

Therefore we commit, mindful of respective national policies and priorities, to work with IRENA on the following Action Agenda to promote and accelerate the development of the Africa Clean Energy Corridor:

- i. **Zoning and Resource Assessment:** Partner with expert institutions to identify zones for the development of renewable power plants in areas of high resource potential and routes for the efficient transmission of electricity to load centres. IRENA should expand its Global Atlas for Renewable Energy to help identify promising development zones.
- ii. **Country and Regional Planning:** Work with regulatory and planning bodies and expert institutions, including at the regional level, to promote and strengthen integrated resource planning that fully considers renewable power options to optimise investments in generation and transmission infrastructure. IRENA should also support the inclusion of more renewable power in country and regional plans, including by providing targeted information and data, especially on the declining costs of renewable energy technology.
- iii. **Enabling Frameworks for Investment:** Cooperate closely with international financial institutions to encourage innovative financing structures, such as loan and risk guarantees, that leverage government and donor resources. IRENA should support the development of government policies to enable investments in renewables, as well as to develop bankable project proposals through the Project Navigator.
- iv. **Capacity Building:** Work with regional bodies, countries, development partners, and research and training institutions to build the human and institutional capacity to plan, construct and operate power systems with a greater share of renewable generation. In this context, IRENA should facilitate the sharing of best practices and lessons learnt.
- v. **Public Information:** Raise awareness on the Africa Clean Energy Corridor at the global, regional and country levels to promote the benefits of the Corridor in providing secure, sustainable and affordable energy to meet rising energy demand.

We urge the Africa Union Commission, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, the East African Community, the Southern African Development Community, and the New Partnership for Africa's Development, as well as the African Energy Commission, the Eastern Africa Power Pool and its Independent Regulatory Board, the Southern African Power Pool, and the Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa, with support from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the African Development Bank and other multilateral financial institutions, to cooperate with IRENA in bringing the Africa Clean Energy Corridor to fruition.

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