



**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 6TH BCC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE MEETING,
SAFARI HOTEL, WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA, 9 NOVEMBER 2017**

The 6th BCC Ministerial Conference meeting was held at Safari Hotel, Windhoek, Republic of Namibia on 9 November 2017.

The meeting was attended by the following Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Secretaries of State:

- Hon. Bernhard Esau, Chairperson of the BCC Ministerial Conference
- Hon. Bomo Edna Edith Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs, Rep. of South Africa
- Hon. Carlos Martinó Cordeiro, Secretary of State of Fisheries (Ministry of Fisheries and Sea), Rep of Angola
- Hon. Jânio Corrêa Victor, Secretary of State of Geology and Mines (Ministry of Mineral Resources and Petroleum), Rep of Angola
- Hon. Tommy Nambahu, Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism, Rep. of Namibia
- Hon. Kornelia Shilunga, Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy, Rep of Namibia

The meeting was also attended by the BCC Development Partners including, UNDP-Namibia, European Union, Germany and Members of Diplomatic Corps.

At the beginning of the meeting, Ministers signed the Headquarters Agreement between the BCC and the Host Government and;

At the closure of the Conference, the Ministers issued the communique below;

1. We extend our gratitude to the Host Government and the City of Windhoek and its residents for the warm hospitality extended to the delegates

2. We direct the Commission to develop concrete self-funding proposals to make the Benguela Current Convention self-sufficient and report to the Ministerial Conference
3. At this meeting, we have ratified the annual workplans for 2017/18 and approved 2018/19
4. We reviewed and approved 2016/17 Annual Report, noting the unqualified audit of the Benguela Current Convention
5. We direct the Commission to review the planning cycle of the BCC
6. We ratified the approval of 2017/18 Annual Budget
7. We direct the Commission to mainstream women and youth
8. We commit to collaborate in the combating pollution in particular micro-plastic pollution, noting the importance of managing pollution at source; learn from best practices from other parts of the world on micro-plastic pollution management
9. Consider to expand beyond the four focal ministries when dealing with issues of phosphate mining to include other sectors such as health, agriculture and industry who might have a stake in the subject
10. We appreciate the support from esteemed development partners to further the objectives of the BCC.

DONE AT WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA, 09 NOVEMBER, 2017

Signed by Hon. Bernhard Esau, Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Republic of Namibia and Chairperson of the Benguela Current Convention Ministerial Conference

