



## Niamey Call for Action on the African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative

We, the participants gathered in Niamey on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 for the second AFR100 Annual Partnership Meeting, hosted by the Government of Niger, the NEPAD Agency and partners issue this **“Niamey Call for Action on the African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative”**.

**Recognizing and Valuing the African Landscape Restoration (AFR100) Initiative** as a country-led effort to restore 100 million hectares of deforested and degraded landscapes across Africa by 2030 and as the continental Platform to contribute to and implement the New York Declaration of Forests and the Bonn Challenge, a global initiative to restore 150 million hectares of degraded landscapes and lands by 2030.

**Endorsing the KIGALI DECLARATION ON THE PROMOTION OF FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION IN AFRICA and THE LILONGWE CALL FOR ACTION ON FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION IN AFRICA.**

**Confirming that Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) will require action by a number of different relevant stakeholders;** inclusive of ministries, technical and financial partners, investors and private sector, civil society, non-governmental organizations, academics/ research institutions, etc.

**WE:**

- 1. Recognize and acknowledge the diversity of all stakeholders** and ensure that all views are incorporated in the implementation process of FLR;
- 2. Reaffirm our existing commitments to the AFR100 Initiative** and the importance of restoration to achieve our national goals for the environment and sustainable development;
- 3. Encourage other African Countries to make ambitious commitments** to the AFR100 Initiative, as well other initiatives such as the Bonn Challenge, the African Resilient Landscapes Initiative (ARLI), African Landscapes Action Plan (ALAP), TerrAfrica, the Great Green Wall Initiative and other strategic initiatives in Africa;
- 4. Continue to promote south-south cooperation** for successful restoration programmes;
- 5. Move from pledges to commitment and implementation on the ground complemented by robust monitoring systems;**

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6. **Endorse, among other things, the AFR100 Voluntary Guidelines and Monitoring Framework** as tools for governments, technical and financial partners and organizations related to the diverse set of actions to enhance Forest Landscape Restoration in the continent;
7. **Commit to the inclusion of youth and women in Forest Landscape Restoration action;**
8. **Recognize the need to address challenges posed by climate change, loss of biodiversity, drought and desertification.** There is overwhelming scientific evidence to support the existence of anthropogenic climate change and its negative consequences on our planet.