



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

**REGIONAL UNFCCC's PRE- COP 27
MINISTERIAL MEETING**

**7TH SEPTEMBER, 2022
LEMIGO HOTEL
KIGALI, RWANDA**

REPORT OF THE MEETING

**EAC SECRETARIAT
ARUSHA, TANZANIA
SEPTEMBER 2022**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The regional ministerial conference on climate change was held in Kigali, Rwanda on 7th September, 2022, in accordance with the EAC Calendar of Activities for July-December, 2022. The Meeting was facilitated by the EAC Secretariat and financially supported by the Germany Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ).

1.1 Objective of the Meeting

The overall objective of the meeting was to prepare for effective participation to the forthcoming UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC's COP27) scheduled on 6th -18th November, 2022 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Specifically, the meeting:

- (a) Identified and deliberated on regional climate change priority projects; and
- (b) Developed key messages to inform Africa negotiation position during the forthcoming COP27.

The Agenda and Programme of the meeting are hereby attached as **Annex I**.

1.2 Participation and Attendance

The Meeting was attended by the ministers from ministries responsible for Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism, EAC Affairs, Environment and Natural Resources from Partner States. EAC Secretariat and LVBC staff were also in attendance. The list of participants is hereto attached as **Annex II**.

1.3 Constitution of the Bureau

The meeting was chaired by Hon. Marie Chantal Nijimbere, Minister for Trade, Transport, Industry & Tourism, Republic of Burundi while Mr. Abraham Ariik Chol, Coordinator was the Rapporteur representing the Minister of East African Community Affairs from the Republic of South Sudan.

1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda of the meeting was adopted and is hereto attached as **Annex III**.

2.0 OPENING OF THE MEETING

2.1 Remarks from the Host

Hon. Dr. Mujawamariya Jeanne d'Arc, Minister of Environment, from the Republic of Rwanda welcomed Ministers in Kigali and thanked them for attending the meeting. She thanked the EAC Secretariat for organizing the meeting in preparation for UNFCCC's COP 27 to be held in November, 2022 in Egypt. She briefed on the impacts of climate change and underscored the need for urgent measures in strengthening resilience and adaptation to the impacts. She highlighted the need for adequate preparation for effective participation in the global environmental policy discussions and highlighted Rwanda's commitment to UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement processes. She emphasised on the need for tangible support and contribution to developing countries in a bid to strengthen the implementation of the national, regional and global instruments on climate change. She urged Ministers to

consider the agenda items and make appropriate deliberations to guide the regional efforts on climate change. She finally wished the meeting fruitful deliberations.

2.2 Remarks from the EAC Secretariat

Eng. Ladislaus Kyaruzi Leonidas, Principal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) from the EAC Secretariat, welcomed Honourable Minister's to the meeting on behalf of the Secretary General, Dr. Peter M. Mathuki. He thanked the government of the Republic of Rwanda for hosting the meeting and warm hospitality extended to the Hon. Ministers. He informed the meeting on the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of Parties (COP27), the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP17) and the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 4) that be held from 6th-18th November, 2022 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. He reiterated the importance of the meeting to identify regional climate change priorities and develop regional position for submission to the AGN for consideration in the development of African position for Global climate conference. He concluded by Urging Partner States, EAC Secretariat in collaboration with partners to organize side events during COP 27 in order to showcase the achievements, lessons learned and best practices on climate change.

2.3 Remarks by Chairperson

Hon. Marie Chantal Nijimbere welcomed Ministers and thanked them for honouring the invitation and attending the meeting which illustrates their commitments in addressing the regional climate change challenges. She thanked EAC for organizing and GIZ for facilitating with the view of preparing and developing regional position for the forthcoming UNFCCC's COP 27 meeting in Egypt. She thanked the government of the Republic of Rwanda for warm hospitality and hosting the meeting in Kigali, the land of thousands hills and beautiful topography that will provide an opportunity to interact in a beautiful environment. She informed on the objectives of the meeting and the need to develop common negotiation position to guide the regional participation at the UNFCCC's COP 27 in Egypt to ensure that EAC speaks with one voice. She urged Ministers to identify regional climate change priorities and develop key messages and regional position to be shared with African Group of Negotiators (AGN). The key messages will guide our participation during the continental and global climate change conference in Egypt. She finally wished the meeting fruitful deliberations.

3.0 CONSIDERATION OF THE KEY MESSAGES TO INFORM AFRICA NEGOTIATION POSITION DURING UNFCCC's COP 27

The Chairperson of the technical session presented the report of the technical session and key messages developed to inform African Negotiation Position during UNFCCC's COP 27. The key messages will be submitted to the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) for consolidation.

The messages are geared at ensuring consideration to resilience and adaptation mechanisms, effective participation of developing countries to climate change mitigation action and achievement of sustainable development goals. Other issues highlighted were the need for access and deployment of technologies and adequate and predictable finances. The report also informed on the outcome of the Glasgow COP 26 on the completion and operationalization of the Paris Agreement.

Further, the need for EAC to undertake low carbon strategic actions was reiterated by the presentation in a bid to adopt carbon neutral strategies. The report also emphasized the need for global solutions on regional climate change on adaptation, mitigation, finance, capacity building and skills development and transfer of technologies. The meeting was informed on the regional priorities on climate change to be Agriculture and Food Security, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (REEE) and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). The report is hereto attached as **Annex IV**.

Further, the Chair of the Technical session presented a table with summary of project concept notes for the EAC. The table is illustrated below:

SUMMARY OF PROJECT CONCEPT NOTES FOR EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

S/N	TITTLE	OBJECTIVE	PERIOD	BUDGET
1	Building Climate Resiliency and Strengthening EAC Adaptive Capacity for Food Security	To support priority climate change adaptation actions in the EAC region to enhance the resilience of communities and contribute to the enhancement of food security in the East African region through the increase of production and access of affordable food, improved market linkages as well as improved risk management.	5 Years	USD 70Milion
2	Building adaptive capacities and resilience to climate change through improved water security, sanitation and hygiene in vulnerable arid and semi-arid communities in East Africa	To reduce vulnerability, strengthen the resilience and build the adaptive capacities of the poor, vulnerable communities, particularly those living in the transboundary	5 Years	USD 60 Million

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		ASAL areas where water, sanitation, water related diseases and health challenges are greatest, through an integrated adaptation approach focusing on provision of WASH services		
3	Scaling up access to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in East African Community Region	To improve framework conditions and scale up access to modern energy services so as to overcome the obstacles of technical, financial, legal, institutional, social, and related capacity building issues that hinder the penetration of cost-effective energy efficiency measures in EAC member states.	50 Million	5 Years
4	A Framework of Nature Based Solutions for Climate Change Resilient Communities	focused on 'natural resilience'— through targeted delivery of restoration, sustainable management, and protection related initiatives to ensure sustainability of ecosystems, biodiversity and	USD 100 Million	5 Years

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		natural assets in the East Africa. It will do so through the provision of targeted nature-based solutions through a streamlined approach offering a suite of interlinked top-down and bottom-up interventions.		
5	Transboundary Water bodies shorelines Integrated Management Programme	Integrating land management with ecotourism and industrial parks in water basins including Lake Tanganyika	\$100million	5 years

POTENTIAL PARTNERS FOR BILATERAL ENGAGEMENT

1. UNFCCC Secretariat
2. Green Climate Fund (GCF) Secretariat
3. Adaptation Fund (AF) Board Secretariat
4. Global Environment Facility (GEF)
5. Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Partnership
6. African Development Bank (AfDB)
7. European Union
8. French Development Agency
9. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
10. International Union for Conservation of Nature
11. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
12. German Agency for International Cooperation
13. United Nations Development Programme
14. United Nations Environment Programme
15. United States Agency for International Development
16. World Bank Group
17. China delegation
18. Scandnavian Countries
19. National Private Sectors

Observations:

- a) There is a need for the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP27) to strengthen the cooperation and implementation of adaptation,

transparency, technology transfer, mitigation, capacity building, and loss and damage initiatives;

- b) There is a need for developed country parties to provide support to developing country parties with adequate, gender sensitive and predictable finance, technology and capacity-building to enable them effectively meet their obligations under the convention;
- c) Developing countries have the capacity to contribute to the solution of addressing climate change challenges through embracing sustainable development initiatives;
- d) There is a need to ensure consistency in the UNFCCC processes for effective participation in the global climate change discussions and negotiations;
- e) There is a need for the identification of the concrete measures and recommendations reflecting regional needs and aspirations on climate change; and
- f) There is a need for agriculture to be given special consideration in the context of increasing resilience to recurrent disasters and risks.

The Meeting recommended that:

- (a) Developed country parties should support developing country parties with adequate, gender responsive, predictable finance, technology and capacity-building to enable them effectively meet their obligations under the Convention;**
- (b) EAC Partner States to ensure consistency in the UNFCCC processes for effective participation in the global climate change discussions and negotiations;**
- (c) The regional priorities to be guided by the identified concrete measures and recommendations reflecting regional needs and aspirations on climate change; and**
- (d) Sustainable Agriculture to be given special consideration in the context of increasing resilience to recurrent disasters and risks.**

4.0 Way Forward

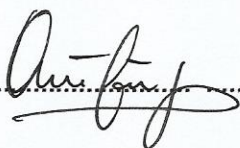
- (a) EAC Secretariat to ensure effective coordination and collective engagement of Partner States during pre-COP 27, COP 27 and Post COP 27 sessions for effective participation, negotiation and implementation of the COPs resolutions;**
- (b) EAC Secretariat to mobilize more resources to strengthen EAC resilience and participation in the national, regional and international climate change processes;**
- (c) EAC Secretariat to submit the adopted EAC common position for COP27/CMP17/CMA 4 to the Chair of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) on climate change.**



6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 11.30hrs

Signed on 7th September, 2022 by the Respective Ministers as hereunder:



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Nijimbere**

Minister

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Transport,
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**Hon. Dr.
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