

AGENCE PANAFRICAINNE  
DE LA GRANDE MURAILLE VERTE  
**APGMV**



PAN-AFRICAN AGENCY  
OF THE GREAT GREEN WALL  
**PAGGW**

الوكالة الإفريقية للسور الأخضر الكبير

---

## MINISTERS' COUNCIL

---

### EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

February 7th, 2017 - Khartoum, Sudan

# REPORT

*February, 2017*

1. The Extraordinary Session of the Ministers' Council of the Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW) took place on **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, in Khartoum, Sudan, under the chairmanship of **H.E. Mr. Amedi CAMARA**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

2. The following dignitaries took part to the Session:

➤ **The Ministers of the Member States of the PAGGW**

- For BURKINA FASO, **Mr. Batio BASSIERE**, Minister of Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change;
- For the Republic of DJIBOUTI, **Mr. Moussa Mohamed AHMED**, Minister of Habitat, Urbanism and Environment;
- For the Federal Democratic Republic of ETHIOPIA, **Mr. Kebede YIMAM**, State Minister, Minister of Environment, Forests Development and Climate Change;
- For the Republic of Mali, **Mrs. KEITA Aïda MBO**, Minister of Environment, Sanitation and Sustainable Development;
- For the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, **Mr. Amedi CAMARA**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development;
- For the Republic of Niger, **Mr. Almoustapha GARBA**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development;
- For the Federal Republic of Nigeria, **Mr. Ibrahim Usman JIBRIL**, State Minister of Environment;
- For the Republic of Senegal, **Mr. Abdoulaye BALDE**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development;
- For the Republic of Sudan, **Dr. Hassan Abdelgadir HILAL**, Minister of Environment, Natural Resources and physical Development;
- For the Republic of Chad, **Mr. Djiber LOOL**, Adviser, Representing **Mr. BRAH Mahamat**, Minister of Environment and Fisheries;
- The State of Eritrea did not attend

➤ **Other Institutions attended the Session as Invitees**

€ **Statutory PAGGW Member Institutions:**

- For The African Union Commission (AUC), **Mrs. TUMUSSIME RHODA PEACE**, **Commissioner**, in charge of Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission;
- For the New Partnership for the African Development (NEPAD), **Mr. Amadou DIALLO**, Representing the Executive Secretary ;
- For the United Nations Environment Organization (UNEO), **Mr. Samba Harouna THIAM**, Representing the Regional Director for Africa;



- For the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel Region (CILSS), Mr. Ibrahim Lumumba IDI-ISSA, Deputy Executive Secretary, Representative of the Executive Secretary;

- For the Inter-Governmental Authority for Development (IGAD), Prof. Essidig ELNOUR, Representing the Executive Secretary;

€ The following Institutions did not attend:

- The Community of Sahelo-Saharan States (CEN-SAD)
- The Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC)

## I. OPENING CEREMONY

3. The official opening Ceremony of the Extraordinary Session of the Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW) took place in Khartoum under the Chairmanship of H.E. **General Bakery Hassan SALIH**, first Vice-President of the Republic of Sudan. Various speeches were delivered at the Opening Ceremony by the following personalities :

- The Representative of the United Nations Environment Organization (UNEO), **Mr. Samba Harouna THIAM**;
- The **Commissioner**, in charge of Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission, **Mrs. TUMUSSIME RHODA PEACE**;
- The Executive Secretary of the Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW), **Prof. Abdoulaye DIA**;
- The Minister of Environment, Natural Resources and Physical Development of the Republic of Sudan, **Dr. Hassan Abdelgadir HILAL**;
- The Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, **Mr. Amedi CAMARA, Chairman of the Ministers' Council of the PAGGW**;
- The opening speech by H.E. **General Bakery Hassan SALIH**, first Vice-President of the Republic of Sudan.

The delivered speeches are appended to this Report.

## II. PROGRESS OF WORK

### II.1. Adoption of the provisional agendas, Program of work and appointment of the Committee for the Extraordinary Session:

4. The Chairman of the Ministers' Council of the PAGGW, **Mr. Amedi CAMARA**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, after having previously noticed that the quorum is reached, reminded the agenda items. Following review and debate, the Agenda Items and the program of work are adopted.
5. The Committee for the Extraordinary Session is composed as follows :

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

**Vice-Chairmanship:** Republic of Sudan, **Dr. Hassan Abdelgadir HILAL**, Minister of Environment, Natural Resources and Physical Development;

**Rapporteurs:**

- The Federal Republic of Nigeria, **Mr. Ibrahim Usman JIBRIL**, State Minister of Environment;



- The Republic of Chad, **Mr. Djiber LOOL**, Adviser, Representing **Mr. BRAH Mahamat**, Minister of Environment and Fisheries;
- The Republic of Niger, **Mr. Almoustapha GARBA**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development.

## **II.2. Review of the Technical and Experts Committee Meeting Report**

6. After the reading of the Technical and Experts Committee Report, the Ministers' Council congratulated the Experts for the quality of the document. Each Minister was heard in turn in order to provide suggestions for amendments. These amendments were related to setting up the GGW National Alliances and the rebate to the GGW national Alliances which was subject of a previous recommendation.

Moreover, the resources mobilization and the pledges from certain partners have been mentioned. In addition, more information related to the Trans Africa (TAP) Project has been requested.

As far as the topic of Resources Mobilization is concerned, the Ministers' Council has given mandate to the Executive Secretariat, to engage into discussions with the African Union, as a political guardianship in charge of mobilizing the necessary funds for the implementation of the Great Green Wall, and the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the United Nations Environment Organization (UNEO), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and so forth. Likewise, the proposal made by the Experts about the title of the liaison bulletin "**Echos de la GMV**" has been approved.

7. The Ministers' Council has taken note of the above mentioned report and has requested the amendment to be incorporated.

## **II.3. 2016 Technical Activities Report (TAR) of the Executive Secretariat**

8. After reviewing the 2016 Technical Activities Report, the Ministers' Council has congratulated the Executive Secretariat of the PAGGW. The Ministers' Council requests the Executive Secretariat to avoid having empty pages for the countries for which the Report have not been provided. It is requested to mention the country which has not submitted its Report in a foot note. The Member States are requested to comply with the provided template for the Country Reports and submit such report through the official route, instead of and not only through the national focal points.

9. The Ministers' Council has adopted the 2016 Technical Activities Report. It reiterates the continuation and the development of activities for the year 2017.

## **II.4. Budget Execution Report of the Executive Secretariat**

10. The Ministers' Council has reviewed the 2016 Budget Execution Report and requests the Executive Secretariat to take into account the following amendments:

- To pursue the sensitization and communication towards the countries which have still to ratify the Convention;
- The facilitation to the African countries which are seeking accession to the PAGGW;
- To focus on the support the countries on structuring programs instead of focusing on the rebate;

11. The Ministers' Council has adopted the 2016 Budget Execution Report after the incorporation of the above mentioned amendments.

## **II.5. 2017 Activities Program**

12. The Ministers' Council adopted the 2017 Activities Program and requests the Executive Secretariat to implement the Activities of the program for the Year 2017.

## **II.6. Budget Proposal for the fiscal year 2017**



### *II.6.1 Ministerial Ad Hoc Committee Report on the Strategic Document related to the organization and Management of the Statutory Sessions and Meetings of the PAGGW.*

13. After hearing the Ministerial Ad Hoc Committee on the 2017 Budget Report, the Council of Ministers has chosen the **Option N° 2** which consists of the costs sharing. The costs sharing model is as follows:
- a. **Member States:** Payment of air ticket Costs of the Ministers;
  - b. **Host Country:** Renting the venue of the Session, Local Transport, Interpretation (French/English/French), welcome and communication costs;
  - c. **PAGGW:** Payment of economic class air ticket costs for two (02) Experts per country, DSA (Ministers and Experts), Session Fees, documents translation costs, Secretariat, Communication Support, catering on site and Coffee Breaks.

### *II.6.2 Budget Proposal*

14. The authorizes the Executive Secretariat an exceptional levy from a Reserve of Reports to New (RRN) after updating the `PAGGW's financial charges on statutory Sessions and Meetings, in accordance with the model of sharing costs indicated on paragraph 13 of this report.
15. The Council of the Ministers examined and adopted the draft Budget 2017 and requested the Executive Secretariat to take into account the new assessment of the expenses of the statutory sessions and meetings approved by the Council and to make adjustments in terms of costs to the Budget Program.
16. In terms of the resources mobilization for the implementation of the activities, the Council of Ministers:
- reiterates its call to the Member States for the payment of their arrears of statutory contributions and the payment on time of the annual contribution.
  - requests the African Union (AU) to fully ensure its role as a political guardianship and support the Agency on Financial Resources Mobilization;
  - calls the other Regional and Sub-Regional Institutions to support the PAGGW efforts;
  - gives a mandate to the Executive Secretariat, in relation with the Ministerial Ah Hoc Committee, to organize a Round Table of the Financial and Technical Partners for financing the 2016-2020 Strategy.

### **II.7 Audit Report for the fiscal year 2011-2015 and Certification of Accounts**

17. After the submission by the Auditor of the Audit Reports on the accounts of the fiscal years, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, the Council of Ministers has welcomed the Certification of Accounts of these fiscal years
18. After reviewing those Audit Reports on the PAGGW's accounts, the Council approved the financial statements and give full discharge to the Executive Secretary.
19. In addition, the Council requested the Executive Secretary to take into account the recommendations made by the External Auditor in the various documents, in particular in letter N°MAL/CAC/APGMV/015 of 23/11/2016 Addressed to the PAGGW Executive Secretary.

### **II.8 Record of Applications to the position of Executive Secretary (closed session)**

20. Following exchanges on the Evaluation Mission report of the Administrative compliance of the candidacies to the position of Executive Secretary of the PAGGW, the Council decided to submit those applications to the ministerial Ad Hoc Committee, for analysis,



decided to submit to the ministerial Ad Hoc Committee, for analysis, and accordingly prepare a note on those applications and submit it to the high attention of the Heads of States and Governments during the next Summit.

## **II.9 Organization of the next Ordinary Session of the Ministers' Council**

21. For the Organization of the next Summit of the Heads of States and Government, certain States have expressed the wish of hosting the next Session, but they should get a prior approval of their Heads of States. The approval should be confirmed at the end of February 2017, the latest.

22. In the perspective of organizing the next Heads of States and Governments Summit, the Ministers' Council has decided on the duration of the Statutory Sessions as follows:

- Segment of Experts: One (01) day
- Ministers' Council Segment : One (01) day
- Heads of States and Governments : One (01) day

## **II.10. Other Matters**

23. Under the Other Matters topic, two points have been raised. They are:

- The choice of the Bulletin title "**Les Echos de la GMV**", proposed by the Experts, (instead of "The Echos of the Sahel), has been chosen. The Council requests the improvement of the format and requests the publication of the Bulletin 3 times a year, including a special edition.

- Under the topic related to building the headquarters, the Council requests the Secretariat to work on a mockup and on an architectural drawing. The Executive Secretariat mentioned an existing architectural drawing which it will try to update.

## **II.11. Recommendations**

24. The Ministers' Council has provided the following Recommendations (Rec):

**Rec.1:** Urging the signing of Performance Contracts between the National Agencies and the respective States;

**Rec.2:** The payment in arrears of the Statutory Contributions of the Member States and clearing the arrears, in compliance with their commitments;

**Rec.3:** Resume the contact with the Trans Africa Pipeline (TAP) Foundation to obtain more information for the sake of informing the Member States for further decision making;

**Rec.4:** Enlargement of the accession of other countries to the PAGGW, in compliance with the Article 16 of the Convention;

**Rec.5:** The improvement of the level of Internal and External Resources Allocation to the benefit of the National Agencies of the GGW;

**Rec.6:** The improvement of the framework document related to the study carried out by the consultant and related to the Bank of Carbon Credit. The study should take into account the regional dimension of the project and the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) in each Member State of the GGW, and accordingly elaborate a road map.

## **II.12. Adoption of the Report and Regulations of the Extraordinary Session of the Ministers' Council**

25. The Ministers' Council has adopted the Final Report of the Extraordinary Session of the Ministers' Council held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan. The Ministers' Council has made the following regulations:

- **Regulation N° 2017/001/CM/PAGGW/KHT** to adopt the Report of the Extraordinary Session of the Ministers' Council of the Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW);
- **Regulation N° 2017/002/CM/PAGGW/KHT** to adopt the 2016 Technical Activities Report of the Executive Secretariat of the Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW);
- **Regulation N° 2017/003/CM/ PAGGW/KHT** to adopt the 2016 Budget Execution Report of the Executive Secretariat of the Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW);
- **Regulation N° 2017/004/CM/ PAGGW/KHT** to adopt the 2017 Activities Program of the Executive Secretariat of the Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW);
- **Regulation N° 2017/005/CM/ PAGGW/KHT** to adopt the Ad Hoc Committee Report on the organization of the Statutory Sessions and Meetings;
- **Regulation N° 2017/006/CM/ PAGGW/KHT** to exceptionally authorize direct debits from Reserves of Retained Earnings for the Fiscal year 2017;
- **Regulation N° 2017/007/CM/ PAGGW/KHT** to adopt the 2017 Budget Proposal of the Executive Secretariat of the Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW);
- **Regulation N° 2017/008/CM/ PAGGW/KHT** to approve the Audit reports for the fiscal years between 2011 and 2015 of the Executive Secretariat of the Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW);
- **Regulation N° 2017/009/CM/ PAGGW/KHT** to shortlist candidates for the position of the Executive Secretariat of the Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW);
- **Regulation N° 2017/10/CM/ PAGGW/KHT** to organize the next Session of the Ministers' Council of the Pan African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW).

### III. CLOSING CEREMONY

26. Mrs. KEITA Aïda MBO, Minister of Environment, Sanitation and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Mali has read, on behalf of the Council, the motion of thanks appended herewith.

Adopted by the Regulation N° 2017/001/CM/PAGGW/KHT

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in Khartoum, Sudan

H.E. Amedi CAMARA, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania  
President of the Ministers' Council of the PAGGW

