The 4th Ministerial Conference meeting was held on 21st August 2014 in the town of Namibe, Angola. Hon. Dr Victoria de Barros Neto, Minister of Fisheries in Angola chaired the meeting. The following Ministers and Deputy Ministers attended the Conference.

- Hon. Dr Victoria DE BARROS NETO, Minister of Fisheries, Angola
- Hon. Dr. Paula FRANCISCO, Secretary of State for Biodiversity and Conservation Areas, Ministry of Environment, Angola
- Hon. Mr. Jose J. KUvingua, Deputy Minister of Transport, Angola
- Hon. Mr Chief ANKAMA, Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Namibia
- Hon. Mr Kilus Karaerua NGUVAUVA, Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, Namibia
- Hon. Mr Willem ISAACKS, Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy, Namibia
- Hon. Mrs Edna MOLEWA, Minister of Environmental Affairs, South Africa
- Hon. Adv. Ngoako RAMATHLODI, Minister of Mineral Resources, South Africa
- Hon. Mrs Sindisiwe CHIKUNGA, Deputy Minister of Transport, South Africa

At the closure of the Meeting, the Ministers issued the communique below:

1. We express our heart-felt appreciation to the Host Government and to the city of Namibe and its residents for their support and hospitality.
2. Now that we have ratified the Benguela Convention since we signed it in the city of Benguela in March 2013, we commit to implement all its provisions.
3. BCC being the first Large Marine Ecosystems (LME) convention framework in the world, we reiterate our commitment to implement ecosystem-based management and multi-sectorial approach to sustainable development of the Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystems (BCLME).
4. We took note with deep appreciation significant progress made by the Benguela Current Commission over the past three years in developing requisite structures and instruments thereby strengthened the Commission and regional collaboration.

5. In respect of the Strategic Action Programme that we have signed today, we commit to mobilise necessary resources both internally and externally to ensuring that the BCC fulfils its mandate to the fullest extent.

6. We continue to embrace stakeholder participation, including youths and women, and promote public-private partnerships, to improve ocean governance and sustainable development of the BCLME region; to this end, BCC will particularly grow further collaboration between and within the BCC sectors, business sectors, youths and women, communities and stakeholders to promote good governance.

7. We commit ourselves to invest in human capital, including training and capacity building, exchange of experiences and expertise, knowledge transfer and technical assistance, which involves strengthening institutional capacity in areas of marine environmental sciences, manufacturing, infrastructure, ocean governance, maritime transport and aquaculture.

8. We commit to develop our extractive resources to benefit our people to the fullest while taking into account established standards and internationally acceptable practices.

9. We acknowledge with deep appreciation significant financial, technical and human resources provided by our esteemed development partners who supported and continue to support our agenda for sustainable development of the BCLME and urge them to continue with this noble task so that we can implement this Strategic Action Programme for sustainable development of this globally significant LME;

10. As the first LME Commission composed of all major ocean sectors that implement ecosystem-based management, we shall endeavour to share our experiences and best practices with other LMEs, in particular, the African LMEs.

Signed and issued in Namibe on the 21\textsuperscript{st} August 2014, in two originals, in English and Portuguese languages, all texts being equally authentic.