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ARFSD 2019 ends with Africa reaffirming its commitment to implementing the SDGs

The fifth Africa Regional Forum for Sustainable Development (ARFSD) ended in Marrakesh Thursday with ministers and officials in charge of environment and sustainable development reaffirming their governments' commitment to fully implementing the sustainable development goals for the benefit of all on the continent.

The ministers, who were joined by policymakers and experts, representatives of governments, intergovernmental organizations, parliaments, the private sector and civil society of the member States, called for efforts to foster and promote innovation and technology to fill the gaps in data needed for the preparation and implementation of national and regional development policies.

"We reaffirm our commitment

to implementation of the sustainable development goals and our adherence to the guidelines set out for implementation of the 2030 Agenda by the regional meetings, of a general or sectoral nature, and also the key messages adopted at the current fifth session of the Africa Regional Forum in 2019."

"We also call for the strengthening of the role of stakeholders, in particular parliamentarians, in the attainment of the SDGs," they said in their declaration.

The ministers called on all African countries to strengthen South-South cooperation and the sharing of experience to help tackle multiple and complex challenges they are meeting in implementing the 2030 Agenda.

Nations were also encouraged to build multi-stakeholder

partnerships, plans and programmes of action at regional and sub-regional levels to ensure the desired development that leaves no one behind.

"We reaffirm the urgent need to take appropriate measures swiftly to bring the consequences of global warming under control, limiting it to a level not exceeding 1.5°C, in accordance with the recommendations of the latest report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change," the ministers said.

They emphasized the interdependence of peace, security and sustainable development, and recognized the progress that has been made by African countries in that regard.

"We reiterate the strategic importance of mobilizing adequate, predictable and additional

financial resources to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs in Africa; urge member States to establish effective financing strategies and call upon our development partners to meet their respective commitments in support of Africa."

They highlighted difficulties faced by a number of African countries in reporting on SDG

indicators and called for the establishment of a solidarity fund for statistical development, designed to support African countries in the collection of necessary statistical data.

Key messages of the forum will be presented to the high-level political forum (HLPF) on sustainable development and the World Summit on Sustainable

Development, to be held in New York in July and September 2019, respectively.

The forum, held on the theme "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality", was co-hosted by the Kingdom of Morocco and the Economic Commission for Africa, under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, in Marrakech from 16 to 18 April 2019.

Time to close poverty gap in Africa with bold actions, says ECA's Biha at ARFSD2019

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Deputy Executive Secretary, Giovane Biha, on Thursday said Africa was running out of time to ensure the successful implementation of the sustainable development goals and called for bold actions by the continent's leaders to ensure no one is left behind by development processes.

In closing remarks to the fifth Africa Regional Forum for Sustainable Development in Marrakesh, Ms. Biha said 'time is not our side and the need to close to the poverty gap has never been stronger than now, especially given our growing youthful population'.

She continued: "This is a watershed moment for the continent. Challenges and opportunities present themselves to us in equal measure and we need to rise to the challenge, especially as we implement the SDGs."

SDGs are a global agenda adopted by countries in 2015 with a vision of ending poverty, protecting the planet and ensuring that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

The 17 SDGs and 169 targets are part of the 2030 Agenda which recognizes "that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development."

In adopting the agenda,



countries resolved to take "bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path. As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that no one will be left behind."

Ms. Biha drew attention to the unprecedented large number of attendees, over 800 hundred participants from 51 countries.

"I trust that this forum has energized all of us to be bold as we return to our various destinations and work places to engage in supporting attainment of the continent's development agendas so that when we meet again in 2020, we would discuss measurable progress towards the SDGs," she said.

"Let us move from policies and strategies to implementation and execution. It's also a call to all governments and their partners to put the means, mobilize and allocate adequate resources in support of these SDGs and Agenda 2063."

For her part, Morocco's Secretary of State for Sustainable Development, Nezha El Ouafi, reaffirmed Morocco's commitment, as the Bureau Chair, towards the progress of the sustainable development goals in Africa.

She said Morocco was pleased to have hosted ARFSD 2019, adding she hoped member States would continue to work together in tackling challenges facing the continent as it implements the

global and regional development agendas.

Earlier in the day participants heard reports from parallel sessions discussing Africa's input to the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on;

- SDG 4 (quality education), which noted the need to include sustainable development in school curricula, and improve educational material and methods for children with special needs;
- SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), which called for recognizing the contribution of the informal sector and further collaboration with private sector in job-targeted training;
- SDG 10 (reduced inequalities),

which cautioned against inequalities caused by caste systems that encourage modern forms of slavery, and recommended ensuring hygiene facilities to enhance girl's school attendance;

- SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions), which recommended conflict resolution through dialogue and greater involvement of human rights organizations;
- SDG 13 (climate action), which discussed mobilizing funds for climate-resilient policies; and
- SDG 17 (partnerships for the Goals), which recommended, in particular, the removal of trade barriers within Africa and the

ratification of the African Continental Free Trade Area.

Delegates also heard recommendations of the First African Science and Technology Innovation (STI) Forum, which convened prior to ARFSD 5, including, providing opportunities for young African innovators; financing research and development; developing STI infrastructure; good governance to ensure fair application of technologies; and scaling up institutional skills.

Zimbabwe will host the sixth session of the ARFSD in 2020 in Victoria Falls.

Signature d'un Accord de Partenariat entre le 4C MAROC et le Consortium OURANOS/CANADA lors d'un Side Event présidé par Madame Nezha ELOUAFI, le 18 avril 2019



Madame Nezha EL OUAFI, Présidente du Conseil d'Administration du Centre de Compétence changement Climatique (4C MAROC), a présidé les travaux du Side Event organisé sous le thème « La coopération Sud-Sud comme levier de la mise en œuvre de l'Accord de Paris et des ODD », le 18 avril 2019.

Ce Side-Event auquel ont participé plusieurs Ministres avait pour objectifs d'échanger autour des besoins en renforcement des capacités des pays africains pour réussir l'enjeu de la mise en œuvre de l'Accord de Paris et informer sur les actions majeures du Centre 4C-Maroc en lien avec le renforcement des capacités au niveau national et au niveau

africain, échanger également les défis de l'intégration de la lutte contre le changement climatique et des ODD dans les politiques de développement et enfin mettre en exergue l'apport de la coopération Sud-Sud et triangulaire dans la mise en œuvre des ODD et de l'Accord de Paris.

Ce Side-Event a connu la signature d'un Accord de partenariat entre le 4C MAROC et le Consortium OURANOS/CANADA. Un partenariat qui traduit la volonté des deux parties à renforcer les relations de coopération en matière d'environnement et de développement durable, comme elle illustre l'intérêt de conjuguer les efforts et mettre en commun le savoir-faire et les ressources pour l'exécution d'actions ambitieuses de renforcement des capacités au Maroc et en Afrique.

Suivre la résilience au changement climatique pour l'atteinte des ODD, plaide Sylvain Boko de la CEA



Le Professeur Sylvain Boko de la Commission économique pour l'Afrique (CEA) a plaidé ce jeudi à Marrakech, pour le suivi de la résilience au changement climatique pour l'atteinte des objectifs pour le développement durable (ODD).

Le Professeur Boko qui modérait un panel sur « Le développement durable en Afrique, quatre ans après : perspectives et problèmes émergents » a déclaré que pour atteindre les ODD, il est indispensable de « suivre la résilience au changement climatique et de faire le monitoring du progrès en matière de changement climatique »

La question du changement

climatique est une question transversale qui influence tous les autres objectifs, en y travaillant, on est sûr de travailler en même temps pour l'atteinte des autres objectifs », a-t-il souligné.

Dans son discours d'ouverture, la secrétaire exécutive adjointe de la CEA, Mme Giovani Biha avait annoncé les couleurs en déclarant : « Les changements climatiques sont une question transversale qui touche tous les ODD et aggrave les menaces, les vulnérabilités et les inégalités structurelles existantes et qui nécessite des investissements de près de 3 mille milliards de dollars US pour financer les contributions déterminées au niveau national à l'action en faveur du climat au titre de l'Accord de Paris ».

L'objectif 13 des ODD engage les Etats à prendre d'urgence des mesures pour lutter contre les changements climatiques et leurs répercussions et souligne la nécessité mondiale d'atténuer les émissions anthropiques de gaz à effet de serre et de tenir compte

des dommages déjà causés par les changements climatiques. Il reconnaît que la convention-cadre des Nations Unies sur les changements climatiques est la principale instance internationale et intergouvernementale de négociation de la réponse mondiale aux changements climatiques et leurs répercussions. Cet objectif est étroitement lié aux autres objectifs et à l'Agenda 2063, à l'accord de Paris et au cadre de Sendai et est riche d'implications pour ces objectifs et ces textes.

Démarré, ce mercredi, sous le thème "Autonomiser les populations et garantir l'inclusion et l'égalité", le cinquième Forum régional africain sur le développement durable (FRADD) est organisé par la CEA, en collaboration avec les organisations régionales et le Système des Nations unies. Il vise à faire progresser la mise en œuvre des objectifs de développement durable du Programme 2030 et des objectifs fixés dans l'Agenda 2063 de l'Afrique.

Women with disabilities must be a priority focus, says FEMNET

African governments must prioritize meaningful inclusion, adequate resourcing and social protection systems to meet the needs of women and girls with disabilities if they are truly committed to leaving no one behind in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the aspirations of Africa's Agenda 2063.

FEMNET, the African Women's Development and Communication

Network at the 5th session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD) in Marrakech, Morocco, urged African governments to remain true to their commitments and citizens by ensuring that even the person left the furthest behind will be reached within the 2030 and 2063 Agendas.

"That person for us is the woman or girl with disabilities and facing multiple inequalities

"The 'leave no one behind' mantra would be meaningless if policy makers failed to admit, recognize and prioritize those left furthest behind"

and discrimination in any of Africa's vast locations, who barely stands a chance for a better life," said FEMNET's Executive Director Memory Kachambwa at a side event on the margins of ARFSD2019.

"Our governments must ensure inclusivity of all marginalized groups, especially those who have been historically sidelined for social-economic reasons like women with disabilities. It will be extremely disappointing for our governments to inadequately address the specific plight of women and girls within marginalized communities and the hardships that prevent them from living a life of dignity."

The 'leave no one behind' mantra would be meaningless if policy makers failed to admit, recognize and prioritize those left furthest behind, she added.

Ms. Kachambwa said women with disabilities should speak for themselves, access and influence spaces and policy making processes on the two Agendas.

"Their voice and presence



matter. They have the agency and time is up for policy makers to move from rhetoric and address the multiple challenges they face," she said.

FEMNET alongside national, regional and global partners at the ARFSD said they wanted greater commitments in implementing existing legislation and policies at national level on representation and protection of women and girls with disabilities.

FEMNET is also calling for high-profile media awareness campaigns to tackle stigma and multiple discrimination.

"It is time to practically tackle the multiple discrimination of Africa's women and girls with disabilities, who face challenges in mobility, employability, accessing services like health and education, indescribable sexual violence and wilting in societal rejection," said Ms. Kachambwa.

FEMNET is also calling for adequate financing for national programs and projects led by women with disabilities; access to affordable assistive devices and awareness-raising and training of the wider public to end stigma and stereotyping.

Africa ready for High Level Political Forum & SDG Summit



After three days of intense deliberations the fifth session of the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD5)

came to a close in the historic imperial city that gave Morocco its name, Marrakech.

Also known as the "Red City" Marrakech, which has a long and rich heritage of development through integration and trade going back almost a thousand years, played host to more than 500 participants drawn from across Africa and beyond.

During the official opening of the forum, Nezha El Ouafi, who is the Morocco's Secretary of State in charge of Sustainable Development, urged delegates to adopt outcomes that "would help to ensure the resilience of

the continent and reinforce the potential commitment of its human capital, cultural diversity and unique ancestral knowledge on sustainability."

Her passionate plea was achieved as the forum, which also undertook a solutions focused review on the progress made in achieving the global 2030 development plan and Agenda2063, agreed on key messages and policy recommendations on six goals of the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

In coming up with the critical recommendations, a knowledge-

distillation process filtered through the outcomes and deliberations of some 28 preparatory and side event meetings, coupled with expert group panels. These parleys which were divided into sub-themes covered six of the 17 SDGs, notably inclusive quality education, promotion of decent work, all-encompassing economic growth, reduced inequalities, scaling up climate change, peace, justice and strong institutions alongside the strengthening of partnerships for sustainable development.

“Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” was the theme of this year’s ARFSD which sought for home-grown approaches and is aligned to that of the 2019 high-level political forum.

It is estimated that to achieve the SDGs Africa will need a financing package of between \$614 billion and \$613 billion annually. This monumental target was one among several that kept experts busy as they deliberated on smarter, workable and efficient ways to raise capital to facilitate the realisation of the development goals that would ensure no one in the continent “is left behind.

Outcomes of ARFSD-5 will now feed into the 2019 high level political forum, slated for July 2019 in New York and the first Sustainable Development Goals Summit that is coming up in September.

Boosting the private sector, integrating Agenda 2063 and

2030 Agenda, transformation of rural economies, adoption of rulebook for the Paris Agreement on climate change, modernization of agriculture, global compact on migration and integrated mobilization of domestic resources are some of the key messages that were agreed at ARFSD-5.

“The regional forum provided a platform for peer learning, including sharing approaches, experiences and lessons learned towards actualizing sustainable development goals.” Giovane Biha, the deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa said.

Inclusion of older people in SDGs crucial for Africa’s development



The number of older persons worldwide is expected to grow from 69 million in 2017 to 226 million in 2050, according to UNDESA. With lack of adequate policies to ensure the needs of older persons are met, HelpAge International, the Economic Commission for Africa, SGA-Africa, UNFPA and other

partners, organized a discussion during ARFSD 2019 to discuss why the SDGs must include older people to 'leave no one behind'.

They are advocating for appropriate policies to be put in place by governments, and a belief in the potential of older people, particularly older women,

that population ageing can be a stimulus for sustainable development.

Agendas 2030, 2063 and ICPD@25 offer an opportunity to reverse the exclusion of older people in public, social, economic, cultural and political spheres, they agreed.

Here are some of the cross cutting key messages from the meet.

- Programmes, policies, plans, budgets and monitoring and evaluation framework need to be responsive to the needs of different cohorts of older persons. Issue of multiple vulnerabilities such as climate change related stresses, gender or disability or poverty vulnerability and how they impact older persons need to be considered
- Integrate older persons in discussions and action plans of Sustainable Development Goals and the Voluntary

- National Reviews (VNRs) while supporting National Statistical Offices to gather, systemize and disaggregate data to ensure systematic inclusion of upper age groups in SDG monitoring and reporting.
- Progress and commitments on older persons in Sustainable Development Goals and national planning and budgeting processes should integrate ageing and older person into monitoring and evaluation framework. Data management systems should recognize the needs and progress made on different cohorts of older persons.
 - Increase meaningful participation of older persons in all planning and decision making processes through empowering them on their rights and public policy making processes.
 - Recognize and promote the contributions of older persons in social, economic and cultural spheres.

Water and sanitation interlinkages with SDGs under review by HLPF 2019

A side event to discuss water and sanitation was held on the sidelines of ARFSD 2019 under the theme 'Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality' – Building on the interlinkages between Water and Sanitation and the SDGs under review at the high level political forum 2019.

The event was organized to build on the global Synthesis Report on SDG 6 (UN, 2018) which is a UN-Water report that was coordinated by UNESCO WWAP and benefitted by contributions from 13 UN Agencies and many others international organizations.

Specifically, it was held to deliberate on the African Regional Policy paper on SDG 6 inter-linkages by the delegates and institutional representatives at the 5th ARFSD.

The focus was on the Inter-linkages of SDG 6 (Water) with the SDG 4 (quality education), SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), SDG 10 (reduced inequalities), SDG 13 (climate action) and SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions), in addition to SDG 17 (partnerships).

There are strong interlinkages between these SDGs and water and understanding them is of particular importance for priority setting and policy coherence and effectiveness at regional and national scale, participants agreed.

Integrated approaches that consider many – ideally all – dimensions of sustainable development need to be implemented in practice, they said.

Water is an important enabler to make progress in many other SDGs of the 2030 Agenda as well as in the Africa Water Vision 2025 and the Agenda 2063. This was also clearly highlighted in two strong case studies from Ethiopia and Uganda. A case study on rainwater harvesting showcased one practical solution to cope with increasing water scarcity and improve water access for all.



Key Outcome

Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education is not possible without access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene in schools. Therefore, policy makers should ensure that no schools are established without safe water and sanitation services with regular maintenance funding as part of its recurrent budget, and hygiene should be (re-)introduced as a compulsory and practical subject from pre-school onwards.

The side event was organized by WWAP, ECA, UNESCO Regional Office for Africa and UN Water.

INTERVIEWS



Sibusiso Malunga
Pepeta Organization,
Zambia

I have a great learning experience over the past three days. The meeting helps us to self organize and influence decision making processes; allows us to get strategic direction in terms of our advocacy in-country; gives us a voice at a larger platform so that issues normally at the periphery can be heard. I found the forum helped us as major groups to link our advocacy to broader issues. This

also helps us to hold our governments accountable as we get to know what they have committed to. I'm glad to have had this great opportunity that exposed us to the different mechanisms that allow us to push for our collective agenda.



Ogugua Obi-Ogbu

This was my first time attending the ARFSD and I have not been disappointed. It has been a great opportunity to network, especially as a member of the Stakeholder Group on Ageing and advocating for that which is close to my heart. Witnessing the processes and what goes into such important forums was so helpful. I was happy to be here to use my voice to

call on the continent and the world to ensure the sustainable development agenda respond to the global phenomenon of population ageing, especially as Agenda 2030 pledges to leave no one behind. The inclusion of older persons and issues they face and the outcome of this forum ahead of the HLPF is a step in the right direction for me and the group in particular.



Ian Cawsey

The past three days have really been great, having the opportunity to learn more about what Africa is doing in its efforts to attain the sustainable development goals and its very own Agenda 2063. I have met people from diverse backgrounds all with one aspiration, to ensure the continent experiences inclusive growth that leaves no one behind. For us we came and were happy to share with everyone how transforming lives through equid

welfare works; that simple interventions can empower owners to keep their working equips healthy and ensure their continued productive benefits. We have shared with many about the importance of empowering owners with better knowledge; strengthening livelihoods; access to water; building resilience etc. And the conversations continue as the implementation of the SDGs continue across the continent.



Commission économique pour l'Afrique Forum régional africain pour le développement durable Cinquième session - Marrakech (Maroc), 16-18 avril 2019

Nous, Ministres, et Hauts responsables africains de l'environnement et du développement durable, Décideurs et Experts, représentants des gouvernements, des organisations intergouvernementales, des Parlements, du secteur privé et de la société civile des Etats membres, réunis lors de la 5ème édition du Forum régional africain sur le Développement durable, sous le thème "Donner des moyens d'action aux populations et assurer l'inclusion et l'égalité", co-organisé par le Royaume du Maroc et la Commission Economique des Nations Unies pour l'Afrique, sous le Haut Patronage de Sa Majesté le Roi Mohammed VI, à Marrakech, du 16 au 18 Avril 2019.

- **EXPRIMONS** nos remerciements et notre gratitude à Sa Majesté le Roi Mohammed VI pour le Haut Patronage qu'Il a bien voulu accorder au Forum, assurant de la sorte toutes les conditions de réussite de ses travaux qui ont été marqués par un débat fructueux et de qualité, portant sur le suivi et l'évaluation des progrès accomplis, des échanges sur les expériences dans le domaine du développement durable en Afrique et de la formulation de recommandations visant à accélérer la mise en œuvre de l'Agenda 2030 au niveau régional, en prélude au Forum politique de haut niveau et du Sommet sur le développement durable prévus à New York respectivement en juillet et septembre 2019 ;

Et Déclarons ce qui suit :

- **CONFIRMONS** notre engagement à mettre en œuvre les ODD et notre attachement aux orientations tracées pour le Programme 2030 par les réunions régionales, de caractère général ou sectoriel, ainsi qu'aux messages clefs adoptés lors de cette 5ème Session de 2019 du Forum africain ;
- **APPELONS** l'ensemble des pays africains à renforcer la coopération Sud-Sud et le partage d'expériences entre les pays du Continent pour relever les défis multiples et complexes et mettre en place des partenariats multipartites, des plans et programmes d'action, au niveau régional et sous régional, susceptibles de réaliser le développement escompté pour ne laisser personne pour-compte ;
- **NOUS NOUS FELICITONS**, à cet égard, des initiatives lancées à l'occasion du premier Sommet de l'Action convoqué par Sa Majesté le Roi Mohammed VI, en marge de la COP22 sur le climat, notamment la mise en place de la Commission

climat du Bassin du Congo, présidée par le Congo, la Commission climat du Sahel, présidée par le Niger et la Commission climat des Etats insulaires, présidée par les Seychelles, entérinées par l'Union africaine. **NOUS NOUS FELICITONS** également des efforts déployés par les Etats africains pour l'opérationnalisation de ces initiatives ;

- **RÉAFFIRMONS**, le besoin urgent de prendre les mesures adéquates pour maîtriser rapidement les conséquences du réchauffement climatique, en le limitant à un seuil ne dépassant pas 1.5°C conformément aux recommandations du dernier rapport du Groupe d'experts intergouvernemental sur l'évolution du climat (GIEC).
- **SOULIGNONS** l'interdépendance entre la paix, la sécurité et le développement durable et **SALUONS** les progrès réalisés en Afrique dans ce domaine
- **REITERONS** également l'importance stratégique de la mobilisation de ressources financières suffisantes, prévisibles et additionnelles pour accélérer le rythme de mise en œuvre des ODD en Afrique, **INVITONS** les Etats membres à mettre en place des stratégies de financement efficaces et **APPELONS** les partenaires de développement à concrétiser leurs engagements respectifs de soutien à l'Afrique ;
- **RÉAFFIRMONS** la difficulté pour plusieurs pays africains de renseigner les indicateurs des ODD et **APPELONS** à la mise en place d'un Fonds de solidarité pour le développement de la statistique, destiné à soutenir les pays africains dans la collecte des données statistiques nécessaires ;
- **APPELONS** à favoriser et promouvoir l'innovation et la technologie pour combler les lacunes dans les données pour l'élaboration des politiques de développement régionales et nationales ;
- **APPELONS** également à renforcer le rôle de toutes les parties prenantes notamment les parlementaires dans la mise en œuvre des ODD ;
- **APPELONS** enfin l'ensemble des pays à mettre en œuvre les messages clefs du forum et **DEMANDONS** au Royaume du Maroc de les présenter au nom de l'Afrique au Forum politique de haut niveau pour le développement durable et le Sommet Mondial sur le développement durable, prévus respectivement à New York en juillet et septembre 2019.

FRADD 2019 se conclut avec l'Afrique réaffirmant son engagement à mettre en œuvre les ODD

Marrakech, Maroc, le 18 avril 2019 (CEA) - Le cinquième Forum régional africain pour le développement durable (FRADD) se conclut ce jeudi à Marrakech, avec les ministres et les responsables de l'environnement et du développement durable, réaffirmant l'engagement de leurs gouvernements à mettre pleinement en œuvre les Objectifs de développement durable au profit de tous sur le continent.

Les ministres, qui ont été rejoints par des décideurs et des experts, des représentants de gouvernements, d'organisations intergouvernementales, de parlements, du secteur privé et de la société civile des États membres, appellent à des efforts pour encourager et promouvoir l'innovation et la technologie dans le but de combler les lacunes en données nécessaires à la préparation et la mise en œuvre des politiques de développement nationales et régionales.

« Nous réaffirmons notre attachement à la mise en œuvre des Objectifs de développement durable et notre adhésion aux principes directeurs établis pour la mise en œuvre de l'Agenda 2030 lors des réunions régionales à caractère général ou sectoriel, ainsi que les messages clés adoptés lors de la cinquième session en cours du Forum régional africain 2019 ».

« Nous appelons également au renforcement du rôle des

parties prenantes, en particulier des parlementaires, dans la réalisation des Objectifs de développement durable », déclarent-ils dans leur déclaration.

Les ministres appellent tous les pays africains à renforcer la coopération Sud-Sud et le partage d'expériences pour aider à relever les défis multiples et complexes auxquels ils se heurtent dans la mise en œuvre de l'Agenda 2030.

Les pays sont également encouragés à établir des partenariats, des plans et des programmes d'action multipartites aux niveaux régional et sous-régional afin d'assurer le développement souhaité qui ne laisse personne pour compte.

Nous réaffirmons qu'il est urgent de prendre rapidement les mesures appropriées pour maîtriser les conséquences du réchauffement climatique et de limiter à un niveau ne dépassant pas 1,5°C, conformément aux recommandations du dernier rapport du Groupe d'experts intergouvernemental sur l'évolution du climat », informent les ministres.

Ils mettent l'accent sur l'interdépendance de la paix, de la sécurité et du développement durable et reconnaissent les progrès réalisés par les pays africains à cet égard.

« Nous réitérons l'importance stratégique de mobiliser des ressources financières adéquates, prévisibles et supplémentaires

pour accélérer la mise en œuvre des ODD en Afrique ; exhorter les États membres à mettre en place des stratégies de financement efficaces et appeler nos Partenaires de développement à respecter leurs engagements respectifs en faveur de l'Afrique ».

Ils soulignent les difficultés rencontrées par un certain nombre de pays africains à établir des rapports sur les indicateurs des Objectifs de développement durable et appellent à la création d'un fonds de solidarité pour le développement statistique, conçu pour aider les pays africains à collecter les données statistiques nécessaires.

Les messages clés du forum seront présentés au Forum politique de haut niveau (HLPF) sur le développement durable et au Sommet mondial sur le développement durable, qui se tiendront à New York, en juillet et septembre 2019, respectivement.

Le Forum, organisé sous le thème « Autonomiser les populations et assurer l'inclusion et l'égalité », a été co-organisé par le Royaume du Maroc et la Commission économique pour l'Afrique, sous le haut patronage de Sa Majesté le Roi Mohammed VI, et s'est déroulé à Marrakech, du 16 au 18 avril 2019.



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