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Poverty Alleviation: What Opportunities for Africa?”**

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**Road map for a pan-African committee for the  
intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and  
ecosystem services**

*We, the African ministers of environment and of economic planning,*

*Assembled in Libreville on 16 and 17 September 2010,*

*Recalling that, at its thirteenth session, held in Bamako from 21 to 25 June 2010, the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment endorsed the Busan outcome on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services,<sup>1</sup>*

*Reinforce that endorsement and make the following conclusions:*

1. That a pan-African committee on the intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services should be established in order, among other things:
  - (a) To strengthen the science-policy interface in Africa:
    - (i) By creating scientific databases for policy development purposes;
    - (ii) By providing guidance in assessments;
    - (iii) By engaging in policy formulation and implementation;
    - (iv) By identifying the key capacity-building needs of Africa;
  - (b) To identify key institutions and experts in Africa, for appropriate capacity development, including of negotiation skills, to contribute to the work of the platform;
2. That the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment should be engaged in all deliberations of the pan-African committee on the intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services;
3. That the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment should establish an African ministerial forum during its meetings on biodiversity and ecosystem services to gather and, through the pan-African committee, to consider advice on issues related to biodiversity and ecosystem services arising in the work of the intergovernmental science-policy platform;
4. That African Governments should appoint focal points to the pan-African committee on the intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services;

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1 UNEP/IPBES/3/3, annex.

5. That African Governments should put in place a mechanism for the effective functioning of the pan-African committee on the intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services by raising funds, including through:

(a) Allocating funds through the medium-term expenditure framework and through in kind contributions;

(b) Requesting financial contributions from development partners, and also from the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment and the African Union.

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