

## RECOMMENDATIONS FORUM OF IDEAS



### “Prevention of conflicts over natural resources”

1. We call upon Governments **to promote** practices for the compatible and sustainable use and preservation of shared natural resources at country and transboundary levels and in particular of UNESCO World Heritage sites, biosphere reserves and geo parks, including through the enhancement of traditional and indigenous knowledge;
2. **Noting** that several major conflicts in the continent are related to the misuse of transboundary ecosystems particularly in the Sahel, Great Lakes, Lake Chad and Congo Basin regions, we encourage States to further strengthen collaboration to ensure the sustainable management of these joint natural resources;
3. In this regard, **encourage** partners from the private sector, development cooperation and civil society to add on to States efforts to set up innovative and sustainable endogenous financing mechanisms for the management of the natural resources in Africa;
4. **Noting** that Africa’s geological and mineral richness are one of the key assets of Africa, we urge countries, AUC and the UN to develop national and regional mechanisms for the transparent management of extractive industries, including

the development and enforcement of regulatory and operational consultation frameworks.