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Financing sustainable development in the Sahel and West Africa: Arab partners will strengthen their cooperation around a round table scheduled for June 16, 2025, in Vienna, Austria

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– The Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), in collaboration with Arab international financial institutions, is organizing the Arab Partners Round Table on June 16, 2025, in Vienna, Austria, a major event aimed at strengthening cooperation and mobilizing substantial financial resources for sustainable development in the Sahel and West Africa.

Through the Arab Partners Round Table, CILSS aims to forge a strategic partnership to raise financing and implement innovative, sustainable solutions for sustainable food and nutrition security, water management, natural resource management, and access to agri-food markets, in line with its 2023-2027 work plan and 2050 strategic plan. Negotiations will focus on several major projects aimed at sustainably preserving ecosystems, raising awareness of climate issues, modernizing pastoral systems, and developing value chains for agro-pastoral products. These initiatives, fully aligned with the CILSS mandate and member states' priorities, will play a key

role in the construction of a resilient future for the region.

Several Arab international financial institutions, including the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the OPEC Fund for International Development, the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD), the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD), are expected to take part in the negotiations. Their commitment reflects a clear determination to promote sustainable development and guarantee shared prosperity for the people of the Sahel and West Africa.

CILSS and its partners are giving new impetus to the transformation of the Sahel, placing cooperation, international solidarity, and innovation at the heart of community resilience and future progress in the Sahel and West Africa.

About CILSS

Created in 1973 after the great droughts of the 1970s, CILSS's principal mandate is to devote efforts to the search for Food and Nutritional Security, and combating the effects of desertification and climate change for an ecological balance and sustainable development in the

Sahel and West Africa. Its commitment is reflected in the mobilization of scientific and technical expertise in its field of intervention, in collaboration with development partners, and for the benefit of its member states.

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