

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE FOURTH AFRICAN MINISTERIAL  
CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (AMCOST IV)  
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**The Executive Council,**

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Fourth African Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology (AMCOST IV) held in Cairo, Egypt, from 8 to 11 March 2010;
2. **WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS** the launching of the African Union (AU) Science and Technology Decade (2011-2020) to harness science and technology for Africa's socio-economic development, and to achieve a knowledge based society, and **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly launches the AU Science and Technology Decade;
3. **ALSO WELCOMES** the establishment of the African Cluster for Science and Technology as a platform to coordinate the efforts on the implementation of the Consolidated Plan of Action and **CALLS ON** the United Nations Agencies and Members of the Cluster to strengthen the Cluster in order to enable it discharge its mandate;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to develop a programme to enhance science and technology infrastructure in Member States;
5. **CALLS ON** development partners to effectively support the programme to enhance science and technology infrastructure in Member States in order to attain world class scientific research capability that responds to the African community needs;
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to report regularly to the Executive Council on the implementation of this Decision.

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