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Africa Climate Summit II Parliamentary Dialogue “Financing for Africa’s Resilient and Green Development: Parliamentary Pathways”

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PREAMBLE

WE, the Members of Parliament representing the Climate Vulnerable Forum and V20 Finance Ministers (CVF-V20) Member States, the Africa Network of Parliamentarians on Climate Change (ANPCC); and the Parliamentarians for Climate Finance Project: Climate Parliament, convened in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for the Second Africa Climate Summit (ACSII) with representation from African Parliaments for a Parliamentary Dialogue titled: “**Financing for Africa’s Resilient and Green Development: Parliamentary Pathways**” in line with the ACS II theme;

Recalling the **First Africa Climate Summit under the theme: Driving Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions for Africa and the World** held in Nairobi, Kenya from 4-6 September 2023 and the Parliamentary Dialogue held during that session;

Recalling the **African Leaders Nairobi Declaration on Climate Change and Call to Action** at the First Africa Climate Summit reiterating Africa’s readiness to create an enabling environment, enact policies and facilitate investments necessary to unlock resources and calling for the development and implementation of policies, regulations and incentives aimed at attracting local, regional and global investment in green growth, amongst others;

Further Recalling the **Twentieth Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment** held from 14-18 July 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya, under the theme “Four Decades of Environmental Action in Africa: Reflecting on the Past and Imagining the Future” underscoring the need to champion the development of clear regulatory frameworks, offer targeted fiscal incentives, and streamline administrative processes to attract both domestic and international private sector investment into critical sectors such as renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, circular economy initiatives among others;

Affirming the central role of legislatures in enabling, accelerating, and overseeing climate finance and green development across the continent, underscoring that parliaments have a critical responsibility to enact policies that facilitate and incentivise investments ensuring climate finance is scaled up and effectively utilised for the benefit of African communities and economies;

Recognizing that this Meeting held on the sidelines of the ACSII is convened at a pivotal moment as the entire African continent faces mounting and complex challenges. African countries confront an urgent need to scale up climate investments to address widespread vulnerabilities in agriculture, infrastructure, health, and economic stability. However, these efforts are hampered by narrowing fiscal space due to increasing debt burdens, competing development priorities, and the global economic slowdown. This context underscores the critical demand for innovative, equitable, and sustainable financing solutions alongside strengthened parliamentary leadership and regional cooperation to mobilize both public and private climate finance.

Key Messages

Noting that at this Meeting, the following critical areas were covered:

- **Africa's minimal emissions, disproportionate impacts, and finance gap:** Africa's contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions is only about 4%, yet the continent faces some of the most severe climate impacts. Despite this injustice, Africa receives merely 3.3% of global climate finance, far below what is required to meet its climate goals. This underscores the urgent need for a significant scaling up of climate finance to Africa through enhanced international support alongside domestic action to mobilise resources;
- **Leadership in climate legislation and oversight:** Parliamentarians must take leadership in strengthening and enacting national climate change legislation and robust finance oversight. As of early 2025, fewer than 10 African countries have dedicated climate change laws in force, an urgent gap that lawmakers are poised to fill to anchor climate commitments in law and ensure public climate funds are transparently and accountably managed;
- **Transformative role of Climate Prosperity Plans:** We highlight the transformative potential of Climate Prosperity Plans (CPPs) as strategic investment blueprints for aligning development and climate objectives. Pioneered by CVF-V20 nations, CPPs chart out resilient, inclusive green economies by mobilising public and private capital and integrating climate, nature, health, and development goals. Ambitious pipelines of bankable projects, in renewable energy, climate-resilient infrastructure, sustainable agriculture, public health, social protection and nature-based solutions, can drive both climate resilience and socio-economic development. The dialogue showcased how early adopters of CPPs are attracting investment and turning Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) targets into on-the-ground opportunities for jobs and growth. Parliamentarians agreed that supporting the development and implementation of CPPs in more African countries will be a game-changer in closing the climate finance gap;
- **Transparent and inclusive climate finance governance:** Transparent, accountable, and inclusive governance of climate finance is critical for ensuring that resources are used effectively and equitably in support of a just transition. Strengthening parliamentary oversight and public transparency in climate related expenditures will help build public trust and ensure climate funds reach priority needs, leaving no community behind;
- **African led frameworks for climate action:** Home-grown African frameworks such as the Model Climate Change Law for Africa and the Climate Monitoring & Accountability Tool are essential to scaling up climate action and finance oversight.

The Model Law, developed with support from the African Group of Negotiators Experts Support (AGNES), embeds sustainable climate finance mechanisms into a draft legislative framework adaptable by countries, while the new accountability tool strengthens parliamentary tracking of climate expenditure. These initiatives demonstrate Africa's commitment to innovative solutions that institutionalise climate finance and accountability; and

- **Value of parliamentary collaboration and networks:** Enhanced collaboration through parliamentary networks like the CVF-V20 Global Parliamentary Group (GPG) and the ANPCC amplifies a unified African voice on climate policy and facilitates knowledge exchange. Working together in these networks, African legislators share best practices and coordinate efforts to forge legislative frameworks that direct finance toward climate prosperity, sustainable livelihoods and green energy zones. Such solidarity and peer support bolster the continent's ability to advocate for its interests on the global stage. The dialogue highlighted the Parliamentarians for Climate Finance (PCF) project as a pioneering example of legislative leadership: This initiative spanning 15 African countries has built Members of Parliament's capacity on climate finance, convened investment dialogues, and has explored the necessary regulatory and institutional frameworks to significantly boost green investment. Demonstrating that when lawmakers are equipped and coordinated, they can directly influence the scaling up of renewable energy projects, climate-smart infrastructure, and finance allocations in their countries. We agree on the need to expand such networks and replicate successful initiatives, noting that strong inter-parliamentary collaboration will amplify Africa's climate voice globally and accelerate the continent's green transition.

Commitments Made

We hereby commit ourselves, as legislators, representatives, and stakeholders, to the following concrete actions, aimed at accelerating climate finance and reinforcing climate governance across our nations:

- We commit to advocate for and support the development of Climate Prosperity Plans in our respective countries as blueprints for green growth;
- We pledge to accelerate the passage of robust climate change legislation in our parliaments. Drawing on the Model Climate Change Law for Africa, we will push for new or revised national laws that establish clear targets, roles, and financing mechanisms for climate action;
- We commit to heighten our parliamentary oversight of climate finance to guarantee that funds, domestic and international, are utilised effectively and reach their intended outcomes. We will institutionalise the use of emerging tools like the Climate Finance Monitoring & Accountability Tool in our parliamentary committees;
- We pledge to advocate for climate-smart budgeting in national fiscal processes. This includes pushing for dedicated budget lines for climate adaptation and clean energy, tax incentives for green enterprises, and the phasing out of subsidies harmful to the environment. We commit to scrutinise financial bills and national budgets to ensure they reflect climate priorities;
- We will continue to work together through networks like the CVF-V20 GPG, AGNES, ANPCC, and Global Renewables Congress (GRC) to share knowledge, technical

expertise, and coordinated strategies. We commit to organising follow-up regional workshops and cross-country mentorship among Members of Parliament to sustain the momentum from this Dialogue and we commit to support the institutional strengthening of the ANPCC, so it can serve as a permanent forum for collaboration, peer learning and unified advocacy by African lawmakers on climate finance and policy;

- We recognise that our efforts will succeed only with the involvement of all stakeholders, from local communities and civil society to the private sector and youth. We therefore commit to engage widely in our countries to build inclusive support for climate action;
- We commit to working collaboratively with stakeholders to enrich our knowledge on green energy corridors, zones, and grids, and their establishment within our jurisdictions, recognising the role that they play in transitioning to renewable energy systems.
- As African parliamentarians we commit to take our message to the international stage. We will actively participate in inter-parliamentary forums and delegation to UNFCCC COPs, pressing for the fulfilment of climate finance commitments whilst advancing more ambitious finance targets that truly responds to Africa's needs; and
- We commit to holding ourselves accountable for making measurable progress on each front before the next Africa Climate Summit.

Calls to Action

We urge our national governments, international partners, and fellow legislators, to join forces in taking the following actions to deliver in financing Africa's resilient and green development:

- We call on African governments to prioritise climate action as integral to our continent's development agenda, by mainstreaming climate resilience into national planning and budgeting, enacting or strengthening climate change laws, in line with the Model Law for Africa, to create a supportive regulatory environment, and establishing robust national climate funds and policies that attract investment. We call on governments to empower parliaments in climate oversight and ensure transparency in all climate-related expenditures.
- We ask all African governments to implement the decisions and commitments you have made in regional and global forums, from increasing domestic budget allocations for climate adaptation, to protecting nature-based solutions, and fostering clean energy markets that create jobs for our people. We, the parliamentarians, stand ready to support and push these efforts forward through our legislative and appropriation powers.
- We call upon international partners, including developed countries, donors, and multilateral Institutions, to fulfil and dramatically scale up your climate finance commitments to Africa. We insist that climate finance be made more accessible, predictable, and equitable prioritising grants and highly concessional loans over debt-creating instruments. We also urge reform of the global financial system: multilateral development banks (MDBs) and international funds should simplify their procedures and tailor their portfolios to Africa's resilience and renewable energy projects, and special drawing rights should be innovatively harnessed for climate

investments. Furthermore, we call on bilateral and multilateral partners to support initiatives led by climate vulnerable countries like CPPs and the Parliamentarians for Climate Finance model: to help us scale up these successes by providing technical assistance, capacity building, and funding for their expansion.

- We urge fellow legislators, on the continent and beyond, to become climate champions within your assemblies, pushing climate and environmental bills to the top of the agenda, and engage actively with your constituencies on climate solutions. We urge you to use your oversight authority to ensure governments implement climate projects efficiently and inclusively. We further urge legislators across the globe to advocate for increased climate aid and fair finance for developing nations, and to scrutinise your own governments' contributions to ensure pledges translate into disbursements.

In conclusion,

WE, the Members of Parliament representing the CVF-V20 Member States, the ANPCC, and the Parliamentarians for Climate Finance Project: Climate Parliament, having successfully concluded our participation at the Africa Climate Summit held in Addis Ababa, commend the Government and the People of Ethiopia for successfully hosting the Africa Climate Summit 2025, and express our sincere appreciation for the warm hospitality and excellent organisation extended to all delegates during the event.

We wish to further acknowledge the steadfast commitment of our institutional partners and supporting organisations, whose advocacy and expertise have been pivotal to the success of this Meeting. Their dedicated efforts in facilitating constructive dialogue, strengthening parliamentary collaboration, and providing technical support have enabled us to address the urgent challenges posed by climate change with renewed vigour and unity.

This Communique is endorsed by the Members of Parliament and institutional partners attending the **Africa Climate Summit II Parliamentary Dialogue**, held on 08 September 2025.

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[Representatives of the following Parliaments have endorsed this communique:]

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