

Press Statement

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The Parliamentarians' Sensitization Regional Forum for a Climate Community opened by the Benin Minister of the Environment and the Protection of the Nature concluded its work by creating the African Parliamentarian Network for a Climate Community (APNCC). This network is set up to contribute to the concentration, collaboration and capacity building of the parliamentarians in the international process of the framework convention to climate change negotiations. This group is favourable to the consideration of the principle of equity and global justice, and support the approach of Contraction and Convergence (C&C) based on the respect of the article 2 of the France work convention on climate change and the reinforcement of the independence of the vulnerable Nations such as the Sub Saharan African's countries. Following the minister's speech although the climate change is an environmental issue, it poses all the problematic of the sustainable development and the poverty reduction.

There for it become urgent for the African parliamentarians to be trained and mastered the thematic related to climate change beside the decision makers and the civil society in order to adapt a common position when ever we know that the African countries wish to see applied the principle of equity and global justice during the up coming negotiations related to the second phase of the commitments to the Kyoto protocol which is beginning on 2013.

In his welcome and Introducing speech, Mr Raphael HANMBOCK, coordinator of the African network for or climate community (ANCC) organiser of the forum has called on the parliamentarians coming from 9 African countries in from the west and Central Africa. ,to join the ANCC and prepare themselves to play a major role in order to globally contribute in the decision making process following the objectives of equity and the global justice considered in the framework convention on climate change and its Kyoto protocol. He has emphasized by appealing to a successful collaboration between the ANCC and the parliamentarians in the process of setting up of the African parliamentarian network for a climate community (APNCC) with the support of the research institutes capable to produce scientific and technical information favourable for the development of our common activities.

The parliamentarian forum has wished that a message from the parliamentarian meeting in Cotonou be addressed and read at the 12th conference of parties to the framework convention on climate change beside the African ministers declarations on the 16 October 2006 Nairobi Kenya. The parliamentarians have decided to meet on January 2007 in order to develop some reflections in view of the organisation of short term actions and the mobilisation of necessary resources in the perspective of a large participation and involvement of the parliamentarians from the west and Central Africa in the process of the framework convention on climate change negotiations at the local, national, regional and International level.

The vote of thanks has been addressed to the partner AGCC London and the British High Commission in Yaoundé Cameroon for supporting the organisations of this regional parliamentarian forum on climate community.