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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,¹

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;

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.
