



AFRICAN PETROLEUM PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATION

(APPO)



**Extraordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of APPO
January 26, 2019, Abuja - Federal Republic of Nigeria**

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

In the framework of the execution of Resolution 262 of 19th January 2018 in Luanda and on the invitation of the President of APPO, the Council of Ministers of the African Petroleum Producers' Organization (APPO) held an Extraordinary Session on January 26, 2019 in Abuja, Nigeria, under the high Patronage of **HE Mr. MUHAMMADU BUHARI**, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Fourteen (14) APPO Member Countries took part in this Session, namely: **Algeria, Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Niger, Nigeria and Sudan.**

The following countries were not represented: **Democratic Republic of Congo, Libya, Mauritania, and South Africa.**

The opening ceremony was chaired by **HE Dr. EMMANUEL IBE KACHIKWU**, Minister of State for Petroleum Resources of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, representing **HE Mr. MUHAMMADU BUHARI**, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and **HE Professor YEMI OSINBAJO**, Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

This ceremony recorded the interventions of:

1. **Mr. MAHAMAN LAOUAN GAYA**, Secretary General of APPO; and
2. **HE Dr. EMMANUEL IBE KACHIKWU**, Minister of State for Petroleum Resources of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President of APPO.

The speakers emphasized the necessity of the implementation of the reform of the Organization in line with its new strategic basis (Mission, Vision and Strategic Objectives) and the APIC in order to strengthen and sharpen its focus to meet the expectations of the Member Countries of the APPO and their populations.

The working sessions were held in a climate of serenity and responsibility at the office of **PTDF (Petroleum Technology Development Fund)**, Abuja, where APPO Secretariat is temporarily located and were presided over by **HE Dr. EMMANUEL IBE KACHIKWU**.

This Extraordinary Session of the Council of Ministers focused on the following:

- Update on the implementation of the APPO Reform,
- Consideration of the amendment proposal of the APPO statutory documents, and
- Consideration of the amendment proposal of the APIC (African Petroleum Investment Corporation) statutory documents.

Following the consideration of items on the agenda and after review of the amendments proposed, the Council of Ministers took the following decisions:

1. For the APPO Secretariat, the adoption of:
 - Statute,
 - Internal Regulations,
 - Financial Regulations,
 - Staff Regulations,
 - Cooperation and Mutual Assistance Framework Agreement,
 - Minimum requirements for hosting the APPO headquarters, and
 - Job description of the position in the APPO Secretariat,

2. For the APIC, the adoption of:
 - Change in name of "APIC" to "AEICORP" (Africa Energy Investment Corporation),
 - Establishment Agreement, and
 - Charter.

The Council of Ministers expressed once again its gratitude to the Federal Republic of Nigeria for its actions in favour of the smooth running of the APPO.

Moreover, taking into account the difficult financial situation of the APPO Secretariat, the Council of Ministers urged APPO Member Countries which have not yet paid their statutory contributions and arrears of contributions to regularize their situation.

Finally, the Council of Ministers expressed its deep gratitude to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and to its President **HE Mr. MUHAMMADU BUHARI**, for the excellent organization of this meeting and the warm hospitality extended to all the delegations present in Abuja, and for the great interest of Nigeria in the development and outreach of the APPO on the continental and international scene.

Adopted in Abuja on January 26, 2019.

The Council of Ministers of APPO



Dr. Emmanuel Ibe KACHIKWU