

Bridging UNEA 5 to UNEA 6: The Bouknadel Implementation Roadmap

We, African Major Groups and Stakeholders, having gathered in person and online on June 20th and 21st 2022 at the Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training, the academic branch of the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection, presided over by Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasnaa

Having reviewed the resolutions adopted during the second part of the 5th Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly,

Having discussed key priorities for the 6th Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly,

Having considered the challenges encountered by African Major Groups and Stakeholders,

Having further considered the role of African Major Groups and Stakeholders,

1. **Thank** the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection, the African Network for Animal Welfare and the United Nations Environment Programme for having convened us,
2. **Express our profound gratitude** to the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection for having made it possible for the “Looking back at UNEA 5 – Looking Towards UNEA 6” Meeting of the African Major Groups and Stakeholders held in Sidi Bouknadel, Morocco,
3. **Request** the Mohammed VI Foundation to convey to the people of the Kingdom of Morocco the gratitude of the African Major Groups for the hospitality and warm welcome extended to the participants,
4. **Express our firm support** to the Moroccan Presidency of UNEA 6, an African presidency coordinating an urgent and global answer to environmental challenges at a critical juncture,
5. **Commit** to enhancing and deepening our engagement with the UNEP processes,
6. **Decide** to

(a) *Put in place* an African Major Groups and Stakeholders UNEA Presidency Support Unit and entrust it with the mandate to:

(i) *Review* the implementation of Resolutions adopted at the 5th Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly;

(ii) *Identify* themes and priorities for the 6th Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly;

(iii) *Provide* strategic and substantive advice to Moroccan Presidency of UNEA6;

(b) *Designate* the Regional Facilitators, Major Groups and Stakeholders, Africa, as focal points to coordinate the work of this Support Unit,

(c) *Invite* the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection to host, at the Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training, the Secretariat to support this Working Group,

7. **Encourage** African Member States and all Member States to support the Moroccan Presidency of UNEA 6 in working towards an ambitious and inclusive outcome at UNEA 6, in the context of sustainable development,
8. **Strongly Encourage** Major Groups and Stakeholders from other regions to also support Moroccan Presidency of UNEA 6 in working towards an ambitious and inclusive outcome at UNEA and to collaborate with us in that regard.