
**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FIRST AFRICAN MINISTERS
CONFERENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF NEPAD ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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The Executive Council:

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Report;
- 2. REAFFIRMS** that Science and Technology play a fundamental role in development strategies of the continent;
- 3. ENDORSES** the Declaration of the first Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology held within the framework of NEPAD as well as the priorities and commitments with the understanding that the arrangements contained therein constitutes an interim arrangement which will function under the AU pending the operationalization of the Specialized Technical Committees (STCs);
- 4. REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to take all necessary measures to incorporate the NEPAD Science and Technology programme as a component of the African Union Strategic Plan and Work-Programme for Science and Technology and finalize their harmonization as a matter of urgency.