





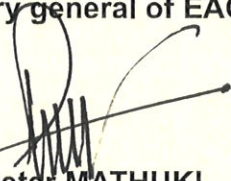





## DECLARATION SETTING UP OF THE INTER-RECs COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION PLATFORM

1. **We**, the Executive Heads of the Regional Economic Communities, pillars of African Union regional integration according to the Abuja Treaty of 1991, and representing:
  - The Community of Sahel-Saharan States (**CEN-SAD**);
  - The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (**COMESA**);
  - The East African Community (**EAC**);
  - The Economic Community of Central African States (**ECCAS**);
  - The Economic Community of West African States (**ECOWAS**);
  - The Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (**IGAD**);
  - The Southern African Development Community (**SADC**);
  - The Arab Maghreb Union (**AMU**).
  
2. **Having met** in Addis Ababa, on the margins of the 36th Ordinary Session of the AU Summit held from 15 to 19 February 2023, in the context of the adoption of the Concept Note and the official launch of the Inter-Regional Coordination and Collaboration Platform;
  
3. **Noting** the crucial need to develop a mechanism for institutional coordination and cooperation in order to improve the effectiveness of actions in favor of integration at the continental level, as well as the harmonization of positions in the framework of our relations with the African Union;
  
4. **Emphasizing** that the revised Protocol on relations between the African Union and the RECs is a relevant tool to guide relations and that the activities of the Platform aim to achieve the objectives of the AU Agenda 2063 which seeks to realize the Africa we want; A united, resilient, peaceful and prosperous Africa;
  
5. **Supporting** the joint initiative of this Platform, which will help to strengthen inter-RECs solidarity and contribute to their individual and collective influence;
  
6. **Declare** the official launch of the Inter-RECs Coordination and Collaboration Platform;



7. **Instruct** the Technical Group to prepare draft rules of procedure and a draft roadmap on the operationalization of this Platform, to be submitted to the Chiefs Executives Officers for adoption;
8. **Affirm** that this Platform for Coordination and Collaboration is an ambitious and dynamic mechanism that can leverage the policy and strategic directions that will be taken in the framework of the AU Coordination Committee and the mid-year coordination meeting.

Done at Nairobi, 15 July 2023

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<p>The President of ECOWAS Commission</p>  <p>H.E. Dr. Omar ALIEU TOURAY</p>	<p>The Secretary general of IGAD</p>  <p>H.E. Dr. Workneh GEBEYEHU</p>
<p>The Executive Secretary of SADC</p>  <p>H.E. Elias MAGOSI</p>	<p>The Secretary general of UMA</p>  <p>H.E. Pr. Taieb BACCOUCHE</p>