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**Decisions of the 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CAFRAD Governing Board,  
Rabat (Kingdom of Morocco), 09 July 2024**

The 59<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the CAFRAD Governing Board was held in Rabat on 9 July 2024, chaired by Her Excellency Ms. Ghita MEZZOUR, Minister Delegate to the Head of the Government in charge of Digital Transition and Administrative Reform of the Kingdom of Morocco, acting as Chair of the CAFRAD Governing Board. 26 Member States were present.

The following decisions were taken by the Board.

1. The Governing Board adopted its agenda as presented.
2. The Board adopted the report of its 58<sup>th</sup> meeting, held in Rabat (Kingdom of Morocco), on 9 July 2023.
3. The Board adopted the report of the Executive Committee held in Rabat on the morning of 9 July 2024.

In particular, it adopted the decisions of the Executive Committee, including:

- the gradual increase in the amount of contributions owed by the States, to adapt them to the current environment as well as the establishment of more suitable mechanisms for recovering arrears owed by States.
  - the adoption of the proposed budget by the members of the Executive Committee as it stands for the transitional period, proposing, however, that it be adapted and readjusted by the new DG, who will be responsible for proposing another one that is more realistic and more compatible with his new vision on the occasion of an extraordinary Governing Board meeting, which could take place next September by videoconference.
  - the relocation of the CAFRAD headquarters to Rabat, given the importance of its proximity to all other public institutions and diplomatic representations.
4. The Board adopted the report on the activities carried out by CAFRAD from July 2023 to June 2024. However, it recommended developing new income-generating mechanisms at the African level with partner institutions in order to address the persistent problem of insufficient cash flow required by CAFRAD to carry out its missions.

5. The Board adopted the CAFRAD work programme for the year July 2024 to June 2025. However, it recommended that this programme be more detailed, with sections relating to objectives, targets and financing, to enable member countries to better identify the activities that they could potentially host.
6. The Board adopted the implemented budget for the period July 2023 to May 2024.
7. The Board adopted the budget for the financial year July 2024 to June 2025. However, it noted that the current contribution rate was no longer in line with the times. Discussions also focused on the need for CAFRAD to review its budget for the future financial years. The Chairwoman invited CAFRAD to establish a realistic budget for future financial years, based on actual collections.
8. The Board adopted the report of the Auditor for the period July 2022 to June 2023. However, countries were requested to kindly pay their contributions in accordance with the commitments made.
9. The election of the new Director General, Dr. Coffi Dieudonné ASSOUVI, of Beninese nationality, was carried out following a very rigorous selection process recognized with a vote of approval by the Governing Board at the end of which the new Director General obtained 14 votes against 7 for the Gambia and 4 invalid ballots. However, the Governing Board demanded that the recruitment criteria for the Director General be broadened in the future and that CAFRAD be provided with a manual of technical, administrative, financial, accounting and human resources management procedures for the Centre.
10. The Governing Board took note of the of CAFRAD's invitation to establish itself in Rabat, given the importance of its proximity to the city, as well as to other public and diplomatic institutions.

In the absence of any other items listed under 'Miscellaneous', Her Excellency Mrs. Ghita MEZZOUR, Minister Delegate in charge of Digital Transition and Administrative Reform of Morocco, concluded the proceedings by warmly thanking the Member States for their participation in the meeting. She also thanked and congratulated the outgoing Director General for all his efforts and perfect collaboration.

At 8:05 p.m. in an official letter from the Governing Board addressed to His Majesty Mohammed VI King of Morocco, may God assist Him, solemnly read by Madam the Ambassador of the Republic of Sudan to the Kingdom of Morocco, the Governing Board closed its proceedings, thanking the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for its welcome and hospitality.

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