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African Union Summit Decision and Declaration on Climate Change

**ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION
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Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA**

DECISION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA - (DOC. ASSEMBLY/AU/12 (VIII))

The Assembly:

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on Climate Change and Development in Africa;
2. **EXPRESSES GRAVE CONCERN** on the vulnerability of Africa's socio-economic and productive systems to climate change and variability and to the continent's low mitigation and response capacities;
3. **COMMENDS** the development partners for their collaboration in the elaboration of a Plan entitled "Climate Information for Development Needs: An Action Plan for Africa – Report and Implementation Strategy";
4. **ENDORSES** the above-mentioned Plan;
5. **URGES** Member States and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in collaboration with the private sector, civil society and development partners to integrate climate change considerations into development strategies and programmes at national and regional levels.
6. **CALLS UPON** Africa's cooperation partners to support the Member States and Regional Economic Communities to effectively integrate adaptation and mitigation measures into their development plans and to implement them.
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission, the Economic Commission for Africa, the African Development Bank to develop and implement the Plan on Climate Change and Development in Africa and to report on progress biannually to the Assembly.

DECLARATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

We, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, meeting at the 8th Ordinary Session of our Assembly in Addis Ababa, from 29 – 30 January 2007:

Recalling our commitment to the principles and objectives, stipulated in the Constitutive Act of the African Union and its NEPAD programme;

Further Recalling the objective and principles of the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its commitments;

Welcoming the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol on 16 February 2005 and its full operationalisation by the Marrakech Accords adopted in Montreal in December 2005;

Further welcoming the Gleneagles G8 communiqué on Africa, Climate Change, Energy and Sustainable Development and its commitments on:

- Developing fully operational regional climate centres in Africa;
- Improving climate risk management in multilateral and bilateral development organizations;
- Helping developing countries build their resilience to climate change to the Millennium Review Summit in New York;