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ORGANISATION DES PRODUCTEURS DE PETROLE AFRICAINS
APPO



Extraordinary Session of the APPO Council of Ministers
24th July 2017, Abuja - Federal Republic of Nigeria

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

In application of the Resolution RES/APPA/N°0255/34th/ABIDJAN/2017 of March 31, 2017, the Council of Ministers of the African Petroleum Producers' Organization (APPO) held an Extraordinary Session on July 24th, 2017 in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, under the High Patronage of **H.E. Professor Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, GCON**, Acting President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The eighteen (18) APPO Member Countries participated at the opening of this Session of the Council namely: **Algeria, Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Libya, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, and Sudan.**

During this ceremony, the following personalities gave speeches:

1. **M. Mahaman Laouan GAYA**, Executive Secretary of APPO;
2. **H.E. Mr. Béchir MADET**, Minister of Petroleum and Energy of the Republic of Chad, current APPO President;
3. **H.E. Dr. Emmanuel Ibe KACHIKWU**, Minister of State, Petroleum Resources of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
4. **H.E. Professor Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, GCON**, Acting President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
5. **Mr. Ibrahim Abdu MAIRIGA**, Director, Human Resources, Acting for the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum Resources of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The addresses focused on the necessity for the reform of APPO within the current petroleum context in response to the expectations of Member Countries and their populations through cooperation projects.

The work sessions were held at the **Transcorp Hilton Hotel** in Abuja in a serene atmosphere and were presided by **H.E. Mr. Béchir MADET**, Minister of Petroleum and Energy of the Republic of Chad, current APPO President.

This Extraordinary Session of the Council of Ministers was focused essentially on the Study on the Evaluation and Reform of the Organs, Instances and Structures of APPO and the treatment of the filling of vacancies of Group 1 staff of the permanent organs.

In the course of this Extraordinary Session, the Consultant FICHTNER, presented its final report.

At the end of the presentation of the final report of the Consultant and the report of the Committee of Experts that held from July 21 to 22, 2017, the Council of Ministers took the following decisions:

1. The creation of a Strategy and Implementation Committee for the Reform of the African Petroleum Producers' Organization (APPO);
2. The creation of the APPO Fund Development Committee for the Elaboration of Recapitalization Strategies;

3. The acceptance of the Final Report on the Reform of the African Petroleum Producers' Organization (APPO) by the firm FICHTNER
4. Vacant positions within the APPO organs were not to be treated till the 35th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of March 2018 in N'Djamena, Chad

Also, the Council urged APPO Member Countries who have not yet paid their statutory contributions to liquidate this debt as soon as possible to enable an efficient management of the Organization.

Finally, the Council of Ministers expressed its deep gratitude to the Government and people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the excellent organization of the meetings and the warm hospitality accorded to all delegations.

Done in Abuja, 24th July 2017.

The APPO Council of Ministers



H.E.M. Béchir MADET