

Extraordinary Conference of the ECCAS and EAC Ministers about the Acceleration of the Operationalization of the Climate Commission for the Congo Basin, the Blue Fund of the Congo Basin, and the Fund for the Green Business in Central Africa and about the Adoption of the common position to the COP 23.

Summary of the Guidance Note

From 3 to 5 October 2017 at the Radisson Blu 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 in Marrakech;
- The decisions of the ECCAS heads of state on the green economy and the Memorandum for the creation 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 Congo Basin Climate Commission and the Common Position of States in the face of COP 23;
- Draft text on structuring, organization and functioning of the Climate Commission for the Congo Basin;
- The Congo Basin Commission's Action Plan 2017-2018
- The Draft Decision on the institutionalization of the Conference of Ministers of Environment and Finance of ECCAS and the Community of West Africa East ;
- 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;
- 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 UD-F2BC and 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.