KEY ROLES FOR AFRICA OFFICE

• Represents UN Environment and coordinates its work in the Africa region

• Ensures effective and efficient delivery of UN Environment's PoW in the region

• Foster collaboration and partnerships on key regional priorities

• Coordinate Offices in West Africa, Ethiopia (representing Ethiopia, Africa Union and UNECA), Tanzania, and South Africa
Our work in Africa revolves around UN Environment’s seven thematic programmes:

- climate change
- disasters and conflicts
- ecosystems management
- environmental governance
- chemicals and waste,
- resource efficiency and
- environment under review.

We also provide cooperate functions to the Executive Office, Divisions and Offices
HOW DO WE WORK?

- Direct implementation in countries and sub-regions, through government, private sector and civil society

- Through partnerships - African Union, Regional Economic Communities, AMCEN, etc., to implement:
  - national environment policies
  - United Nations Development Frameworks
  - multilateral environmental agreements
  - Development of national capacities and sharing of best practices
  - dialogues, discussions and forums to foster increased awareness of solutions and challenges on environmental issues
WHAT ARE OUR COMMON AREAS OF FOCUS?

• **AMCEN**: bring to the attention global issues to the region and regional issues to the world

• **Climate change**: supporting implementation of Paris Agreement and Nationally Determined Contributions

• **Youth Employment**: promoting green investments that can create jobs and wealth for youth in the region

• **Ocean Governance**: sustainably harnessing the potential of Africa's oceans and seas.
WHAT ARE OUR COMMON AREAS OF FOCUS?

• **Governance of natural resources:** extractives, illegal wildlife trade and value addition

• **Environment and Security:** platform for conflicts avoidance and conflict resolutions

• **Environment Diplomacy:** use dialogues to promote coordination and collaboration, common positions, the Africa Group, African Union, UN General Assembly.
Africa Group in Action
Thank you