



AFRICA PLEDGE CHAIR SUMMARY

Nairobi, March 14th 2019

Responding to the invitation of President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, President Emmanuel Macron of France, UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, and Interim President of the World Bank Group, Kristalina Georgieva, the coalitions of the “*One Planet Summit*” together with Heads of state and government, Ministers, CEOs, donors, international organizations and other stakeholders representing different parts of society and institutions, met in Nairobi, on March 14th for the first regional edition of the One Planet Summit.

Ahead of the UNSG 2019 Climate Summit, this Summit was an opportunity to highlight the unique role of Africa as a global partner facing both challenges and opportunities from climate disruptions and ecosystem resilience. Public and private actors, especially coming from Africa, presented key projects to accelerate and step-up climate action to deliver high-impact outcomes for African populations, especially in the field of renewable energy, and foster resilience, adaptation and biodiversity.

While Africa is experiencing a dramatic loss of biodiversity, the Summit created a political momentum on the urgency of taking action for forests conservation and preservation in Africa. President Uhuru Kenyatta and President Emmanuel Macron launched jointly a “Call for action on the Conservation and

Preservation of Forests” rallied by African Ministers, UNEA Heads of Delegations, private sector CEOs and civil society organizations with support of international organizations. The objective is to take immediately voluntary actions to contribute to halt deforestation, to do a mapping of critical situations and to elaborate comprehensive strategies for concrete solutions to be implemented.

This Summit focused on two key areas: renewable energy access and protection of African ecosystems, in order to foster and support sustainable growth while improving the resilience of vulnerable populations.

ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

Participants at the OPS recognized that access to electricity is a key development issue for the African region. They welcomed innovative solutions that have been developed in Africa, powering rural areas and decreasing generation costs for high productivity sectors.

They highlighted new business models based on renewable energy, decentralized solutions and new consumer-oriented approaches that offer technological opportunities to scale-up renewable energy access for households.

Commitments were also made to support new business models and increase action on a range of levers: public policies for enabling frameworks (harmonization and simplification of contracts), training, acceleration of financing: redirect massive investments from the private sector, with a more efficient use of public money (de-risking mechanism) and collaboration between public and private stakeholders.

ON THE PROTECTION OF AFRICAN ECOSYSTEMS

Participants showcased new business models for building more resilient societies, sustainable land use and biodiversity conservation relying on nature-based solutions and multi-stakeholder collaboration, which can bring high impact for the preservation of forests, drylands and coastal areas.

Finally, participants noted that research and education for sustainable land use made significant progress though gaps remain and should be addressed. They also noted that nature-based solutions should be better mainstreamed.

COMMITMENTS

The following announcements strengthen the 12 initial OPS commitments taken at the first One Planet Summit in Paris. In Nairobi, OPS coalitions took specific actions on: sectoral shifts towards a decarbonized economy (commitment n°6), international mobilization of development banks (commitment n°10), protecting land and water against climate change (commitment n°2) and mobilizing researchers and young people to work for the planet (commitment n°3).

MULTILATERAL AND DEVELOPMENT BANKS TAKE ACTION FOR CLIMATE IN AFRICA

- The World Bank will double its climate support for Africa to \$22.5 billion over 2021-2025 – more than half of which will be devoted to adaptation and resilience (\$12-\$12.5 billion). IFC and MIGA will also continue to ambitiously grow their support for climate action in Africa. Under the NDC Partnership and with support of BMZ of Germany, the World Bank will also carry out intensive engagements on the NDCs of Rwanda and Kenya to help accelerate NDC implementation, raise ambition and mainstream climate adaptation and mitigation across key sectors.
- The African Development Bank will commit at least US\$25 billion from its own resources towards climate finance for the period 2020 – 2025. Through the Africa Financial Alliance on Climate Change (AFAC), The African Development Bank will support African financial institutions to align financial flows with the Paris Agreement. The African Development Bank will launch the “Green Baseload” facility under the Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA) to provide concessional finance and technical assistance to support penetration and scale-up of renewable energy to displace coal generation. The African Development Bank has launched the "Desert to Power", a \$10 billion initiative to build the world's largest solar zone across the Sahel and provide electricity for 250 million people. Through the Africa Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Support Facility, the Bank will provide technical Assistance to 30 African Countries to support coordinated NDC integration into SDGs and National Development Plans.

- France: The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) together with the Trade Development Bank (TDB) announced the opening of a new credit line of USD 120 million dedicated entirely to financing climate projects.
- France: The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) will increase its funding for ISA solar projects to €1.5 billion by 2022 and announced reaching 1,6bn€ for adaptation in 2018, including 750M€ in Africa.

MAKING AFRICAN SOCIETIES AND ECOSYSTEMS MORE RESILIENT

- The Livelihoods Carbon Fund is doubling its investment in the Livelihoods-Hifadhi project to reach a total of 8M€. The overall project will improve the lives of 600,000 people, save 2,400 ha of forests and avoid the emission of about 3,5 million tons of CO₂. In Swahili, “Hifadhi” means “to preserve”. The Livelihoods-Hifadhi project was named after its two objectives: to preserve forests to mitigate climate change, and to preserve the health of women and young girls.
- Lion’s share Initiative (United Nations Development Programme): corporate partner JCDecaux, the world’s largest outdoor media company, has joined The Lion’s Share Fund, a unique initiative raising much-needed funds to support wildlife conservation and a global call on other companies to join the initiative.
- Sweden announced a pledge of SEK 700 million (66,3M€): (i) The Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO) and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) will cooperate on expanding off-grid electricity solutions in sub-Saharan African countries by social impact procurement. Sweden will contribute an initial SEK 500 million (approx. 48M€) (ii) Sweden will further contribute to adaptation to climate change in Africa with a new contribution of SEK 100 million to the Adaptation Fund (AF) and (iii) Sweden will make a new contribution to The Fund for the least developed countries (LDCF) of SEK 100 million.

- France: The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) will launch a Biodiversity Facility (10M€) to support 16 countries develop their national biodiversity strategies in collaboration with WWF and IUCN.

AFRICAN CHAMPIONS ARE INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURES

- The Global Alliance for Smart Cities in Africa (GASCA) was announced to provide access to clean energy and connectivity through a smart lamppost program (R20, Solektra, Di Caprio Foundation, Société Générale, JCDecaux and Signify).
- The Sub national Climate Fund Africa is committed to raise \$350 million in 4 years to fund the development of low-carbon infrastructure projects (zero waste, decentralized renewable energy and energy efficiency) in Africa. Announced in New York during the September 2018 One Planet Summit by R20 and Impact Fund Manager BlueOrchard Finance, the Egypt-based African Export Import Bank (Afreximbank), the Green Climate Fund, the European Commission and the Global Covenant of Mayors, with the support of AfroChampions, this new Climate Fund is the first blended-finance investment vehicle of this kind involving African investments for climate./.

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