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**The 83rd Session of the Executive Committee of the African
Parliamentary Union (APU)**

Rabat, Morocco on May 21–22, 2025

REPORT OF THE 83rd SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 83rd Session of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union (APU) was held in *Rabat* (Morocco) on May 21-22, 2025.

Delegates from the parliaments of the following countries participated in the proceedings: **Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Senegal, Chad, Togo, and Zimbabwe.**

The opening ceremony of the 83rd Session of the Executive Committee took place on May 21, 2025, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Mr. **Ali Kolotou Tchaïmi**, Speaker of the National Assembly of Chad and Chair of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union.

The Opening Session:

The President of the Executive Committee was joined by His Excellency Mr. **Rachid Talbi El-Alami**, Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Kingdom of Morocco; His Excellency Mr. **Mohamed Ould Er-Rachid**, Speaker of the House of Counsellors in the Kingdom of Morocco; and Mr. **Idi Gado Boubacar**, Secretary-General of the African Parliamentary Union (APU)

I. Opening Session

The session was marked by speeches delivered by their Excellencies: the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Morocco; the Speaker of the

House of Counsellors of Morocco; and the President of APU's Executive Committee.

Speech by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

His Excellency expressed his delight that the Moroccan Parliament was hosting the 83rd APU Executive Committee Session. He congratulated **President Ali Kolotou Tchaïmi** on his election as APU President and wished him a successful tenure marked by institutional and political achievements.

He commended APU Secretary-General, Mr. Idi Gado Boubacar, for his leadership. He then outlined the key themes to be discussed at the 47th Conference in *Kinshasa*, Democratic Republic of the Congo, notably the following:

- Strengthening African sovereignty in matters of sustainable development;
- The Challenges posed by energy transition and renewable energy development in Africa;
- Governance in the area of artificial intelligence.

He called for concrete action toward sustainable development, highlighting major infrastructure projects such as:

- The initiative aimed at providing *Sahel* countries with access to the Atlantic Ocean;
- The Nigeria-Morocco gas pipeline project;

He concluded by wishing the session every success.

Speech by the Speaker of the House of Counsellors:

His Excellency welcomed all participants and expressed Morocco's pride in hosting the 83rd APU Session. He emphasized that this meeting was a crucial

step in strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation among African nations.

He thereafter referred to the global context, marked as it is by regional and internal junctures facing global challenges, including peace, security, sustainable development, social justice, climate change, and rapid technological advancements. He stressed the need for African nations to unite through inter-parliamentary dialogue in order to address these issues and challenges collectively.

He reiterated **King Mohammed VI's vision**, which prioritizes African cooperation, and elaborated on such key initiatives as:

- The Process of Atlantic African States;
- The international initiative designed to facilitate *Sahel* countries' access to the Atlantic Ocean;
- The Africa-Atlantic Gas Pipeline (Nigeria-Morocco) project.

He also highlighted the importance of revising the APU's governing texts and urged parliamentarians to work harder to meet the growing aspirations of African citizens. He advocated for investing in youth to secure a brighter future for the rising generations.

Finally, the Speaker of the House of Counsellors in the Kingdom of Morocco was a platform for the sharing of experiences and good practices to meet the various challenges facing our Continent. He reaffirmed Morocco's commitment to supporting APU's initiatives and wished the session productive deliberations.

Speech by APU's Executive Committee President

His Excellency Mr. **Ali Kolotou Tchaïmi** began by expressing his deep gratitude to the assembly. He called for a minute of silence in honor of the late Honorable Hatouma Gakou, Vice-President of Mali's National Transitional Council, who passed away on April 1, 2025, praising her

dedication to inter-parliamentary cooperation and advocacy for persons with disabilities.

He extended sincere thanks to His Majesty King Mohammed VI for Morocco's warm hospitality and to the Speakers of both Moroccan parliamentary chambers for hosting the session. He also thanked all APU member parliaments for their participation and their trust in Chad's leadership of the Union.

He emphasized that this session was taking place amid a challenging global context, marked by threats to peace, climate change, weakening multilateralism, and geopolitical tensions. He urged African parliamentarians to act decisively, in line with the aspirations of their people and governments.

The APU, he stated, serves as a platform for dialogue, promoting peace, democracy, good governance, and sustainable development. He called for unity in diversity to overcome shared challenges.

After reviewing the agenda, he reminded members of their outstanding membership dues, urging prompt payment to ensure the APU's financial sustainability. He commended the Secretary-General for his work and declared the 83rd APU Session officially open.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair addressed the appointment of a *Rapporteur*, noting that the previous *Rapporteur* (from Chad) had not been re-elected. Citing Article 14(5) of the APU Statutes, which mandates regional rotation, he proposed that West African delegates select a new *Rapporteur*. Following consultations, Ms. Assita Bénédicté Françoise Romaine Bailou (from Burkina Faso) was elected.

The agenda was adopted as follows:

1. Review of implementation of Conference's decisions and recommendations;

2. Examination of the audited 2024 financial report;
3. Adoption of the Auditors' Report;
4. Draft agenda for the 47th Conference;
5. Review and adoption of proposed amendments to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure;
6. Draft agenda for the 84th Executive Committee Session,
7. Date and venue of the 84th Session.

III. Discussion of Agenda Items

A. Implementation of Conference Decisions

The Secretary-General presented a report on the implementation of past decisions. Delegates commended the Secretariat's work, particularly its statement on the crisis in Eastern DRC, but called for a mechanism to assess the impact of resolutions.

B. Examination of the Audited 2024 Financial Report

The Secretary-General presented the report. Some members raised concerns over unpaid dues, with suggestions to impose sanctions on defaulting countries. The Committee thereafter approved the financial report.

C. Auditors' Report for 2024

Senator Pierre Flambeau Ngayap (Cameroon) presented the Auditors' Report, confirming that the APU's accounts were accurate and compliant. The Committee granted discharge to the Secretary-General for his 2024 management.

D. Draft Agenda for the 47th Conference

The proposed agenda included:

1. Chair's report;
2. Secretary-General's business report;
3. Report of the Women Parliamentarians' Committee;
4. Adoption of APU statutory amendments;
5. Strengthening African sovereignty (Political Committee);
6. Energy transition challenges (Economic Committee);
7. Date/venue of the 48th Conference;
8. Election of the Executive Committee Chair;
9. Any other business.

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

E. Amendments to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure

The Committee acknowledged the complexity of the issue and decided that the working group established in *N'Djamena* should continue its work, incorporating new proposals and ensuring regional representation. A consensus report will be presented at the *Kinshasa* Conference.

F. Draft Agenda for the 84th Session

The Secretary-General proposed:

1. Implementation review of Conference decisions;
2. 2026 work program;
3. Draft 2026 budget;
4. Approval of APU statutory amendments;
5. Draft agenda for the 48th Conference;

6. Draft agenda for the 85th Session;
7. Date/venue of the 85th Session.

The session concluded with the adoption of all agenda items.

G – Date and Venue of the 84th Session of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee adopted the revised draft-agenda for its 84th Session.

Additionally, it confirmed the decision previously taken in *N'Djamena* to hold the 47th Conference in *Kinshasa*, Democratic Republic of the Congo, between November and December 2025. The exact date will be determined by means of a mutual agreement between APU and the host country.

