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HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT

COMMUNICATION

We, the Ministers in charge of the Environment of Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, and the Representatives of other African countries, international, regional and national organizations meeting in Cotonou this 30 June 2017 in the High-level segment of the African Carbon Forum on the subject "Mobilizing financial resources to combat the adverse effects of climate change: Africa's strategies to be adopted for the implementation of the determined contributions at a national level "

1. Considering the concern that climate change poses to all humankind and the extent to which climate change is worsening by undermining the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals of our countries;
2. Considering the resolutions of the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and concerned that the 2 ° C target is not sufficient to significantly limit the avverse effects of climate change in Africa;
3. Reaffirming the common African position on limiting the increase in global average temperature below 1.5 ° C by 2100 compared to the pre-industrial level;
4. Considering the specific needs and concerns of the African countries and recalling the ambitious commitments made by these countries through the Nationally Determined Contributions (NCDs) to strengthen the resilience of communities to the adverse effects of climate change and to promote a Low-carbon development;

5. Considering that the United Nations has highlighted the gap between government commitments to climate and the goal of containing the rise in global temperature well below 2 ° C at the 22nd COP in Marrakech ;
6. Considering that most countries vulnerable to climate change are African countries;
7. Considering that funding for adaptation and mitigation actions remains a priority for Africa.

Recalling:

1. the key messages of the African Heads of State Committee on Climate Change of 25 September 2015 in New York;
2. the decision of the African Union Summit of 15 June 2015 on climate change negotiations;
3. the Cairo Declaration of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment of March 2015, on the need to reduce disaster risks through the adoption of a multisectoral and concerted approach to the degradation of ecosystems;
4. the Niamey Declaration of 28 April 2015, ECOWAS and CILSS Environment Ministers on the Nationally Determined Planned Contributions (CPDN) in the agriculture, livestock and Forestry;
5. the Cotonou Declaration of 07 October 2015 of the Ministers in charge of Finance, Agriculture and the Environment on the capitalization of the National Planned Contributions (CPDN) of the WAEMU member states;
6. the decision of the Ministerial Conference on the Environment in Libreville of 16 June 2017 to invest in innovative environmental solutions to accelerate the implementation of the sustainable development objectives and of the Agenda 2063 in Africa.

We are committed to:

1. work to develop a robust and dynamic public-private partnership for the implementation of climate finance;
2. focus on the evaluation of national resources in the implementation of the NSCs in order to validly supplement the external contribution;
3. work towards innovative financing in our countries to support the resources needed to implement projects;
4. promote statistical culture by setting up systems and data banks through action research in the field of climate change;
5. work to reduce climate-related losses in the agricultural sector;
6. seize the opportunity of the financial and technical partners' commitment to accompany the African countries to the fulfillment of the commitments made; and
7. make arrangements for African countries to access the carbon market.

Stipulated in Cotonou on 30 June 2017