



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **African Union Border Programme (AUBP) concludes Confidence Building Workshop between Comoros & Madagascar with strong commitment from both Parties to delimit their common maritime boundary**

**Addis Ababa, 09 August 2017:** In its efforts to assisting all Member States in the delimitation and demarcation of their common borders, the African Union Border Programme (AUBP) held from 01 -03 August 2017, a Confidence Building Workshop at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, to facilitate the delimitation of the maritime boundary between the Union of the Comoros and the Republic of Madagascar. The three-day workshop was held following a joint request by the governments of both countries seeking the assistance of the AUBP in the delimitation of their common maritime boundary.

The workshop brought together delegates from the Union of the Comoros and the Republic of Madagascar, African experts in the delimitation of international boundaries, the African Centre for the Constructive Resolutions of Disputes (ACCORD), and staff from the AUBP.

Participants reviewed the Report of the AU Technical Assessment Team (AUBPTAT) that undertook training and capacity building needs of both countries and exchanged views on best practices in maritime boundary delimitation processes. Participants further adopted the necessary structures and guidelines required to start the delimitation process of the common maritime boundary between the two Member States. A consolidated Report on progress made will be presented to the Commission of the African Union (AU) at a later date.

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