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# Climate Committee for the Sahel Region



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## 5th CCRS Ministerial Meeting ON November 29, 2022

### FINAL REPORT

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1. On November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the fifth (5th) Ministerial Meeting of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region (CCRS) was held in virtual format, under the chairmanship 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.

2. The following took part in this Meeting:

### 2.1. The Ministers of the Member States of the CCRS:

- For **Burkina Faso**, Mr. Augustin Kaboré, Minister of Environment, Water and Sanitation;
- For the **Republic of Cameroon**, Mr. Pierre Hélé, Minister of the Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development;
- For the **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire**, Mr. Assi Jean Luc, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development;
- For the **Republic of The Gambia**, Mrs. John Rohey, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development;
- For the **Islamic Republic of Mauritania**, Ms. Lalya Kamara, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development;
- For the **Republic of Niger**, Mrs. Garama Saratou Rabiou Inoussa, Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Desertification;
- For the **Federal Republic of Nigeria**, Mr. Abdullahi Mohammed Hassan, Federal Minister for the Environment;
- For the **Republic of Chad**, Mr. Mahamat Abdelkerim Hanno, Minister of the Environment, Fisheries and Sustainable Development.

2.2. The Representatives of the Ministers of the following Member States:

- For the **Republic of Benin**, Mr. Martin AïNA;
- For the **Republic of Cape Verde**, Mr. Alexandre Nevsky Rodrigues;
- For the **Republic of Djibouti**, Mr. Houssein Rirache Robleh;
- For the **Republic of Guinea**, Mr. Karim Samoura;
- For the **Republic of Mali**, Mr. Ba Allassane.
- For the **Republic of Sudan**, Ms. Dalal Elhal Ibrahim Mohammed;



**3. The following Member States were absent:**

- Republic of Senegal,
- State of Eritrea
- Federal Republic of Ethiopia

**4. The opening ceremony**

It began with the welcome address by Mrs. Garama Saratou Rabiou Inoussa, Minister of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification of the Republic of Niger. The President of the Ministerial Meeting took this opportunity to share the framework elements relating to the holding of the Meeting. She also presented her warm congratulations to her counterparts in Burkina Faso, Guinea and Chad for their recent appointments at the head of the ministerial departments in charge of the environment in their respective countries.

**5. Works**

Work began with the adoption of the agenda. Subsequently, the President of the Ministerial Meeting recalled the main points having already been examined and adopted by the 4th Ministerial Meeting. She recalled the main points which could not be validated during the 4th Ministerial Meeting held face-to-face in Niamey, on October 20, relating to the additional protocol establishing the CCRS and the internal regulations of the Ministerial Meeting and whose adoption was made subject to taking into account the observations and amendments made by the latter body.

The five (5) resolutions adopted subject to consideration of the amendments formulated by the 4th Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS are as follows:

- RESOLUTION N°01/CCRS/RM.04/22 Adopting the Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Meeting of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region (CCRS);
- RESOLUTION N°02/CCRS/RM.04/22 Adopting the text relating to the organization and functioning of the Executive Secretariat of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region;



- RESOLUTION N°03/CCRS/RM.04/22 Adopting the salary, allowances and benefits of the Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region (CCRS);
- RESOLUTION N°04/CCRS/RM.04/22 Adopting the Staff Regulations of the Executive Secretariat of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region (CCRS), as well as the salary grid and staff allowances;
- RESOLUTION N°05/CCRS/RM.04/22 Adopting the Declaration of the 4th Ministerial Meeting of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region (CCRS).

The five (5) recommendations made to the attention of the 2nd Conference of Heads of State and Government of the CCRS are as follows:

- RECOMMENDATION N°01/CCRS/RM.04/22 Adopting the draft additional protocol establishing the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region (CCRS);
- RECOMMENDATION N°02/CCRS/RM.04/22 Appointing the Executive Secretary of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region (CCRS);
- RECOMMENDATION N°03/CCRS/RM.04/22 Relating to the establishment of a Panel of Heads of State, in support of the President of the Commission, within the framework of strengthening advocacy relating to the operationalization of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region (CCRS);
- RECOMMENDATION N°04/CCRS/RM.04/22 Relating to the designation of ambassadors of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region (CCRS);
- RECOMMENDATION N°05/CCRS/RM.04/22 Regarding the holding of the 2nd Conference of Heads of State and Government (CCEG).

All the amendments formulated by the 4th Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS have been made in the adopted documents. The finalized versions of these documents were sent to all member countries as a prelude to this 5th Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS in order to enable them to verify that the amendments have been taken into account.



As a reminder, these main amendments are as follows:

- On the additional protocol:
  - Recommend to the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the CCRS to rotate the presidency of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region;
  - Balance the different areas of the Sahel region;
  - Create a post of Deputy Executive Secretary for the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region;
  - Introduce in the document the notion of observer States in addition to “Member States” and “Associated States”;
  - Add participation in the Ministerial Meeting of “Associated States”, “Observer States” and partners;
  - Add the definition of: “Sahelian African State”.
- Internal Regulations.
  - Anticipate issues of loss of voting rights and/or state title member;
  - Plan the modalities for speaking, in particular motions.
- Review the governance of the Sahel Climate Fund by withdrawing the Chairmanship of the Board of Directors from the Executive Secretary of the Climate Commission for the Sahel Region.

After the introduction of the results of the work of the 4th Ministerial Meeting, there followed the examination and adoption of the various documents for the 5th Ministerial Meeting. The work also enabled the establishment of the new presidium (2023-2024) of the Ministerial Meeting, discussions on various issues and the adoption of this report.

#### 5.1. Consideration and adoption of drafts of the following documents:

- 5.1.1. Manual of administrative, accounting and financial procedures of the Executive Secretariat of the CCRS



The manual of administrative, accounting and financial procedures of the Executive Secretariat of the CCRS was adopted by the 5th Ministerial Meeting subject to the consideration of the following observations:

- the recruitment of the staff of the Executive Secretariat by competitive examination;
- the correction of forms that have been made there.

#### 5.1.2. Financial Regulations of the CCRS Executive Secretariat

The main observations made by the 5th Ministerial Meeting are:

- In Title III in Section 1, rephrase Article 15 as follows:

*The Executive Secretary is the Budget Authorizing Officer for revenue and expenditure. In this capacity, he is responsible for managing the finances of the CCRS.*

*He can delegate this function to the Deputy Executive Secretary. In this case, the delegate authorizing officer of the budget is responsible for the management of the finances of the CCRS in the event of the absence or impediment of the Executive Secretary;*

- In Title III in Section 2: in Article 19, reduce operations between 20,000,001 FCFA and 50,000,000 FCFA to calls for tenders open to Member States instead of national calls for tenders.

The 5th Ministerial Meeting adopted the financial regulations of the Executive Secretariat of the CCRS subject to the consideration of the above observations.

#### 5.1.3. Biannual operating budget, investment equipment (2023-2024) of the Executive Secretariat of the CCRS

After the presentation of the 2023-2024 biannual budget, the 5th Ministerial Meeting recommended that the contributions of Member States to said budget decrease from year to year while working to ensure that those of technical and financial partners increase from year to year.

The 5th Ministerial Meeting adopted the biannual operating budget, investment equipment (2023-2024) of the Executive Secretariat of the CCRS subject to, taking into account this substantive observation.



**5.1.4. 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.**

After the presentation of the main results 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, the Ministerial Meeting adopted the final Global Report of the said study subject to taking into account the distribution key for Member States' contributions to be defined before the end of December 2022.

**5.1.5. Draft agreement relating to the establishment of the Sahel Climate Fund**

The 5th Ministerial Meeting adopted at its level the draft convention relating to the establishment of the Sahel Climate Fund. It also made a recommendation to the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the CCRS for its adoption.

The Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria then brought to the attention of the 5th Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS, the desire of his country to host the headquarters of the Sahel Climate Fund. For this, he indicated that Nigeria is already ready to provide complete and equipped infrastructure to serve as the headquarters of the Sahel Climate Fund.

**5.1.6. Document relating to the modalities of the contributions of the Member States for the 1st capitalization of the Sahel Climate Fund as well as the functioning of the Executive Secretariat of the Commission and the Sahel Climate Fund.**

The 5th Ministerial Meeting of the CCRS recommended to the Regional Coordination the conduct of consultations with the consultants who carried out the Climate Investment Plan for the Sahel region (PIC-RS) and the experts appointed by each Member State in order to achieve a distribution key for member states' contributions that is consensual and understood by all. To this end, the Meeting endorsed the holding of a virtual webinar which will bring together these aforementioned stakeholders before the end of December 2022.



Thus, the Ministerial Meeting adopted at its level the document relating to the modalities of the contributions of the Member States for the 1st capitalization of the Sahel Climate Fund as well as the functioning of the Executive Secretariat of the Commission and the Sahel Climate Fund subject to taking into account the results of the above-mentioned consultations.

It also formulated a recommendation at the level of the Conference of Heads of State and Government for the adoption of these modalities.

#### **5.1.7. Provisional Agenda, Draft Final Communiqué and Draft Decisions of the Second Conference of Heads of State and Government of CCRS Member Countries**

The 5th CCRS Ministerial Meeting made the following observations:

- include in Draft Decision No. 3 the share of contribution of each Member State;
- Delete the reference to the nationality of the Executive Secretary in Draft Decision No. 4 to keep the regional character of the head of this body of the CCRS.
- include in the visas of all draft decisions "Taking note of the virtual Ministerial Meeting of November 29, 2022".

The Ministerial Meeting thus adopted at its level the said documents subject to the consideration of the above observations and this, as a prelude to their submission to the Conference of Heads of State and Government.

The 5th CCRS Ministerial Meeting agreed to recommend the holding of the 2nd Conference of Heads of State and Government, in February 2023 on the sidelines of the Annual General Assembly of the African Union.

#### **5.1.8. Draft Resolutions and Recommendations of the 5th CCRS Ministerial Meeting.**

The draft Resolutions and Recommendations of the 5th CCRS Ministerial Meeting were adopted by the Meeting.

#### **5.2. Establishment of the new presidium (2023-2024) of the Ministerial Meeting**

The Ministerial Meeting unanimously adopted the re-appointment of the Republic of Niger to the presidency of the said body for the term of office 2023-2024.





The Meeting addressed its warm congratulations to its President, **Mrs. Garama Saratou Rabiou Inoussa**, Minister of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification of the Republic of Niger, for the good conduct of the work.

### 5.3. Miscellaneous

No miscellaneous items were discussed.

### 5.4. Draft Report of the 5th Ministerial Meeting

The 5th Ministerial Meeting adopted the draft report of the said meeting and mandated its president to initial and sign it.

6. 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 combined in the fight against climate change and other subsequent challenges in the Sahel and in Africa in general.
7. The 5th 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 leadership in the conduct of the operationalization of the CCRS.
8. **Mrs. GARAMA SARATOU RABIOU INOUSSA**, President of the 5th Ministerial Meeting closed the work after adoption of this report by the plenary.
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Done in Niamey, November 29, 2022

For the Ministerial Meeting

The President

Signature

**Mrs. Garama Saratou Rabiou Inoussa**

Minister of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification of Niger

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