

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE OF AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE (CAHOSCC) TAKING PLACE ON THE MARGINS OF THE 28TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION (AU)

The African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) and the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) hosted an African multi-stakeholder policy dialogue on climate change on 25-26 January 2017 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The dialogue brought together participants from civil society, private sector, African Union Commission (AUC), Pan-African Parliament, UN Environment, youth and women.

The participants underscored the remarkable political leadership of CAHOSCC in the coordination of climate change dialogue and interventions across Africa. After vigorous deliberations, the participants made the following recommendations for consideration by CAHOSCC during their meeting at the margins of the 28th session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the African Union.

Noting the continent's conviction of moving from Commitment to Action with Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) demonstrated by ratifying the Paris Agreement and its consequent entry into force, enhancing the implementation of the Paris Agreement supported by pan- African initiatives and programmes such as the African Adaptation Initiative (AAI) and the African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI)

Taking note of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer to phase down the production and usage of hydroflourocarbons (HFCs), projected to abate up to 0.5°C of global warming by the end of this century

Deeply concerned about the continuous neglecting of adaptation needs of developing countries and inadequate levels of public climate finance, limited access to adaptation finance,

We,

Appreciate the support provided to the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) and other stakeholders including civil society, parliamentarians, and the private sector by the Climate Change for Development in Africa (ClimDev-Africa) programme

Welcome with appreciation the progress made at the concluded United Nations climate negotiations in Marrakech, Morocco for developing the pathway for implementation of the Paris Agreement, especially the decision to complete the rulebook for the Paris Agreement by 2018

Urge our governments, which are Party to the Kyoto Protocol but have not deposited their instruments of acceptance of the Doha amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to do so in order to give effect to the second commitment period

Urge our governments to ratify the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer by November 2017 and to seek significant improvement on energy efficiency

Recognize the significant role of non-state actors in the implementation of the Paris Agreement and call on the African non-state actors to enhance cooperation and partnerships with African governments and development partners so as to intensify national climate actions

Call upon our governments to capitalize on climate change mitigation and adaptation opportunities through enhanced intra-African trade and domestic green public procurement as some of the actions under the NDCs

Call upon AUC, ACPC and UN Environment and other development partners to support our governments to formulate and implement education, training and public awareness strategies on climate change as stipulated under Article 12; Paragraph 83 of decision 1/CP.21 so as to harness the demographic dividend while investing in human capital, especially among the Children & Youth.

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