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PRESS RELEASE

Together, the European Union (EU), the French Development Agency (AFD) and their partners are engaging stakeholders – at regional and national levels – to strengthen resilience and coordination in the Lake Chad basin

N'Djamena, May 12 2026 -The Inclusive Economic and Social Recovery in the Lake Chad Basin (**RESILAC*2**) project, co-funded by the European Union and the French Development Agency (AFD), has reached a significant milestone with the organisation of its **second Regional Steering Committee** held, under the aegis and **Chairmanship of the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC)**, the event brought together donors, implementing partners, national authorities and civil society organizations from Cameroon, Nigeria and Chad, in hybrid format at La Residence Hotel in N'Djamena.

RESILAC 2 is implemented by a consortium composed of Action Against Hunger, CARE and URD group, in partnership with CCFD-Terre Solidaire and 14 national organisations. This strong operational partnership reinforces the project's regional and inclusive approach, **ensuring alignment with national public policies, regional strategies, and cooperation frameworks.**

The project is implemented **across 3 countries, 14 territories and 91 villages, specifically in the Far North Region of Cameroon, Borno and Yobe States of Nigeria; and the Lac Province of Chad.** RESILAC 2 uses a territorial approach structured around three complementary components: (1) access to basic services and social inclusion; (2) support to actors in social cohesion and territorial/natural resource governance; (3) economic recovery and promotion of cross-border trade. This territorial and integrated approach ensures that interventions are adapted to the specific dynamics and needs of each context.

The leadership of the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC's) as chairmanship of the Regional Steering Committee marks a key step in strengthening the project's regional institutional anchorage. This evolution reinforces coordination across interventions and underscores the importance of a collective and concerted response to the multiple challenges affecting the most vulnerable populations in the Lake Chad Basin.

*“This committee serves as a forum for dialogue, coordination and accountability, tasked with strengthening the project’s regional and national institutional foundations, analysing the recommendations of the national committees and fostering complementarity between countries,” said **Mr Hycinth Banseka, Technical Director of the LCBC.***

This second Regional Steering Committee reviewed progress made to date, examine the 2026 programming, and identify the necessary adjustments to ensure that interventions remain adapted to evolving field dynamics. Particular emphasis was placed on strengthening synergies with other national and regional initiatives in order to increase the effectiveness and impact of RESILAC’s actions and to reinforce the resilience of local communities.

Phase one of RESILAC (2018–2022) laid essential foundations in economic recovery, social cohesion and sustainable natural resources management. With a budget of **EUR 40 million** and an implementation **period extending to 2028**, this second phase of RESILAC will continue this trajectory by building on previous achievements, as well as extending and intensifying the project’s activities to reach more **125 890 beneficiaries**, and emphasizing the action in terms of supporting local partners’ capacity building to ensure a more sustained impact of the project on the communities.

*“The European Union remains fully committed to supporting populations affected by crises, in line with the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. The RESILAC 2 project operates in parallel with ongoing humanitarian assistance provided by our ECHO services, bilateral funding from our Member States and substantial EU support for the Joint Multinational Force, established within the framework of the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC). The project is, by its very nature, a territorial, inclusive and pragmatic initiative. It aims to strengthen resilience through three complementary levers: (i) access to basic services and livelihoods, (ii) capacity building for local actors to promote social cohesion and sustainable resource management, and (iii) economic recovery focused on employment and production systems adapted to climate change. ’ As stated by **Mr Karl Rawert, Head of European Union Cooperation in Chad.***

*According to **the Country Director of the French Development Agency (AFD), Mr Philippe Chédanne,** “The AFD attaches particular importance to this regional approach to the project, which makes it possible to move beyond fragmented responses and take into account the shared realities experienced by the populations of the various countries bordering Lake Chad. The establishment of this regional steering committee represents an important step in this regard.”*

This second Regional Steering Committee represents a decisive step in ensuring the relevance and sustainability of RESILAC 2 interventions. By bringing together institutional, technical and financial stakeholders, the Regional Steering Committee reflects a shared commitment to strengthening the resilience of populations in the Lake Chad Basin and to building a more stable and prosperous future for this strategic region.

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