

Decision 15/5: African strategy on climate change

We, African ministers of the environment,

Having met in Cairo from 4 to 6 March 2015 at the fifteenth session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment,

Recalling the decision of the Executive Council of the African Union on the negotiation process for the African common position on climate change,¹ in which the African Union Commission was requested, in collaboration with partners, to elaborate a comprehensive African strategy on climate change to deal with short-term, medium-term and long-term climate change issues in Africa,

Recalling also decision SS.IV/1, adopted by the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment at its fourth special session, in which African ministers of the environment decided to request the African Union Commission to circulate the final draft of the African strategy on climate change to member States for comments and further input, upon which the President of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment was urged to convene a meeting of the Bureau to consider input from member States and endorse the strategy,

Decide:

1. To take note of the draft comprehensive African strategy on climate change along with its matrix of implementation prepared by the African Union Commission as a framework for integrated and coordinated mechanisms designed to give strategic support to regional economic communities, member States and other stakeholders in addressing the challenges and opportunities associated with climate change;

2. To mandate the Bureau to consider the draft comprehensive African strategy on climate change for approval and onward transmission to the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment at its next session for possible endorsement, following which the draft strategy would be submitted to the Summit of the African Union to be held in January 2017 for possible adoption.

¹ EX.CL/Dec.500(XV)Rev.1.