



## KAMPALA MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

### ON MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

BY

MEMBER STATES OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT (IGAD),  
THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) AND STATES OF THE EAST AND HORN OF AFRICA

AT

THE INTER MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE  
CHANGE

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Commonwealth Speke Resort Munyonyo  
Kampala, Republic of Uganda

**We, the Ministers of Environment, Ministers of Interior and Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Governments of the Member States of the Inter Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the East African Community (EAC), and the States of the East and Horn of Africa,** having gathered, together with high level representatives of African Union, UN and Development Partners and the Youth, at the Inter-Ministerial Conference on Migration, Environment and Climate Change on 27 – 29 July 2022 in Kampala, Republic of Uganda;

**In the spirit of regional integration and friendship** that ties the countries of the East and Horn of Africa Region, namely: Republic of Burundi, Republic of Djibouti, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the State of Eritrea, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of Kenya, Republic of Rwanda, Federal Republic of Somalia, Republic of South Sudan, Republic of Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, and Republic of Uganda;

**Deeply concerned** by the adverse effects of the climate change crisis on our people and livestock, place an urgent call for enhanced cooperation and action to address the following:

- (a) The progressive desertification and land degradation creating forced mobility of people and livestock;
- (b) The unsustainable use of ecosystems and the impact of frequent and intense extreme weather events on people and livestock;
- (c) The unplanned migration of our people from rural to urban centres as a result of climate change and disasters;



- (d) The paucity of data and statistics on the impact of climate change on human and livestock mobility in the region;
- (e) The limitations of partnerships and financing to respond to the climate crisis adversely affecting the mobility of our people and livestock in the region;

**Recognizing** that the East and Horn of Africa Region is severely affected by environmental degradation, floods, landslides, sand storms, tropical cyclones, drought, water level rise and rainfall variability. Notably, in 2021 alone, 2.6 million new disaster displacements occurred in sub-Saharan Africa creating climate mobility crisis.

**Determined** to strengthen economic growth, sustain social cohesion and stability in our region;

**Desirous of declaring** our commitment to timely respond to critical matters of migration, environment and climate change and its adverse impacts on people and livestock through enhancing cooperation on the climate change mobility crisis;

**Note with concern** that groups including women, girls, youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities, migrants, displaced persons, pastoralists and minorities might be threatened with marginalization in exercising their rights to access climate action opportunities;

**Guided** by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948; the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1966; UN Council Resolution 35/20; the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement 2015; the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) 1994; the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030; the Agenda for the Protection of Cross Border Displaced Persons in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change 2015; the New Urban Agenda 2017 Article 28; the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) 1992; the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration 2018; the Global Compact on Refugees 2018; UNILO International Labour Standards (ILS); the African Union Agenda 2063; and the Glasgow Climate Pact 2021;

**Recalling** previous Decisions of the Conference of Parties of the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on Long-term Cooperative Action to enhance understanding, coordination and cooperation with regard to climate change induced displacement, migration and planned relocation, where appropriate, at the national, regional and international levels;

**Recalling** that the Paris Agreement acknowledges that climate change is a common concern of humankind; that adaptation is a global challenge faced at local, subnational, national, regional and global dimensions, and contributes to the protection of people, livelihoods and ecosystems; taking into account the urgent and immediate needs of those small Island states and developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;





**And the Paris Agreement FCCC/CP/2015/L.9/Decision 50.**” requesting the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism to establish, according to its procedures and mandate, a task force to complement, draw upon the work of and involve, as appropriate, existing bodies and expert groups under the Convention including the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, as well as relevant organizations and expert bodies outside the Convention, to FCCC/CP/2015/L.9/Rev.1 8 develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change;

**Noting** the Glasgow-Sharm el-Sheikh work program on the Global Goal on Adaptation with a view to enhance adaptation action and support in line with the Cancun Climate Change Adaptation Framework and the Decision 1/CMA.3 Glasgow Climate Pact (2021) acknowledging the rights of migrants when taking action to address climate change;

**Aware** of the progressive work of the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in line with the Working Group II report on ‘Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability’;

**Recalling** the mandates that emerged from the 26<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow in 2021 to inform the preparations for the 27<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Sharm el-Sheikh in November 2022 towards robust climate action, deeper cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, enhanced resilience to adapt to the effects of climate change and financial support for developing countries, including preparations for the first Global Stocktake at the 28<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference (COP 28) at the end of 2023;

**Recognizing and appreciating** the leadership of the Government of the Republic Uganda, in this dialogue on climate change, environment and migration;

**Further recognizing and appreciating** the partnership between the IOM and the UNFCCC with the Member States, AU, EAC and IGAD in facilitating this important dialogue on the migration, environment and climate change;

**In this context therefore, We, the Ministers of Environment, Ministers of Interior and Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the EAC and IGAD and States of the East and Horn of Africa, having gathered key messages and experiences from government experts, youth and community leaders as well as development partners, in the spirit of international cooperation and regional integration hereby commit to:**

1. Build and strengthen climate resilience and adaptive interventions of all communities living in fragile ecosystems, flood prone water basins, low lying areas and mountain slopes including enacting urgent regional and national legislation, policies and strategies for actions;





2. Implement and domesticate the provisions of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) underscoring State role to address desertification, land degradation and drought as one of the drivers of poverty and forced mobility;
3. Facilitate a conducive regulatory and policy environment to harness the socio-economic benefits of remittances, trade and investment;
4. Engage multilateral development banks and financial institutions and development partners to create/extend financing relief for countries hosting migrants and disaster displaced persons;
5. Create and/or increase investment in the circular economy, renewable energy and energy efficiency, climate smart agriculture, green economy, blue economy, digital economy and nature based solutions;
6. Develop comprehensive urban plans to address population surges in urban arising as a result of adverse impacts of climate change in marginal rural areas including promoting rural-urban collaboration to reduce vulnerability and create adaptive mechanisms for safe migration and access to sustainable livelihoods;
7. Work with the private sector to improve urban-rural connectivity for the youth and traders through internet access, technological advancement, provision of energy and road/rail infrastructure;
8. Establish and strengthen regional and national weather and climate institutions and systems to generate accurate, timely data and information on climate change impacts on human mobility; and increase collaboration between/among Member States and with the IGAD Centre of Excellence for Climate Prediction and Applications (ICPAC).
9. Address knowledge gaps by understanding and applying indigenous knowledge and practices in the development of appropriate adaptation responses, to reduce the context-specific vulnerability of communities to the impacts of climate change.
10. Apply and integrate gender and human rights-based approaches in the design and implementation of policies relating to the climate change-migration nexus.
11. Establish an IGAD-EAC and States of the East and Horn of Africa, Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Climate Change, Environment and Migration; develop a Plan of Action for the implementation of this Declaration, and monitor and report regularly on progress of implementation by Member States.
12. Request the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN), the African Group of Negotiators (AGN), the G77 and China and the LDC Group of Negotiators to take forward the work of the IGAD-EAC and States of the East and Horn of Africa, Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Climate Change, Environment and Migration and request to launch this Kampala Ministerial Declaration at COP27 with the intention to continue the work up to COP28 and beyond;
13. We further request the Parties to:



- a) Take action to avert, minimize and address displacement in the context of climate change and disasters both across and within borders;
- b) Strengthen support to countries and communities most vulnerable to climate change impacts to access new and additional scaled-up climate finance;
- c) Strengthen cooperation at all levels of government and communities and implement treaties, pacts, protocols and regulations on free movement of people, labour mobility and transhumance;
- d) Facilitate capacity building and technology transfer for climate action and human mobility.
- e) Create a Multi-Partner Financing Instrument including for the Youth to avert, minimize and address loss and damage, and advance the Global Goal on Adaptation in the East and Horn of Africa.

We remain committed to address the climate change crisis and its effects on our people and livestock in the East and Horn of Africa.

DONE AT KAMPALA this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2022 in two originals in English and French both texts being equally authentic.

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*with Reservations as regards objectives of development countries to provide means of implementation and to reduce their GHG emissions align to 1.5°C goal*



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