat and the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the Sahel Climate Fund, to the establishment of Headquarters Agreements.



13. The Authority recommends that the African Union Commission support the operational bodies of the three African Climate Commissions through support for their functioning and the promotion of synergy of actions between these Commissions and other sub-regional and regional pan-African institutions.

14. The Conference encourages the African Development Bank to strengthen its leadership in its capacity as leader of the technical and financial partners of the CCRS through, in particular, sustained support for the operationalization of the Executive Secretariat and the Sahel Climate Fund.

15. The Authority requests Member States to take appropriate measures for the ratification of the additional protocol through their specific mechanism and urges them to regularly pay their contribution to the 1st capitalization management of the Sahel Climate Fund and the functioning of the operational bodies of the Commission.

16. The Authority recommends to the Meeting of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) as well as to the 36th General Assembly of the African Union, that its deliberations be taken into account in their Reports respective.

17. The Authority congratulates H.E Mr. Mohamed BAZOUM, President of the Republic of Niger, Chairman of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region for the significant results achieved under his leadership in the conduct of the process of operationalizing the Commission.

18. The Authority welcomes the pioneering role played by His Majesty King Mohammed VI for a strong and resilient Africa, particularly through ambitious South-South cooperation capable of guaranteeing harmonious and sustainable development in Africa;

19. The Conference pays tribute to H.E Issoufou MAHAMADOU, First President of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region for his commitment expressed in favor of the creation of African Climate Commissions and during the initiation of the operationalization of the CCRS.

20. The Conference thanks the Technical and Financial Partners for their sustained support for the operationalization of the CCRS and calls on them to continue this effort in the context, in particular, of support for the Executive Secretariat and the Sahel Climate Fund.

21. The Authority thanks the Government of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia and the African Union Commission for the facilities put in place as well as the support granted for the smooth running of this body.



22. H.E. Mr. Mohamed BAZOUM, President of the Republic of Niger, President of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region thanks his peers for their marks of sympathy and reaffirms his personal commitment and that of his government to continue efforts for the continuation of the operationalization of the Commission.

23. The second Conference of Heads of State and Government mandates the President of the Commission, in conjunction with his peers, to decide on the date and place of the third Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Climate Commission to the Sahel region.

Done in Addis Ababa on February 17, 2023

For the Conference

SIGNED AND SEALED BY :

H.E.M Mohamed Bazoum,

President of the Republic of Niger, President of the CCRS

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