



# The urgent need to enhance an International Solidarity to face Climate Change in Africa and the Mediterranean Region

**Major Outputs of Tunis Conference,  
18-20 November 2007**

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## **Main Objectives**

**Tunis Action Plan for International Solidarity to face Climate Change**

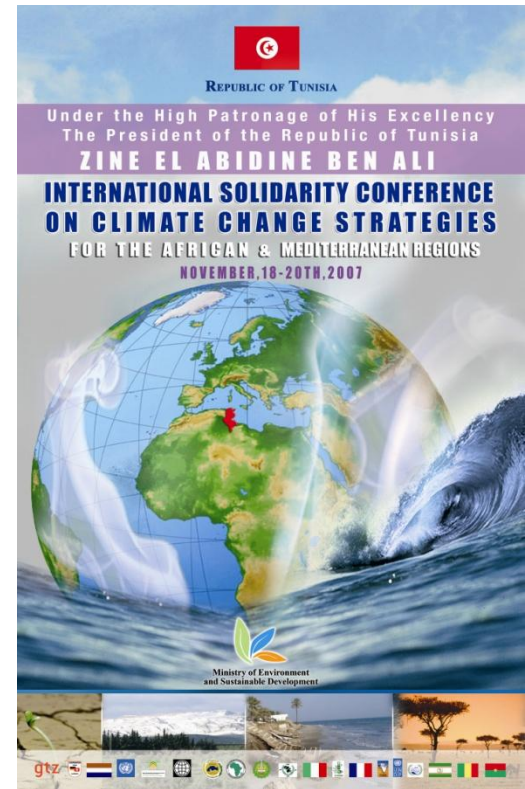
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Tunisia hosted, on November 18-20, 2007, the **international Solidarity conference on climate change strategies for African and Mediterranean regions.**

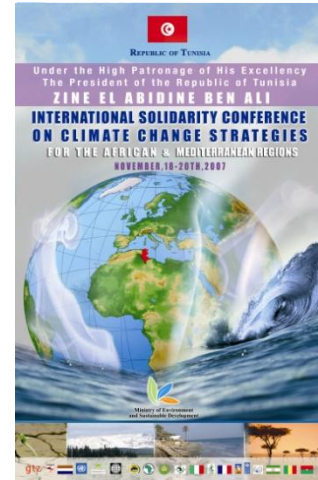
This conference was placed under **the High Patronage of H.E. Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, President of the Republic of Tunisia,** and participation of about 30 ministers from African and European countries, the executive secretaries of the UN-Convention on Biodiversity, Climate Change and Desertification, The IPCC President and high representatives of the more than 30 International and Regional organizations and Institutions



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## Main Objectives

- To identify strategies of adaptation and response to climate change for Africa and the Mediterranean Region;
- To mainstream the new “stress factor” related to potential climate change impacts into the sustainable development strategies of the developing African as well as Mediterranean countries;
- To instigate international mobilization and action for the developing African and Mediterranean countries so that they can meet the challenges posed by climate change;
- To strengthen the co-operation between the African countries and the countries of the Mediterranean Region on the questions pertaining to climate change;



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## Tunis Declaration for International Solidarity to face Climate Change

### Participants Declare That They Will:

- ✓ **Integrate Climate Change adaptation within development strategies;**
- ✓ **Develop capacity** for elaborating and implementing Climate Change adaptation strategies;
- ✓ Reinforce capacities for **public information and sensitization**
- ✓ Implement programs for the **transfer** of relevant information and **experiences and of appropriate technologies**
- ✓ Strengthen, expertise, **cooperation and solidarity** for prevention and action against climatic extremes in the most vulnerable countries;
- ✓ Endeavor to **promote renewable energies** and energy efficiency in all sectors in order to attenuate the negative effects of Climate Change;
- ✓ Reinforce **South-South and North-South cooperation**, while promoting the flow of information and free exchanges;
- ✓ Seek to **mobilize the necessary financial resources** for establishing attenuation and adaptation strategies and the corresponding plans of action.

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## Tunis Declaration for International Solidarity to face Climate Change

### Ask That:

- ✓ Donor institutions and organizations, at the bilateral and multilateral levels, **sustain the governments of developing countries**, especially the most vulnerable countries, in elaborating adaptation and clean development strategies, and in establishing and implementing concrete projects and plans of action;
- ✓ Developed countries establish **new mechanisms to materialize the principles of international solidarity**, and contribute to financing development, especially in African countries;
- ✓ Governments, international organizations, Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and research institutions commit to **support African and Mediterranean countries in implementing adaptation and attenuation measures**, in order to counter the effects of Climate Change, eradicate poverty and promote development in the most vulnerable countries. The funding for Adaptation on Climate Change should be additional to ODA funding for reaching the Millenium Development goals
- ✓ **The UN be mandated to set up guidelines for the development and implementation of biofuels production** in Africa keeping in view the priority for food security and sustainable development in the continent.

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## Tunis Action Plan for International Solidarity to face Climate Change

### Main Objectives of the Action Plan

Its main objective is **helping the countries of African and the Mediterranean Region to take the appropriate steps regarding adaptation to climate change in a context of international solidarity.**

This Action Plan in **no way replaces the NAPAs**, or the programmes of the concerned international organisations, but rather acts as back-up to these Action Plans, to give them a better chance of success, by **focusing on the priority issues of adaptation to climate change** that can be solved through international solidarity, coordination and mutual exchange and assistance between countries.

It was designed to take into account both the priorities selected within the UNFCCC context and the recommended approaches to adaptation, and the special features of the African and Mediterranean regions, that include many of the less developed countries. It focuses on priority aspects to help, through a set of actions, the countries of Africa and the Mediterranean Region **attain their Millennium Development Goals.**

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## Tunis Action Plan for International Solidarity to face Climate Change

### Recommended actions

- Assistance for **the elaboration and implementation of national adaptation plans**
- **Integration** of Climate Change adaptation in development strategies and plans
- Strengthening **participation of stakeholders**
- **Adaptation** to climate change in **agriculture and the management of natural ecosystems**
- Adaptation to climate change for better management of **water resources**
- Adaptation to climate change as regards **Energy and infrastructure**
- Preparedness for **health impacts and natural disasters**
- Strengthen **financial tools** to help developing countries' adaptation



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## Conclusions- Lessons learnt

- **Adaptation** to climate change is an **urgent need** which affects seriously the development of African and Mediterranean countries.
- The **lack of capacities and appropriate technologies** in African and Mediterranean countries is a serious barrier for climate adaptation.
- Adaptation could be efficient only in the context of a **real and effective international solidarity**
- **International community and organizations** are invited to play an effective role to facilitate adaptation and clean development of African and Mediterranean countries, by the implementation of more **efficient financing tools and transfer of appropriate technologies**.



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