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Africa Prepares for COP17

Malabo, June 30, 2011 - The Committee of Heads of State and Government of the African Union on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) met 29 June 2011, at the Sipopo Conference Center in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. The meeting focused on African participation in the Conference of Parties to the Framework Convention of the United Nations on Climate Change (COP 17) to be held from November 28 to December 9, 2011 in Durban, South Africa. The meeting was chaired by Mr Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Coordinator of the CAHOSCC.

During the meeting, the African Union Commission reported on the progress of implementation of previous decisions on climate change and highlighted the activities undertaken to facilitate African participation in the COP17, the work of the Group of African negotiators and update the common African position.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to update on the position of Africa in the negotiations on climate change since COP 16 in Cancun, Mexico.

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