



**Second International Conference of Ministers on
Transboundary Transhumance
Nexus: transhumance, protected areas, natural resources,
development, peace and security**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE END OF THE
CLOSED-DOOR MEETING OF MINISTERS AND SUB-
REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

The Ministers who held a closed-door session on July 11, 2023 reviewed the 7 points from the N'Djamena Declaration, which were submitted for analysis by the three blocs (Centre, East and West) and recommend the following:

I. Signing of different transborder agreements on transhumance

1. The Ministers noted the signing of agreements and encouraged countries to continue bilateral and multilateral negotiations in order to finalise and sign these agreements.
2. The Ministers recommend that each delegation presents this point to their respective Governments in order to establish consistent guidelines for the development of these agreements.
3. The Ministers recommend that intermediate solutions be explored, by supporting local authorities during the dialogue and transborder collaboration process.
4. The states concerned with the transborder agreements should rely on the support of ECOWAS, ECCAS or IGAD

II. Establishing a transhumance fund

5. The Ministers recommend that a study be carried out to establish an innovative financial mechanism on transhumance and to explore other directly accessible finance channels.

III. Neo-pastoralism

6. The Ministers recommend an organised implementation of agro-pastoral policies/strategies to secure sylvo-agro-pastoral land.

IV. Educating children, other basic social services for nomads and the empowerment women

7. The Ministers note that education of nomadic children is already in existence in certain countries. However, they invite the different states to take into consideration the social vulnerability of transhumant herders, in particular to establish a mobile-friendly system of education by taking inspiration from already-existing models in other countries (Niger and Chad). They further recommend the development of infrastructure and basic social services in transhumance areas.

V. Institutionalisation of traditional transborder forums for peaceful transhumance

8. The Ministers acknowledged that traditional rulers have organised for the implementation of the N'Djamena declaration. They encourage them to formalise

their framework. The Ministers recommend sub-regional institutions to accompany them in the formalisation of the existing frameworks.

9. The Ministers encourage the Regional and Local Authorities (RLAs) to strengthen their collaboration with traditional rulers and urge sub-regional and regional institutions to accompany them.

VI. Spatial observation of the determinants of transhumance

10. The Ministers acknowledge the importance of observatories. They urge sub-regional/regional organisations to make use of these tracking tools and integrate them into the existing frameworks (ECCMFRC, CILSS, etc., as well as those in line with national territorial surveillance mechanisms).
11. The Ministers invite observatories themes that integrate the needs of States in the context of transhumance and recommend that these tools be at the service of States.
12. The Ministers recommend that the observatories should be hosted by sub-regional/regional organisations of which the States are members.

VII. The institutional execution for the implementation of the N'Djamena declaration

13. The Ministers recommend that the responsibilities at country level should be carried out by Ministers in charge of transhumance together with the other sectoral techniques involved.
At the supranational level, the Ministers recommend two coordination levels: a regional political steering committee and a regional technical steering committee.
14. The Ministers mandated ECCAS to propose an operational framework for the steering committees in collaboration with the other sub-regional organisations, as soon as possible.

Yaounde, July 12, 2023

The Ministers