



**Extraordinary Conference of Environment and Finance Ministers of ECCAS and the East African Community on accelerating the operationalization of the Congo Basin Climate Commission, the Congo Basin Blue Fund, Green Economy in Central Africa and the adoption of the common position for the COP23.**

UNDER THE VERY HIGH PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY

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# SUMMARY OF THE GUIDANCE NOTE

## **Extraordinary Conference of Ministers of the Environment and Finance of ECCAS and the East African Community on accelerating the operationalization of the Commission for the Congo Basin, the Blue Fund for the Basin of Congo and the Fund for the Green Economy in Central Africa and the common position vis-à-vis COP23**

From 3 to 5 October 2017 at the Kintélé Conference Center in Brazzaville, the Republic of Congo is organizing, in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the African Community of The Central African States Development Bank (BDEAC), as well as the above-mentioned Extraordinary Conference.

This conference is part of the preparatory activities for the participation of Central and East African States in the 23rd meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 23) and the implementation of several policy tools, including:

- **the United Nations Agenda 2030 and the African Union Agenda 2063;**
- **the Paris Agreement and the Marrakech Plan;**
- **the Declaration of the African Heads of State of Marrakech;**
- **the decisions of ECCAS Heads of State on the green economy and the Memorandum for the establishment of the Congo Basin Blue Fund.**

The overall objective of the Conference is to accelerate the operationalization of the Climate Commission for the Congo Basin, established in Marrakech in the margins of COP22 through the operation of certain tools already created and under way such as the Blue Fund for the Congo Basin. On the other hand, it will be a question of adopting the common position of the States in the face of the COP23.

Specifically, it will be a question of adopting, inter alia:

- **the Declaration of the Ministers of ECCAS and the East African Community on accelerating the operationalization of the Climate Commission of the Congo Basin and the common position of the States vis-à-vis COP 23;**
- **the draft text on the structuring, organization and functioning of the Climate Commission for the Congo Basin;**
- **the Commission's Action Plan 2017-2018 for the Congo Basin**
- **the Draft Decision on the institutionalization of the Conference of Ministers of Environment and Finance of ECCAS and the East African Community;**
- **the 2017 and 2018 roadmap for the operationalization of the F2BC;**
- **sectoral projects and programs for the development and promotion of the blue economy;**
- **the agenda for the joint activities of the countries of ECCAS and the East African Community at COP23;**
- **the Terms of Reference for the Congo Basin Blue Fund Joint Starting Unit and the Green Economy Fund for Central Africa (UD-F2BC and FEVAC);**
- **the draft budget for the operation of the UD-F2BC and the FEVAC).**

The work will take place in three days, structured around two segments: the experts segment and the ministers segment. The results will feed the report of the Climate Commission for the Congo Basin, which is chaired by the Republic of Congo.

The conference will be attended by: Ministers in charge of the Environment and Finance of the Member States of ECCAS and the East African Community; the Chief Executives of the two RECs, the Representatives of the sub-regional organizations belonging to the two communities, the Development Banks of the two RECs, the African Union, the Technical and Financial Partners, NGOs, experts, media and resource persons

## INTENDED RESULTS

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### ABOUT THE POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC ASPECT

- Declaration of the ECCAS and EAC Ministers on the acceleration of the Operationalization of the Climate Commission of the Congo Basin, of the Blue Fund for the Congo Basin, and the Green Business Fund in Central Africa and the adoption of the common position about COP 23.
- Enhancement of the cooperation between ECCAS and EAC
- Enhancement of the African integration through the Blue Fund for the Congo Basin.

### ABOUT THE TECHNICAL ASPECT

- Adoption of the 2017 – 2018 Action Plan for the Operationalization of the Climate Commission of the Congo Basin
- Adoption of the sectorial Projects and Programs about the Development of the Blue Economy in East and Central Africa
- Updating of sectorial projects and programs about the Green economy and Blue economy in Central Africa

### ABOUT THE OPERATIONAL ASPECT

- Project of the Concept of the Excellence Center of Research, Training and Innovation about the Blue economy in Central and East Africa
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- Acceleration of the activities of the joint starting Unit of the Blue Fund of the Congo Basin and the Green Economy Fund in Central Africa.

### ABOUT THE FINANCIAL ASPECT

- The Acceleration of the Operationalization of the Blue Fund for the Congo Basin, financial impediment of cooperation between the Regional Economic Communities – RECs.

### ABOUT MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

- Promotion of the climate commission for the Congo Basin
- Promotion of the green finance and the blue finance
- Promotion of the cooperation between ECCAS and EAC.

**DAY 1:****08h00 – 08h30**

- Welcome and Registration of the Participants
- Installation of the Participants

**09h00 – 09h30: Session 1: Opening Ceremony**

- Address by the Secretary General of the ECCAS or His Representative
- Address by the Chairman of BDEAC or His Representative
- Keynote address by the Minister of Tourism and Environment

**09h30 – 10h00: Family / Group picture and Coffee Break****10h00 – 10h45: Session 2: Introductory Session**

- Establishment of the Bureau of the Meeting
- Presentation and adoption of the Agenda

**11h00 – 12h30: Session 3: Introductory Presentations**

**12h00 – 13h00: Establishment and Beginning of the Work Groups**

**13h00 – 14h00: Lunch**

**14h00 – 18h00: Group Work**

**18h00: End of the proceedings of Day 1.**

**DAY 2:**

**08h00: Resumption of the Proceedings**

**08h00 – 10h00: Continuation of the group work**

**10h00 – 10h15: Coffee Break**

**10h15 – 13h00: Group work Reports**

**13h00 – 14h00: Lunch**

**14h30 – 16h30: Reading of the Draft Report of the Experts**

**17h30: Closing Ceremony of the Expert Segment**

- Reading of the Conclusions and the Recommendations of the meetings of Experts
- Closing Address by the Minister of Tourism and Environment

**HIGH LEVEL MINISTERIAL SEGMENT****DAY 3: Ministers' Meeting in Camera**

**8h00: Arrival of Experts and Guests**

**8h30: Arrival of the ECCAS Secretary General and the East Africa Community**

**8h45: Arrival of the Diplomatic Corps and the Representatives of the International Organizations**

**9h00: Arrival of Ministers and invited Guests**

**9h25: Arrival of the Prime Minister, Head of the Government**

**9h30: Opening Ceremony**

- Partners remarks

**Opening Address by His Excellency Mr. Denis SASSOU NGUESSO, President of the Republic, Head of State**

**11h00 – 11h30: Family Picture and opening Cocktail**

**11h30 – 12h30: Introductory Session**

Establishment of the bureau

Reading of the Report of the Experts' meeting

**12h30 – 14h30: In Camera Meeting about the items on the Agenda**

**14h30 – 15h30: Lunch**

**17h00: Closing Ceremony**

Reading of the Final Communiqué

**Closing Address by His Excellency Mr. Denis SASSOU NGUESSO, President of the Republic, Head of State.**