



## EXPERT MEETING REPORT

### **PLENARY SESSION: PIP AND STRATEGIC REFLECTIONS ON THE NEXUS**

During the second International Conference of Ministers on Transboundary Transhumance, Nexus: transhumance, protected areas, development, peace and security, a plenary session of experts on the **Multi-year Investment Plans (PIP) and strategic reflections on the nexus** was organised.

The plenary's purpose was to analyse the **PIPs and guide the strategic reflections with a view to learning how to make transhumance peaceful and sustainable.**

The meeting was attended by leaders and co-leaders of the different blocks and the delegations of member states of the blocks below:

1. Centre Block: CAR, Sudan, Chad
2. East Block: CAR, Sudan and DRC
3. West Block: Cameroon, Nigeria, Niger, Chad

Group work was facilitated by the leaders of each block. The methodology adopted at each plenary was to review missing actions and find means of coordinating the implementation of the PIPs at the level of the different blocks.

After a series of block discussions and a session to summarise the observations, the recommendations below were formulated by the participants:

- ✚ Set up an advisory board and monitoring committee for PIP activities made up of a small team/ relying on implementation bodies of existing agreements of PIP implementation actions at cross-border level;
- ✚ Developing educational systems adapted to transhumance to enable children and young transhumant girls to be educated,
- ✚ Signing and executing transboundary agreements,
- ✚ Training magistrates, journalists and law enforcement bodies on transhumance and the implementation of regulatory texts,
- ✚ Raising awareness of the transhumance calendar and the management capacities of pastoral areas in transhumance reception areas,
- ✚ Integrating existing bilateral action plans in the implementation of PIP,
- ✚ Carrying out an in-depth study on the sustainability of transhumance in the context of population growth and climate change,
- ✚ Adapting bilateral transborder agreements in the national regulatory framework,
- ✚ Collaborating on actions that can be carried out on a transborder level,

- ✚ Identifying the technical and financial partners which intervene at the transboundary level in the different blocks,
- ✚ Elaborating and implementing a sub-regional protocol (ECCAS) for transhumance,
- ✚ Developing socio-economic infrastructure in transhumance reception areas,
- ✚ Setting up a fund for financing transhumance,

Furthermore, the experts took note of countries' (DRC, CAR, CHAD, etc.) decision to review their budgets after the plenary presentations.

The meeting ended with a PIP presentation by ECCAS which supports the coordination of transborder actions.

The participants applauded the work, approved the PIP of the eight countries and the recommendations as a whole.

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**The participants**