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Mombasa Declaration on the Establishment of the Parliament for S&T
for Development (PST4D) Network for Eastern Africa

We, Members of Parliaments of the following eastern African countries - Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda - in the presence of Members of Parliament from Egypt and experts from our respective countries, gathered in Mombasa, at the joint invitation of UNESCO, the Government of Kenya, and the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, with the collaboration of the African Union and its NEPAD programme, from April 1st to April 3rd, 2009 for a workshop on Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Reviews.

- Recalling that the Africa’s Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA), developed under the leadership of the AU/NEPAD was adopted by the African Heads of State and Governments in Khartoum, June 2006 as the framework for harnessing STI for Africa’s development;
- Recalling the decision of the African Heads of State and Governments in Addis Ababa, in January 2007, to give priority to science and technology to boost development in Africa;
- Further recalling the decision of the African Heads of State and Government made in January 2009 to establish the African Observatory of Science, Technology and Innovation to be hosted by the Government of Equatorial Guinea;
- Having had the opportunity to be informed on various issues of science, technology and innovation policy-making, including issues related to the link between STI statistics and policy-formulation;
- Having been informed on the state of STI policy frameworks in the various countries in the region that showed large disparities among them;
- Having benefited from the fruitful dialogue between us Members of Parliaments and our national officials on the review of science policy in our various countries that further highlighted the important role of STI in achieving national development priorities;

Hereby acknowledge the need to:
• raise awareness of Members of Parliaments on the role of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for achieving sustainable development in Africa;
• support capacity-building of members of parliaments, science parliamentary committees and staff working with parliaments;
• strengthen partnerships between legislators, scientists, the productive sector and civil society in developing national innovation systems; and
• increase collaboration among parliamentarians in the region for the sharing of experiences and practices in science legislation and development.

Resolve to
1. pursue the creation of a STI committee in the structures of our various Parliaments where it does not exist;
2. increase dialog with the scientists, public and other stakeholders on scientific issues of general interest brought to Parliaments;
3. advocate STI and expedite the adoption of informed legislations promoting the utilization of STI for socio-economic development;
4. create a network of parliamentarians in support of science and technology for development called “Parliament for Science and Technology for Development (PST4D) Network” for Eastern Africa.

Request
• UNESCO and the African Union with relevant Regional Economic Communities to provide assistance, in their different respective capacities, to the sub-regional parliaments to implement the above resolutions;
• UNESCO and the African Union with relevant Regional Economic Communities to assist in the operationalization of the “Parliament for Science and Technology for Development (PST4D) Network” for Eastern Africa, including UNESCO to host an interim secretariat for the network; and
• The African Union Commission, with support of UNESCO, to establish a Pan-African Network of Parliamentarians in support of Science and Technology for development.

Finally, we would like to express our deep gratitude to the Government of Kenya, the African Union and its NEPAD programme, UNESCO and UIS for organizing this workshop.

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