

**DECISION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON THE REPORT OF THE THIRD  
ORDINARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF  
EDUCATION OF THE AFRICAN UNION (COMEDAF III)  
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**The Executive Council:**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report and Communique of the Third Ordinary Session of the Conference of Ministers of Education, held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2007;
2. **ADOPTS** the conclusions and recommendations of the Ministers of Education as follows:
  - a. **CALLS ON** Member States, with support from development partners to expedite the implementation of the following, and to report progress at the COMEDAF IV session in 2009:
    - (i) Strategy for harmonisation of Higher Education in Africa;
    - (ii) African quality rating mechanism for Higher Education;
    - (iii) Strategy for technical and vocational education with special reference to countries in post-conflict situations;
    - (iv) Policy framework on access to post-primary education for refugees and internally displaced persons;
    - (v) Mechanism for reporting on implementation of the Plan of Action, and
    - (vi) Framework for establishing strategic partnerships to ensure greater harmonisation and co-ordination of education sector programmes in Africa.
  - b. **CALLS ON** the Commission to expedite the implementation of the strategy for developing a mechanism for the establishment of an African Education, Science and Technology Fund.
  - c. **FURTHER CALLS** on the Commission to spearhead the development of a framework for national and continental book policies to strengthen the development, production and distribution of quality African education materials.