

## The global combat against climate change loses a torchbearer

Tribute to Mr. Chebet Maikut from Uganda, who passed away on 2 October 2019



*Abidjan, 8 October, 2019* - Following the sudden demise of Mr. Chebet Maikut, a climate change commissioner at the ministry of water and the environment in Uganda, a national focal point for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), devoted advocate for adaptation in Africa, and a renowned climate change negotiator, the African Development Bank pays tribute to his leadership on climate action in Uganda, Africa and the world. Mr. Maikut was also a former president of the Uganda National Farmers Federation, a member of

parliament and a minister of state.

Said Dr. Anthony Nyong, director for climate change and green growth at the African Development Bank, “Mr. Maikut championed, among others, one of the joint initiatives of the African Development Bank - the Adaptation Benefits Mechanism, a response to the growing gap between climate finance and the urgent needs of developing countries to build resilience to the devastating impacts of climate change. I hope that his legacy makes a difference and encourages others to build on the solid foundation that he has laid.”.

“We will remember Mr. Maikut for his good heart, visionary mind, his global climate change advocacy, and his dedication to improving the livelihoods of the people in Uganda and Africa”, Dr. Nyong continued, “The world has lost a great citizen! May the Lord bless and comfort his family during this time of grief and may his soul rest in eternal peace.”