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OF THE GREAT GREEN WALL
PAGGW

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SIXTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Nouakchott (Mauritania)
June 30th, 2018

REPORT



1. On Saturday, **June 30th, 2018**, the 6th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW) was held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, chaired by **His Excellency Mr. Amedi CAMARA**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, President-in-Office of the Council of Ministers.

2. Took part in this Session:

➤ **Ministers of PAGGW Member States,**

- **FOR BURKINA FASO**, **Mr. Ibrahim LOANKOUANDE**, Head of mission, Representative of **H.E Mr. Batio BASSIERE**, Minister of the Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change;
- **For the Republic of DJIBOUTI**, **H.E Mr. Moussa MOHAMMED AHMED**, Minister of Housing, Urbanism and Environment;
- **For the Federal Democratic Republic of ETHIOPIA**, **HE Mr. Yimam KEBEDE**, Minister of State, Minister of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change;
- **For the Republic of MALI**, **HE Mme KEITA Aïda M'BO**, Minister of the Environment, Sanitation and Sustainable Development;
- **For the Islamic Republic of MAURITANIA**, **HE Mr. Amedi CAMARA**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development;
- **For the Republic of NIGER**, **HE Mr. Almoustapha GARBA**, Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development;
- **For the Republic of SENEGAL**, **HE Mr. Mame Thierno DIENG**, Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development;
- **For the Republic of SUDAN**, **HE Mr. Hassan Abdelgadir HILAL**, Minister of the Environment, Natural Resources and Physical Development;
- **For the Republic of CHAD**, **HE Mr. Siddick Abdelkérîm HAGGAR**, Minister of the Environment, Water and Fisheries.

➤ **Were not Present:**

- **For the State of Eritrea**, **SEM Tesfai GHEBRESSELASSIE**, Minister of the Environment, Land and Water;
 - **For the Federal Republic of NIGERIA**, **HE Mr. Ibrahim Usman JIBRIL**, State Minister for the Environment;
- Also participating in this session, as guests:



- Statutory Member Institutions of the PAGGW Technical Expert Committee:
 - For the African Union (AU) Commission, HE Mrs. Leonel Josepha **CORREIA SAKHO**, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture;
 - For the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), HE Mr. Ibrahim Assane **MAYAKI**, Executive Secretary;
 - For the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CENSAD): Dr Souley **HASSANE**, Representing the Secretary General
 - Other invited institutions:
 - For the United Nation Organization: H. E. Mrs. Sahle-Work **ZEWDE**, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the African Union ;
 - For the UN-Environment (UN-E), Mr. Samba Harouna **THIAM** Representing Africa Regional Director.

I. OPENING CEREMONY

3. The opening ceremony of the 6th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall, was held at the International Conference Center of Nouakchott, under the chairmanship of **HE Mr. Amedi CAMARA**, Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and President of the Council of Ministers of the PAGGW;

4. This ceremony was marked by the speeches of the following personalities:

- Word from the Executive Secretary of the PAGGW, H.E Mr. Prof **Abdoulaye DIA**;
- Word from H.E, Mrs. **Sahle-Work ZEWDE**, Sub Secretary-General of the United Nations and Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to the African Union;
- Word from H.E Mrs. **Leonel Josepha CORREIA SAKHO**, Commissioner in Charge of Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union;



- Word from **H.E Dr Ibrahima Hassan MAYAKI**, Executive Secretary of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;
- Opening Speech by the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, **H.E Mr. Amedi CAMARA**, President of the Council of Ministers of the PAGGW;

The different speeches are attached to this report.

II. CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Verification of the quorum and adoption of the Draft Agenda, the Work Program and designation of the officers of the 6th Ordinary Session:

5. The President of the Council of Ministers of the PAGGW, **H.E Mr. Amedi CAMARA**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, having noted that the quorum is reached, recalled the points of the Draft Agenda.

6. After consideration, the Draft Agenda and the Work Program were adopted and attached to this report.

7. The composition of the Office of the 6th Session adopted is presented as follows:

Presidency: Islamic Republic of Mauritania, **H.E Mr. Amedi CAMARA**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development;

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- Vice Presidency: Republic Of Sudan, **H.E Dr. Hassan Abdelgadir HILAL**, Minister of the Environment, Natural Resources and Physical Development;

Reporters:

- Republic of Djibouti, **H.E, Mr. Moussa MOHAMED AHMED** , Minister of Housing, Urbanism and Environment
- Republic of Niger, **H.E, Mr. Al Moustapha GARBA**, Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development



II.2. REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS (TCE)

8. The Reporter of the Meeting of the Technical Committee of Experts presented the TCE Report with draft Recommendations and Regulations issued to the Council of Ministers.

9. The Council of Ministers after hearing the report of the Technical Committee of Experts, congratulated the Experts for the quality of the work and in particular the relevance of the recommendations provided and took note of the Report.

II.3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

II.3.1. Presentation of the Report of the External Auditor (EA), review and approval of the financial statements for the fiscal year 2016;

10. The Board, having heard the audit report of the financial statements 2016, approves the financial statements for the fiscal year 2016 of the Agency and gives discharge to the Executive Secretary.

II.3.2. Presentation of the Report of the External Auditor (EA), review and approval of the financial statements for fiscal year 2017 and the Budget Execution report 2017.

11. The Board, after hearing the audit report for the fiscal year 2017, approves the Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2017 of the Agency and gives discharge to the Executive Secretary.

12. The Council of Ministers reviewed the 2017 Activities Report and Budget. Following some exchanges, both documents were adopted.

II.4. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM (TAP) AND BUDGET PROJECTS 2018.

II.4.1. Presentation of the Project Budget 2018:

13. The Council, after having reviewed the Project Budget 2018 of the Executive Secretariat, adopts the said Budget, and gives mandate to the Executive Secretariat for its implementation.



14. After considering the proposal of the Executive Secretariat to increase the annual statutory contributions of Member States to an amount of one hundred (100) million CFAF, the Council of Ministers, after noting:

- Financial difficulties due to insufficient resources to cover its operating and investment Budget.

- Certification of the Accounts by the External Auditor for the fiscal years ending (2011-2017) and its approval by the Council.

The Council proposes to the Conference of Heads of State and Government to raise the total amount of the annual statutory contribution by Member State from fifty (50) to hundred (100) million CFAF starting from the fiscal year 2019.

II.4.2. Examination and adoption Technical Activity Program (PAT) 2018:

15. The Council of Ministers, after reviewing the 2018 Technical Activity Program, has adopted the said report.

II.5. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GGWI AND REVIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT'S 2018-2020 DRAFT ROADMAP.

II.5.1. Examination and adoption of the Technical Activity Report 2017:

16. The Council of Ministers, after examining the Technical Activity Report of 2017, appreciated the quality of the report developed and adopted the said report.

II.5.2. Status of implementation of the GGWI 2011-2017

17. The Council, after examining the report on the implementation status of the GGWI 2011-2017, recognizes the capitalization on the achievements of the PAGGW's

Executive Secretariat and national structures and takes note of this report.

II.5.3. Review of the Executive Secretariat's 2018-2020 Draft Roadmap.

18. The Council of Ministers, after examining the 2018-2020 Draft Road Map, recommends its adoption by the Conference of Heads of State and Government.

II.6. REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION TOOLS

II.6.1. Draft Revised Manual of Administrative, Accounting and Financial Procedures



19. The Council of Ministers, after reviewing the Revised Manual of Administrative, Financial and Accounting Procedures, adopts the document and gives a mandate to the Executive Secretariat for its execution.

II.6.2. Draft Code of Ethics and Governance

20. The Council of Ministers, after reviewing on the Code of Ethics and Corporate Governance adopts the said document and requests the Executive Secretariat to ensure compliance with its standards.

II.6.3. Draft Resource Mobilization Strategy Document

21. The Council of Ministers, heard the presentation of the Resource Mobilization Strategy Document. Based on the information provided by the Executive Secretariat, the Council of Ministers adopts the said document and requests its application.

II.6.4. Strategic Communication Plan Project 2018-2023 (SPCom)

22. The Council of Ministers heard the presentation on the Strategic Communication Plan. Based on the information provided by the Executive Secretariat, the Council of Ministers adopts the said document and requests its application.;

II.7. ORGANIZATION OF THE 7TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

23. After consultation, the Council of Ministers has selected the Republic of Mali to host and organize, in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat, the 7th ordinary session of the Council of Ministers of the PAGGW in 2019 and before the end of the first quarter.

II.8. AGENCY HEADQUARTERS CONSTRUCTION

24. The Council of Ministers congratulates and acknowledges the Mauritanian Government for having granted as a courtesy a land of 3050m² in Nouakchott, intended for the construction of the headquarters of the PAGGW.

25. The Council of Ministers mandates the Executive Secretary of the Agency to carry out the architectural and financial feasibility study for the PAGGW Headquarters Construction Project.

II.9. RECRUITMENT TO THE VACANT POSITIONS OF THE AGENCY

II.9.1. New Executive Secretary (*closed session restricted to Ministers*)



26. After examination, three (3) application files were considered admissible and submitted for consideration by the Council of Ministers. Based on the enclosed Committee Assessment Report, the Council of Ministers proposes to the Conference of Heads of State and Government to appoint Dr Brahim SAID, a national of Chad, born February 14th 1953 in Koundjar as Executive Secretary of the Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall.

II.9.2. Presentation of the selection results of an Internal Auditor and a Head of the Accounting, Finance and Procurement Department: Orientations of the Council of Ministers.

27. The Executive Secretary, after noticing that the candidatures for the posts mentioned above, do not reflect a balanced distribution between the different Member States, has presented to the Council of Ministers for advice, a summary analysis for evaluation of the applications received.

For the applications for these positions, the Council of Ministers gives no objection to the Executive Secretary for their recruitment and requests the Executive Secretariat to proceed with the recruitment of the selected candidates.

II.10. REPORT, REGULATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, DRAFT DECISIONS, FINAL STATEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF THE 4TH SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

28. At the end of the 6th session of the Council of Ministers the following Recommendations (Rec) were formulated:

- **Rec. 1:** Adoption of the 2018-2020 Executive Secretariat's Roadmap at the Heads of State and Government Summit (HSG);
- **Rec. 2:** the proposal for the appointment of Dr Brahim SAID, a Chadian National, as Executive Secretary of the PAGGW;
- **Rec 3:** the revision of the annual amount of statutory contributions of one hundred (100) million per Member State and urges the Member States to cover unpaid debts and to pay their annual contributions regularly.
- **Rec 4:** The organization of Round Table of Funders before December 2018, in partnership with the AfDB and FAO, regarding the resource mobilization;



- **Rec 5:** Agreement between the Executive Secretariat of the PAGGW and the African Union Commission, political trust of the Agency, to formalize the modalities of designation of the PAGGW as technical organ of execution of the African Initiative "Great Green Wall";

29. The Council of Ministers finally adopted the Final Report of the 6th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers held on 30 June 2018 in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania

30. Under Regulations, the Council of Ministers has made the following Regulations (Reg):

- **Reg.1:** Regulation No. 2018/001 / CM / PAGGW / NKTT, adopting the Report of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the PAGGW;
- **Reg.2:** Regulation No. 2018/002 / CM / PAGGW / NKTT, on Renewal of the mandate of the External Auditor of the PAGGW;
- **Reg.3:** Regulation No. 2018/003 / CM / PAGGW / NKTT approving the financial statements for the fiscal year 2016;
- **Reg.4:** Regulation No. 2018/004 / CM / PAGGW / NKTT approving the financial statements and the Activity Report for the fiscal year 2017;
- **Reg.5:** Regulation No. 2018/005 / CM / PAGGW / NKTT adopting the 2018 Budget and the 2018 Technical Activity Program of the Executive Secretariat of the PAGGW;
- **Reg.6:** Regulation No. 2018/006 / CM / PAGGW / NKTT proposing to the Conference of Heads of State and Government, the 2018-2020 Roadmap of the Executive Secretariat of the PAGGW for its adoption;
- **Reg.7:** Regulation No. 2018/007 / CM / PAGGW / NKTT adopting the Management and Communication Tools of the Executive Secretariat of the PAGGW;
- **Reg.8:** Regulation No. 2018/008 / CM / PAGGW / NKTT organizing the 7th Session of the Council of Ministers;
- **Reg.9:** Regulation No. 2018/009 / CM / PAGGW / NKTT appointing a new Executive Secretary of the PAGGW;
- **Reg.10:** Regulation No. 2018/010 / CM / PAGGW / NKTT on Agency Recruitment on vacant positions;
- **Reg.11:** Regulation No. 2018/011 / CM / PAGGW / NKTT on the Construction of the Headquarters of the Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania.



II. CLOSING CEREMONY

31. The Closing Ceremony was addressed by the reading of an acknowledgement to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and a Closing statement by the President-in-Office of the Council of Ministers.

32. The acknowledgement statement was read by **HE Mrs. KEITA Aida M'BO** Minister of Environment, Sanitation and Sustainable Development from the Republic of Mali. On behalf of the Council, she expressed her warm acknowledgments to the President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, **HE Mr. Mohamed Ould ABDEL AZIZ**, to his Government and to the people of Mauritania for their efforts in organizing this ordinary session and the amenities provided to all delegations.

33. The Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, **HE Mr. Amedi CAMARA**, President of the Council of Ministers, closed the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall.

Issued and passed on June 30th, 2018 at Nouakchott
The President of the Council of Ministers

HE Mr. Amedi CAMARA
Minister of the Environment
and Sustainable Development
of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania



The image shows a handwritten signature in blue ink over a circular official stamp. The stamp contains the text 'وزارة البيئة والتنمية المستدامة' (Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development) in Arabic, 'R.I.M / Ministère de l'E.' in French, and 'الوزير' (Minister) and 'Ministre' in French. The stamp also features a central emblem with a star and crescent.