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The 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) opened on November 06, 2022, in Sharm El-Sheikh in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

On the sidelines of this international climate governance conference, the Commission of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), gathering 11 member states¹, is organizing today, November 7, 2022, at the DRC Pavilion (P80), from 12:30 pm the **day of the ECCAS at COP 27**, under the Leadership of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), country presiding over this instrument of regional integration.

Without compromising its economic development and improvement of the living conditions of its populations, Central Africa, as a region solution to the current environmental crisis, through the invaluable contribution of the tropical forest ecosystems it hosts - a gigantic carbon sink, the second ecological lung of the world – protection of biodiversity, climate regulation at regional and global levels, economic development and the improvement of the living conditions of populations, is active and present at this conference.

The day of the ECCAS, organized at the beginning of this conference aimed to:

- 1- Echo the common position of the Central African states at the COP 27, to better guide their actions during this conference;
- 2- Echo the conclusions and resolutions of the international scientific conference of Yangambi;
- 3- Inform on the institutional evolution of ECCAS and the tools available in the sub-region to implement the vision of the Heads of State to reconcile the fight against climate change and economic development;
- 4- Inform on the actions underway in the region in the field of climate change;
- 5- To discuss the roadmap towards the extraordinary summit of Heads of State and Government on the Environment - Climate Change - Forests theme, planned next year

This day, which will be attended by delegates from Central African countries, led by their Ministers, regional organizations, and technical and financial partners, will be led by experts from the ECCAS Commission, experts from the scientific community, leaders of regional CSO and private sector actors, all of come to defend the interests of this sub-region at COP 27 in regards to the expectations and needs of the States to achieve real socio-economic impacts.

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¹ Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, DRC, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, CAR, Rwanda, Chad, Sao Tome and Principe