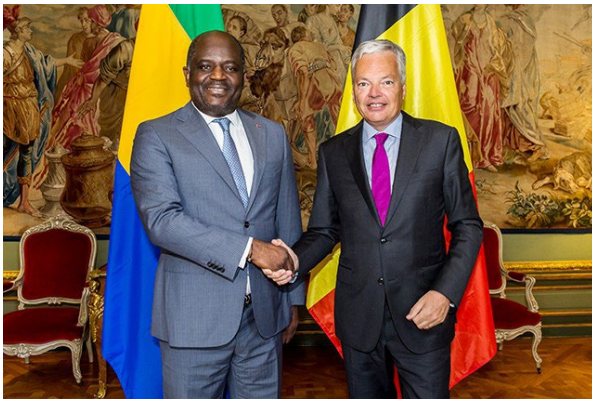




## AAI Press Release:

# GABON LEADING THE WAY FOR ADAPTATION IN AFRICA WITH AAI

**June 2018** - The Gabonese Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E Régis Immongault Tatangani recently toured Brussels, Berlin, Oslo, Paris, Stockholm and New York City with the aim of creating awareness and mobilizing resources for the African Adaptation Initiative (AAI).



Minister Immongault Tatangani and Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign and European Affairs (Belgium).

The Minister conveyed the message of the President of the Republic, His Excellency Ali Bongo Ondimba, in his capacity as Coordinator of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on the Climate Change (CAHOSCC), with a view to create awareness and mobilise additional resources for the African Adaptation Initiative.



Minister Régis Immongault Tatangani and Ine Eriksen Søreide, Norwegian Minister for Foreign Affairs. (Norway)

Mr. Régis Immongault Tatangani was accompanied by H.E Mr. Michel Xavier Biang the Permanent Representative of Gabon, Ms. Kulthoum Omari Motsumi the Coordinator of the AAI, Mr. Stephen Jackson Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Gabon, and Mr Tanguy Gahouma from the National Climate Council of Gabon.

As part of the tour, an important meeting was held at the United Nations Headquarters in the presence of the African Union Observer Mission. Several African countries, and the major contributors to international climate finance were in attendance. In his speech, Minister Régis Immongault Tatangani reminded everyone the urgency of the situation and the words of the CAHOSCC coordinator: "It is better to support the financing of the fight against climate change than to observe its consequences on our planet."

Mr. Achim Steiner the UNDP Administrator renewed his organization appreciation for the 500,000 US Dollar contribution Gabon made this year to AAI – the first by an African country.



H. E. Fatima K. Mohammed Representative of The African Union to the UN and Minister Regis Immongault Tatangani in New York



Minister Immongault Tatangani and Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator of UNDP (New York)

The commitment and leadership of the Gabonese Head of State was hailed by all the participants who expressed their willingness to make the AAI an instrument for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and, by confirming their participation in the high-level round table, to be held in September 2018 on the sidelines of the 73rd UN General Assembly. The objective of the roundtable is to mobilize the 5 to 30 million US dollars necessary for the implementation of the AAI, and to launch a report on the State of Adaptation in Africa.

---

# AAI

---

Enhancing action on adaptation in Africa

For more information about AAI, please contact:

AAI Technical Support Unit

**E-mail:** [info@africadaptationinitiative.org](mailto:info@africadaptationinitiative.org)

**Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI)**  
**Initiative d'Adaptation pour l'Afrique (IAA)**

[www.africadadaptationinitiative.org](http://www.africadadaptationinitiative.org)

