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4th Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS

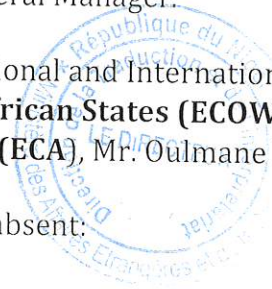
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FINAL REPORT



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1. On 20 October 2022, the fourth (4th) Ministerial Meeting of the Climate Committee for the Sahel Region (CCRS) was held at the Mahamat Ghandi International Conference Center in Niamey, Niger, under the chairmanship of **Mrs. Garama Saratou Rabiou Inoussa**, Minister of Environment and Desertification Control of the Republic of Niger, Chairperson of the Ministerial Meeting.
2. The following took part in this Meeting:
 - 2.1. The Ministers from CCRS Member States:
 - **Republic of Cape Verde**, Mr. Correia Carvalho Silva Gilberto, Minister of Agriculture and Environment;
 - **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire**, Mr. Assi Jean Luc, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development;
 - **Republic of The Gambia**, Mrs. John Rohey, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development;
 - **Republic of Guinea**, Mrs. Lamah Louopou, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development;
 - **Republic of Niger**, Mrs. Garama Saratou Rabiou Inoussa, Minister of Environment and Desertification Control;
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria**, Mr. Abdullahi Mohammed Hassan, Federal Minister for the Environment;
 - 2.2. Representatives of Ministers from the following Member States:
 - **Republic of Benin**, Mr. Nsia Koffi Severin;
 - **Republic of Cameroon**, Mr. Paul Tchawa;
 - **Republic of Djibouti**, Mr. Houssein Rirache Robleh;
 - **Islamic Republic of Mauritania**, Mr. Sow Mohamadou;
 - **Republic of Mali**, Mr. Ba Allassane;
 - **Republic of Senegal**, Mr. Dione Ernest;
 - **Republic of Sudan**, Mr. Mohammed Dalal Ebrahim,
 - **Republic of Chad**, Mahamat Hemchi Gueillet.
 - 2.3. Heads of regional and international partner institutions:
 - **Liptako-Gourma States Integrated Development Authority (ALG)**, Mrs. Hawa Aw, Executive Secretary;
 - **Panafrican Agency of the Great Green Wall (APGMV)**, Dr. Brahim Said, Executive Secretary;
 - **Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC)**, Mr. Nuhu Mamman, Executive Secretary;
 - **Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)**, Dr. Abdoulaye MOHAMADOU, Executive Secretary;
 - **4C Morocco**, Mrs. Rajae Chafil, General Manager.
 - 2.4. Representatives of Heads of Regional and International Partner Institutions:
 - **Economic Commission of West African States (ECOWAS)**, Mr. Moussa Leko
 - **Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)**, Mr. Oulmane Nassim
3. The following Member States were absent:
 - **Burkina Faso**



- **State of Eritrea**
- **Federal Republic of Ethiopia**

4. The opening ceremony

It was marked by two speeches:

- Words of welcome from Mr. Oudou AMBOUNKA, Governor of the Niamey Region
- The Opening Speech of His Excellency Mr. Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou, Prime Minister, Head of Government of the Republic of Niger.

The various speeches are appended to this Final Report.

5. After the opening ceremony, the working session of the 4th Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS under the chairmanship of **Mrs. Garama Saratou Rabiou Inoussa**, Minister of Environment and Desertification Control of the Republic of Niger, began by adopting the agenda with the following items:

- Presentation of the Report of the 6th Meeting of the GTC
- Presentation of the rules of procedure of the Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS
- Presentation of the additional protocol establishing the CCRS
- Presentation of the draft resolutions of the 4th Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS
- Presentation of the draft recommendations of the 4th Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS
- Presentation of the draft Ministerial Meeting Declaration
- Discussions on the composition of the 2023-2025 Ministerial Meeting Presidium
- Presentation of the provisional agenda of the draft final communiqué and draft decisions of the 2nd Conference of Heads of State and Government
- Presentation of the Report of the 4th Ministerial Meeting
- Closing of the working session

6. Presentation of the Report of the 6th Meeting of the GTC.

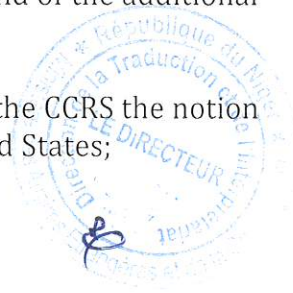
The report of the 6th meeting of the GTC was presented by **Mr. Moussa CONDE**, expert of the Joint Working Group, of Guinean nationality.

He briefed the meeting on the conclusions and recommendations of the documents validated by the experts of the member countries. At the end of this presentation, comments and suggestions were made by the delegations concerning the status of the Presidency of the Committee, the proposal for the appointment of the Executive Secretary of the CCRS and the Governance of the Sahel Climate Fund.

7. Presentation of the rules of procedure of the Ministerial Meeting and of the additional protocol of the CCRS.

These presentations raised some concerns, which are:

- Introducing in the additional protocol document establishing the CCRS the notion of observer States in addition to Member States and Associated States;



- Providing in the rules of procedure of the Ministerial meeting for questions of loss of voting rights and/or title of Member State;
- Add in the preamble of the additional protocol establishing the CCRS the definition of: "Sahelian African State"
- Add in the additional protocol establishing the CCRS the participation in the Ministerial Meeting of associated countries, observer countries and partners.

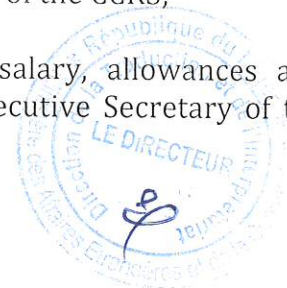
8. For the continuation of the work, the Ministers preferred to observe a restricted closed session composed solely of the heads of delegations of the Member States of the CCRS. At the end of this closed session, the Ministerial Meeting decided:

- To recommend to the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the CCRS to rotate the presidency of the Climate Committee for the Sahel Region for the sake of transparency, equity and good governance like other institutions regional;
- To recommend to the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the CCRS to appoint the current Coordinator of the Transitional Operational Framework of the Committee as transitional Executive Secretary of the CCRS for a non-renewable term of three years without the possibility of candidacy for the next mandates;
- To balance the different zones of the Sahel region at the level of the additional protocol establishing the CCRS;
- To create a post of Deputy Executive Secretary for the Climate Committee for the Sahel Region;
- To review the governance of the Sahel Climate Fund by withdrawing the Chairmanship of the Board of Directors from the Executive Secretary of the Climate Committee for the Sahel Region;
- To distribute the Presidency of the CCRS, the Executive Secretariat and the Presidency of the Ministerial Meeting between the zones of the Sahel Region.

9. Presentation of Resolutions and Recommendations of the 4th Ministerial Meeting

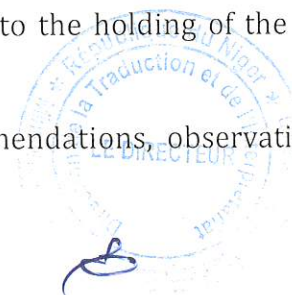
Nine (9) Resolutions and seven (7) Recommendations were presented, namely:

- RESOLUTION N°01/CCRS/RM.04/22, adopting the Rules of Procedure of the CCRS Ministerial Meeting ;
- RESOLUTION N°02/CCRS/RM.04/22, adopting the text relating to the organization and functioning of the Executive Secretariat of the CCRS;
- RESOLUTION No. 03/CCRS/RM.04/22, adopting the salary, allowances and benefits of the Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Secretary of the CCRS;



- RESOLUTION N°04/CCRS/RM.04/22, adopting the Staff Regulations of the Executive Secretariat of the CCRS as well as the salary grid and staff allowances;
- RESOLUTION N°05/CCRS/RM.04/22, adopting the manual of administrative, accounting and financial procedures of the Executive Secretariat of the CCRS;
- RESOLUTION N°06/CCRS/RM.04/22, adopting the financial regulations of the Executive Secretariat of the CCRS;
- RESOLUTION No. 07/CCRS/RM.04/22, adopting the three-year operating, equipment and investment budget (2023-2025) of the CCRS Permanent Secretariat;
- RESOLUTION N°08/CCRS/RM.04/22, adopting the final global report of the study of the financial mechanism of the climate investment plan for the Sahel region, of which the Sahel Climate Fund is the operational tool;
- RESOLUTION N°09/CCRS/RM 04/22, adopting the Declaration of the 4th Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS;
- RECOMMENDATION No. 01/CCRS/RM.04/22, adopting the draft additional protocol establishing the Climate Committee for the Sahel Region (CCRS);
- RECOMMENDATION N° 02/CCRS/RM.04/22, appointing the Executive Secretary of the Climate Committee for the Sahel Region (CCRS);
- RECOMMENDATION No. 03/CCRS/RM.04/22, adopting the draft agreement relating to the establishment of the Sahel Climate Fund.
- RECOMMENDATION No. 04/CCRS/RM.04/22 relating to the modalities of contributions from Member States for the 1st capitalization of the Sahel Climate Fund and the functioning of the Executive Secretariat of the Climate Committee for the Sahel Region (CCRS).
- RECOMMENDATION No. 05/CCRS/RM.04/22, relating to the establishment of a Panel of Heads of State, in support of the President of the Committee, within the framework of strengthening advocacy relating to the operationalization of the Climate Committee for the Sahel Region (CCRS).
- RECOMMENDATION N° 06/CCRS/RM.04/22, relating to the appointment of Champions of the Climate Committee for the Sahel Region (CCRS).
- RECOMMENDATION No. 07/CCRS/RM.04/22, relating to the holding of the 2nd Conference of Heads of State and Government (CCEG).

Following the presentation of these resolutions and recommendations, observations were made:



- Resolution 3:

- add in the title of the said resolution: “deputy executive secretary”,
- revise the monthly salary of the Executive Secretary to 12,500 dollars,
- set the salary of the Deputy Executive Secretary at 9000 dollars

- Resolutions 5, 6, 7 and 8: the Ministerial Meeting deferred their adoption and decided to review the procedures manual by the task force of experts from CCRS member countries before holding a virtual session of the Ministerial Meeting at course for the month of December 2022;

- Recommendation 4: the Ministerial Meeting decided to postpone its examination to its next session in virtual format;

- Recommendation 3:

- take action at the level of the Ministerial Meeting to endorse the creation of the Sahel Climate Fund and give Member States time to carry out national consultations with the competent structures to finalize the draft agreement establishing the Sahel Climate Fund;
- submit the choice of the headquarters of the Sahel Climate Fund to the Conference of Heads of State and Government.

- Recommendation 6: the Ministerial Meeting decided to replace “designation of champions” by “designation of ambassadors” and add to the list of nominees Mr. Mossadeck Bally, Businessman, of Malian nationality;

- Recommendation 7: propose the holding of the 2nd Conference of Heads of State and Government of the CCRS in the 1st quarter of 2023, possibly during the month of February.

Thus, Resolutions No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 and Recommendations No. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 were adopted subject to the integration of formal observations by the Ministerial Meeting.

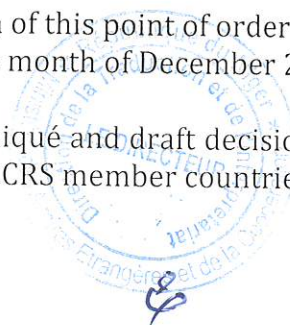
10. Presentation of the Draft Declaration of the Ministerial Meeting

The draft declaration was presented by Mr. Garba Abdulrahman Muhammad, Expert of the Joint Working Group, of Nigerian nationality. The Declaration was adopted subject to taking into account the observations and reformulations of the Ministerial Meeting.

11. Exchanges on the composition of the 2023-2025 presidium of the Ministerial Meeting

The Ministerial Meeting decided to postpone the examination of this point of order to its next session scheduled to be held in virtual format during the month of December 2022.

12. Presentation of the provisional agenda, the final communiqué and draft decisions of the second Conference of Heads of State and Government of CCRS member countries;



The Ministerial Meeting decided to defer consideration of this agenda item to its next session scheduled to be held in virtual format during the month of December 2022.

13. Presentation of the Draft Report of the 4th Ministerial Meeting

The 4th Ministerial Meeting adopted the said Report and mandated its President to initial and sign it.

14. The Ministerial Meeting reiterated its support to the Heads of State and Government of the member countries of the CCRS, as well as to the Heads of State and Government of the other partner countries of the CCRS, for their asserted leadership and their efforts together in the fight against climate change and other subsequent challenges in the Sahel and in Africa in general.

15. The Ministerial Meeting expressed its gratitude to the highest authorities of the Republic of Niger, and to the people of Niger for the welcome and the successful organization.

16. The Ministerial Meeting expressed its sincere thanks to HE Mr. Mohamed Bazoum, President of the Republic of Niger, President of the CCRS, for the leadership that Niger continues to assert under his impetus within the framework of the conduct of the operationalization of the CCRS.

17. The Ministerial Meeting addressed its congratulations and encouragement addressed to the Regional Coordinator of the CCRS for the exemplary conduct of the transitional process of the operationalization of the CCRS.

18. Mrs. Garama Saratou Rabiou Moussa, Chairperson of the 4th Ministerial Meeting closed the work after adoption of this report by the plenary.

Done in Niamey, October 20, 2022

For the Ministerial Meeting

The Chairperson

Signed and sealed by:

Mrs. Garama Saratou Rabiou Inoussa

Minister of Environment and Desertification Control of Niger

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