Under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI
and the effective presidency of H.R.H Princess Lalla Hasnaa

**8TH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS**

“Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development”

2-3 October 2019
(Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco)

**RESOLUTIONS**
Resolution on Agenda

The Eighth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, on 03-04 Safar 1441A.H, corresponding to 02-03 October 2019, under the theme “the Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development”,

- Having considered its Draft Agenda;

Decides as follows:

- Adopts the Agenda of the Eighth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, as contained in Document (1.1, adopted).
Resolution on
Programme

The Eighth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, on 03-04 Safar 1441A.H, corresponding to 02-03 October 2019, under the theme “the Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development”,

- Having considered its Draft Programme;

Decides as follows:

- Adopts the Programme of the Eighth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, as contained in Document (1.2, adopted).
Resolution on
the Election of the members of the Conference Bureau

The Eighth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, on 03-04 Safar 1441A.H, corresponding to 02-03 October 2019, under the theme “the Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development”,

- Taking into consideration the Bureau’s composition of the previous sessions of the Conference; and,
- Based on the proposals put forward,

Decides as follows:

Composes its Bureau as follows:

- Chair: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Vice-chairs:
  • Kingdom of Morocco;
  • Republic of Uganda;
  • Republic of Maldives.
- Rapporteur
  • Republic of Tunisia.
Resolution on
the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the
Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment

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- Having examined the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment; as contained in Document 2.1, and,
- Based on the deliberations having taken place,

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment, taking into consideration the observations of the Conference members;
2. **Urges** Member States to complete the appointment of focal points for the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment to facilitate the follow-up to the implementation of the decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Executive Bureau and the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers;
3. **Thanks** the Chairperson of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment, the OIC Secretary General and ISESCO Director General for their appreciated efforts put in preparing the documents of the Bureau and the Conference and supporting Member States’ efforts aimed at addressing environment issues and achieving sustainable development.
Resolution on

Report on ISESCO's Efforts in the Fields of Environment and Sustainable Development between the 7th and 8th sessions of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers

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- Having adopted the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment (Rabat, 20 April 2019);

- Having considered the “Report on ISESCO's Efforts in the Fields of Environment and Sustainable Development between the 7th and 8th sessions of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers (ICEM)“, as contained in Document 2.2;

- Having listened to the presentation made by ISESCO’s representative in this connection; and

- Considering the deliberations having taken place;

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** “the Report on ISESCO’s Efforts in the Fields of Environment and Sustainable Development between the 7th and 8th sessions of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers”, taking into consideration the observations of the Conference members;
2. **Extends** thanks and appreciation to ISESCO for its efforts in the fields of environmental protection and sustainable development, and urges it to sustain coordination and consultation with the competent parties in Member States and national, regional and international competent authorities, in such a way as to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and promote joint Islamic environmental action;

3. **Calls on** Member States, specialized institutions, partners and donors to support ISESCO’s efforts in this field, in such a manner as to cater for the needs and commitments of Member States with regards the goals set forth by the international community by 2030, in line with relevant international instruments;

4. **Thanks** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the generous financial support it provides for the convening of the respective sessions of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers and its Executive Bureau, which significantly ensured the continuity of the conference and achievement of its objectives and purposes;

5. **Thanks** ISESCO General Directorate for preparing this report.
Resolution on
Project of the Establishment of the Islamic Network for
Environmental Action and Sustainable Development

The Eighth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, on 03-04 Safar 1441A.H, corresponding to 02-03 October 2019, under the theme “the Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development”,

- Having adopted the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment (Rabat, 20 April 2019);

- Having considered the “Project of the Establishment of the Islamic Network for Environmental Action and Sustainable Development”, within ISESCO;

- Having listened to the presentation made by ISESCO’s representative in this connection; and

- Considering the deliberations having taken place;

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** the document on the “Project of the Establishment of the Islamic Network for Environmental Action and Sustainable Development”, within ISESCO, taking into consideration the observations of the Conference members;

2. **Calls on** relevant Member States’ government institutions and authorities, and parallel international and regional organizations to cooperate with the Network with a view to promoting joint Islamic environmental action and facilitating the sharing of expertise and best practices in the field of environmental protection and sustainable development;

3. **Thanks** ISESCO General Directorate for preparing this document.
Resolution on

Progress Report on the Creation of the “Islamic Academy for the Environment and Sustainable Development”

The Eighth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, on 03-04 Safar 1441 A.H, corresponding to 02-03 October 2019, under the theme “the Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development”,

- Having adopted the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment (Rabat, 20 April 2019);
- Having considered the Progress Report on the Creation of the “Islamic Academy for the Environment and Sustainable Development”, as contained in Document 2.4;
- Having listened to the presentation made by the representative of the Kingdom of Morocco in this connection; and
- Considering the deliberations having taken place;

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** the “Progress Report on the Creation of the Islamic Academy for the Environment and Sustainable Development”, taking into consideration the observations of the Conference members;

2. **Thanks** the Kingdom of Morocco, represented by the Ministry of Energy, Mining and Sustainable Development, for the progress made in the construction of the Academy’s headquarters, and the commitment to take the necessary technical and regulatory measures for its operation, in coordination with ISESCO in this regard;

3. **Thanks** ISESCO General Directorate for having followed up the matter with the competent authorities in the Kingdom of Morocco, and commissions it to submit a report on the matter to the Conference’s next sessions.
Resolution on

Report on the “Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Award for Environmental Management in the Islamic World”

The Eighth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, on 03-04 Safar 1441A.H, corresponding to 02-03 October 2019, under the theme “the Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development”,

- Having adopted the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment (Rabat, 20 April 2019);
- Having examined the “Report on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Award for Environmental Management in the Islamic World”, as contained in Document 2.5;
- Having listened to the presentation made by ISESCO’s representative in this connection;
- Considering the deliberations having taken place;

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** the “Report on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Award for Environmental Management in the Islamic World”;

2. **Reiterates** thanks and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for the creation of the Award and for his kind approval as to expanding its scope to cover the Islamic world and entrusting its General Secretariat to ISESCO, in order to entrench the broad concept of environmental management and promote sustainable development in Member States;
3. **Hails** the coordination efforts exerted by ISESCO and the General Authority of Meteorology and Environmental Protection of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the good preparation of the second edition of the Award; **congratulates** the winners; and **extends** thanks to and appreciation for the members of the Award’s Higher Committee, its jury and the respective working teams of the Award’s General Secretariat and the General Authority for the efforts they deployed to advance the level of the Award;

4. **Commends** ISESCO’s role in assuming the General Secretariat of the Award, undertaking the organizational and technical arrangements for the implementation of its media plan, and ensuring the academic and technical supervision of the jury deliberation process, in cooperation and coordination with the General Authority of Meteorology and Environmental Protection of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

5. **Thanks** the Award’s General Secretariat for preparing this report.
Resolution on

Report on the Programme of the Celebration of the Islamic World Environmentally-Friendly Capitals

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- Having adopted the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment (Rabat, 20 April 2019);
- Having considered the “Report on the Programme of the Celebration of the Islamic World Environmentally-Friendly Capitals”, as contained in Document 2.6;
- Having listened to the presentation made by ISESCO’s representative in this connection, and;
- Considering the deliberations having taken place;

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** the report on the Programme of the celebration of the Islamic World Environmentally-Friendly Capitals, taking into consideration the observations of the members of the Conference;

2. **Adopts** the City of Agadir in the Kingdom of Morocco and the City of Nur-Sultan in the Republic of Kazakhstan as the Islamic World Environmentally-Friendly Capitals for the years 2020-2021;

3. **Adopts** the City of Kampala in the Republic of Uganda as the Islamic World Environmentally-Friendly Capital of Merit for the African region for the years 2020-2021.

4. **Adopts** the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif as the Islamic World Environmentally-Friendly Permanent Capital.

5. **Entrusts** ISESCO Director General to prepare a schedule for the celebration of Islamic World Environmentally-Friendly Capitals until the end of 2030, in the light of the nominations received from Member States in this regard, while taking into consideration the balanced geographical distribution among Member States and conformity with the terms of nomination and selection criteria of such capitals.
Resolution on
ISESCO Report on the Executive Work Plan for
Natural Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in the Member States

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- Having adopted the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment (Rabat, 20 April 2019);
- Having considered “ISESCO Report on the Executive Work Plan for Natural Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in the Member States”, as contained in Document 2.7;
- Having listened to the presentation made by ISESCO’s representative in this connection, and;
- Considering the deliberations having taken place;

Decides as follows:

1. Adopts “ISESCO Report on the Executive Work Plan for Natural Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in the Member States”, taking into consideration the observations of the Conference members;

2. Takes note of the achievements made under the Pilot Programme for Capacity-Building in the Field of Natural Disaster Risk Mitigation and Management in Member States, as well as of the meetings and activities on the matter since the 7th Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers and their outcomes;

3. Calls on Member States to give effect to the measures and procedures to reduce natural disaster risks, and cooperate with relevant international and regional institutions;

4. Thanks ISESCO General Directorate for preparing this document.
Resolution on
Draft Strategy for the Activation of the Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in Protecting the Environment and Achieving Sustainable Development in the Islamic World

The Eighth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, on 03-04 Safar 1441A.H., corresponding to 2-3 October 2019, under the theme: “the Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development”,

- Having adopted the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment (Rabat, 20 April 2019);

- Having considered the “Draft Strategy for the Activation of the Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in Protecting the Environment and Achieving Sustainable Development in the Islamic World”, as contained in Document 3.1;

- Having listened to the presentation made by ISESCO’s representative in this connection, and;

- Considering the deliberations having taken place,

Decides as follows:

1. Adopts the “Draft Strategy for the Activation of the Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in Protecting the Environment and Achieving Sustainable Development in the Islamic World”, taking into consideration the observations of the Conference members;
2. **Calls on** Member States to devote more attention to cultural and religious factors when preparing national plans and strategies aimed to surmount socio-economic and environmental challenges, in such a way as to meet their needs and in line with their priorities;

3. **Invites** ISESCO to draft an executive plan for the Strategy, in cooperation with the national, regional and international organizations and relevant institutions within and outside the Islamic world;

4. **Thanks** ISESCO General Directorate for preparing this document.
Resolution on
Draft Guidance Document on Strengthening the Role of Youth and Civil Society in the Protection of the Environment and Achievement of Sustainable Development

The Eighth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, on 03-04 Safar 1441A.H., corresponding to 2-3 October 2019, under the theme: “the Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development”,

- Having adopted the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment (Rabat, 20 April 2019);
- Having considered the “Draft Guidance Document on Strengthening the Role of Youth and Civil Society in the Protection of the Environment and Achievement of Sustainable Development”, as contained in Document 3.2;
- Having listened to the presentation made by ISESCO’s representative in this connection, and;
- Considering the deliberations having taken place;

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** the “Draft Guidance Document on Strengthening the Role of Youth and Civil Society in the Protection of the Environment and Achievement of Sustainable Development”, taking into consideration the observations of the Conference members, and in accordance with the criteria laid down by relevant decisions and resolutions governing the rules of cooperation with non-governmental organizations, adopted by OIC summits and ministerial meetings;

2. **Calls on** Member States to promote the roles of youth and civil society in the implementation of national sustainable development plans and strategies, taking into consideration the peculiarities of Member States and meet their needs in a way that is consistent with the legislations, references, principles and orientations adopted and applied by Member States;

3. **Thanks** ISESCO General Directorate for preparing this document.
Resolution on
Election of the members of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment

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- Based on Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment;
- Taking into consideration the balanced geographic distribution among Member States and the Bureau’s composition in the previous sessions of the Conference;
- Based on the proposals put forward;

Decides as follows:

- Composes the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment for a two-year term as follows:
  - Chair: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
  - Secretariat: ISESCO
  - Members:
    - Arab region:
      - State of the United Arab Emirates,
      - Republic of Tunisia,
      - Federal Republic of Somalia.
- **African region:**
  - Burkina Faso,
  - Republic of Sierra Leone,
  - Republic of The Gambia.

- **Asian region:**
  - Republic of Uzbekistan,
  - Republic of Suriname,
  - Malaysia.

The OIC General Secretariat attends the Bureau’s meetings.
Resolution on
Date and venue of the 9th Conference session

The Eighth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, on 03-04 Safar 1441A.H., corresponding to 2-3 October 2019, under the theme: “the Cultural and Religious Factors in the Protection of the Environment and Sustainable Development”,

Decides as follows:

1. Decides to hold the 9th session of the Conference in October 2021 at the headquarters of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO);

2. Invites the Member States willing to host the next session of the Conference to submit an official request thereon including the proposed organizational facilitations to ISESCO General Directorate in order to consult with the Conference presidency and inform Member States of the decision taken thereon.

3. Thanks the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for allocating a fixed budget for the convening of each session of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers and the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment.