

AFRICA BAMBOO AND RATTAN CONGRESS

(YAOUNDE 20-22 April 2022)

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"We, Ministers of Member States of the International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation (INBAR), came together in Yaounde, Republic of Cameroon, from 20 to 22 April 2022, for the first Africa Bamboo and Rattan Congress under the theme: **"Making Bamboo and Rattan the Engine for a Green, Resilient and Sustainable Economy in Africa"**,

Aware of the need to develop bamboo and rattan value chains, and to integrate them into the national development priorities of African States,

Concerned with the need to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement and the Glasgow Climate Pact adopted at COP 21 in 2015, and COP 26 in 2021 respectively, and guided by the principle of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities, and respective capabilities, taking into account different national circumstances,

Considering that measures taken to address climate change must be closely coordinated with social and economic development, taking into account the legitimate priority needs of developing countries, namely sustainable economic growth and poverty eradication,

Recalling the Kunming Declaration on Biodiversity and the important progress made in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework,

Noting the Dakar Declaration and Action Plan of the 8th Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) reaffirming China and Africa's commitment to follow the principle of common, intensive, green, safe, and open development in the promotion of bamboo and rattan,

Noting the Declaration of the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC) Member States for the Forests of the Congo Basin and its neighbouring areas, calling on the international community to increase its technical, financial and diplomatic support in an effective manner within a shared responsibility approach,

Considering the disruptive impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the functioning of the Organisation and in the achievement of its strategic goals,

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Recall INBAR's contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals set out in both the African Union Agenda 2063 and the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals,

Stress our determination to achieve the goals set out in INBAR's 2015-2030 strategic plan,

Recommend the following:

1. The popularisation of INBAR activities and awareness raising on the benefits of activities relevant to the use of Bamboo and Rattan on the economic, social, cultural and environmental development of countries,
2. The encouragement of more Bamboo and Rattan producing and non-producing African countries to join the network and commit themselves to promoting these sectors by adopting and implementing appropriate national economic/public policies and equally supporting the relevant actors for a better visibility and contribution to international trade in by-products or products derived from both resources,
3. The support of the development and further enhancement of Bamboo and Rattan at the local level,
4. The promotion and development of research centres on Bamboo and Rattan as well as the enhancement of the use of research results in member States,
5. The capacity building of various actors, including vulnerable groups and rural populations, especially women and youths to better involve these categories in the development of Bamboo and Rattan value chains in particular, and the sustainable development of member States in general,
6. The facilitating of technology transfer and innovation in order to make the Bamboo and Rattan professions more accessible,

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7. The inclusion of Bamboo and Rattan in the Industrialisation Plans of African member countries in order to put competitive and high value-added products to market,
8. The development of public policies on Bamboo for the construction of low-income housing, and renewable energy for the development of Bamboo in developing countries,
9. The promotion of Bamboo and Rattan by twinning initiatives between countries and regions within the South-South cooperation framework,
10. The increased consideration of the strong potential of Bamboo as a tool for carbon sequestration, agroforestry and the restoration of degraded landscapes,
11. The consideration of Bamboo as a resource for achieving the objectives of the Bonn Challenge Initiative, aimed at restoring 100 million hectares in Africa (AFR100 by 2030,
12. The support of efforts of the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC) and other African initiatives, in the sustainable management of forests through the development of Forest Products, especially Bamboo and Rattan,
13. The support of measures taken by Board and Council to improve the financial mechanism for INBAR to undertake bamboo and rattan development in member states,
14. The support and conduct of research for promoting bamboo and rattan in universities, research centres, vocational institutions and schools to mainstream it in educational curricula,
15. The support and conduct of efforts to secure market access for investors and producers of bamboo and rattan products in Africa,
16. The encouragement of African members states to implement tax/fiscal mechanisms that support bamboo and rattan reforestation and development,

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17. The further strengthening of INBAR Regional Offices according to the specific needs, strengths, opportunities and challenges of the different regions,

18. The organisation of an Africa Bamboo and Rattan Congress (ABARC) in Africa every three years,

Thank all the donors who support the achievement of INBAR's objectives and strongly appeal to all international partners for a greater mobilisation in support of the promotion of Bamboo and Rattan in international trade,

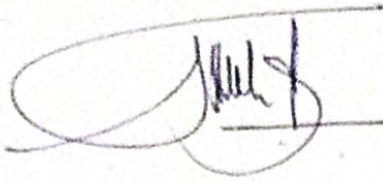
Thank the Secretariat and the Director General of INBAR for their commitment and active contribution to the organisation of this congress,

Express our great appreciation and gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of China for its strategic role in the Organisation since its inception and for its commitment to actively support Africa's capacity building in the sustainable management of Bamboo and Rattan resources, following the Dakar Action Plan (2022-2024) of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC).

Profoundly thank and Congratulate the Government of the Republic of Cameroon and welcome the excellent collaboration with INBAR and delegations of member states as well as the strong demonstrated commitment shown by **H.E PAUL BIYA**, President of the Republic of Cameroon for his relentless support to the mission and activities of INBAR. We express our gratitude for the hospitality of the Cameroonian people which has contributed to the success of the current congress.

Done in Yaounde (Cameroon), on 22 April 2022

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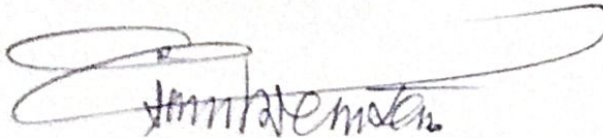


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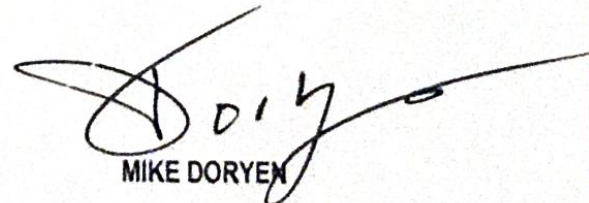
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