



**AFRICAN PETROLEUM PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATION  
(APPO)**



**37<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of APPO  
December 12, 2019, Abuja - Federal Republic of Nigeria**

## **FINAL COMMUNIQUE**

In the framework of the execution of Resolution 268 of 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 in Malabo and on the invitation of **HE Timipre Sylva**, Minister of State for Petroleum Resources of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and President of APPO, the Council of Ministers of the African Petroleum Producers' Organization (APPO) held its 37<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session on December 12, 2019 in Abuja, Federal Republic of 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, Ghana, Libya, Niger, Nigeria and South Africa.**

The ECOWAS Commission was represented as Observer.

The opening ceremony was chaired by **HE Mr. Timipre Sylva**, Minister of State for Petroleum Resources of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, representing **HE Mr. MUHAMMADU BUHARI**, 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 Mr. Timipre Sylva**, Minister of State for Petroleum Resources of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President of APPO.

The speakers emphasized the necessity of the continued pursuit of the reform of the Organization and to invest more for the effective start of the activities of the new African Energy Investment Corporation (AEICORP) in order to strengthen and sharpen its focus to meet the expectations of APPO the Member Countries 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 Mr. Timipre Sylva**.

This Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers focused on the update on the implementation of the APPO Reform.

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

1. Congratulated Nigeria for bringing the transition to its end.
2. Provisionally maintain the APPO headquarters in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria pending its final decision.



3. Organization of an APPO Ministerial visit led by the President of APPO on the sidelines of the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the International Conference and Exhibition on Hydrocarbons in Congo (CIEHC 4) scheduled from February 19 to 21, 2020 in Brazzaville, for assessment of the Minimum Requirements for hosting the APPO Headquarters.
4. Instruct the Secretary General to recover as soon as possible the APPO assets from the ex-Group II staff whose contracts came to an end on May 31, 2019 and whose terminal benefits have been fully paid.
5. Instruct the Secretary General to terminate the contracts of Group III staff effective December 31, 2019 and pay all terminal benefits of the said staff.
6. Authorize the Secretary General to liquidate the debts owed National Social Security Fund (CNSS) of Congo in the sum of 34,486,929 FCFA from the Reserve Fund to avoid additional fines.
7. Requested Congo to take all initiatives for the success of the work of the Ad hoc Scientific Committee on the Summit of the Heads of State.
8. Noted Egypt's concern about the non-interview of two of its nominees for positions in the Secretariat, and apologised to Egypt with an assurance that such will never be allowed to happen again.
9. Adopted the Report of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Board and approved the following appointments:
  - Dr. Omar FAROUK Ibrahim as Secretary General of APPO;
  - Mr. WAEIL AL ATHRAM as Director, Rilwanu LUKAMAN Research and Development Center;
  - Engr. MAHA FOUAD ATTIA as Director, Support Services.
10. Adopted the Secretariats budget for the financial year 2020.

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 APPO.

The Council of Ministers invites Member Countries that have not yet subscribed to the capital of AIECORP, to do so for the effective startup of its activities.

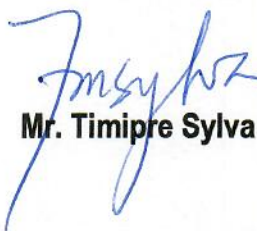
The Council of Ministers approved the extension of tenure of the Managing Director of AEICORP till the first General Meeting of the shareholders of AEICORP.

Furthermore, the Council of Ministers unanimously appointed the Minister of Petroleum of the Republic of Niger and the Minister of Energy of the People's Democratic & Popular Republic of Algeria respectively as APPO President and Vice President for the 2020 fiscal year.

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 December 12, 2019.

The Council of Ministers of APPO



**Mr. Timipre Sylva**