

Pre-AMCEN African Major Groups and Stakeholders Virtual Meeting

November 26th 2020 (Noon Nairobi time)

Context

The African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) created in 1985 promotes regional cooperation between African Governments in addressing environmental challenges confronting the region. Through the work of AMCEN there has been heightened policy responses of African Governments and the international community to Africa's environment and sustainable development opportunities and challenges.

AMCEN meetings provide guidance towards key regional policies and initiatives on environment and sustainable development. Pursuant to this, a virtual meeting of the eighth special session of AMCEN will be held in November/December 2020. It will consist of a meeting of the expert group on 30 November 2020 and a ministerial segment on 4 December 2020.

The session will be held under the theme: **'Enhancing environmental action for effective post-COVID recovery in Africa'**. The theme calls for increased environmental action to protect and restore the environment, contribute towards building back different and better, to increase resilience to future crises, and steer the continent on a more sustainable path. Recovery efforts will give countries a chance to make the much-needed environmental improvements an integral part of the economic recovery.

The Pre-AMCEN African major groups and stakeholders virtual meeting is an important opportunity for the African Major Groups and Stakeholders to coordinate its preparation and, if the group so chooses, endorse a statement reflecting the items on the agenda of the Session. Furthermore, the African Major Groups and Stakeholders may also consider the key outcomes of a Pan African and Climate Justice Alliance led study of the implementation of the AMCEN decisions between 2010 and 2016.

Logistics

Please register at <https://indico.un.org/event/35453/> for this virtual meeting.

We are working towards ensuring that live translation English-French be provided during the event.

Draft agenda

Moderated by the Regional Facilitators, Major Groups and Stakeholders, Africa

1. Opening Remarks (10 minutes)
 - a. AMCEN Chair Representative (tbc)
 - b. UNEP Secretariat
 - c. A word from a representative of the co-organizers of the Meeting (PACJA)
2. African Engagement in the Fifth United Nations Environmental Assembly (15 minutes)
 - a. UNEP Secretariat
 - b. Moderated Discussion
3. African Perspectives on the post 2020 biodiversity framework and the Convention on Biological Diversity COP 15 (20 minutes)
 - a. Scene Setting Presentation by African Major Group and Stakeholders Representative (tbd)
 - b. Moderated Discussion
4. African Perspectives on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP 26 (20 minutes)
 - a. Scene Setting Presentation by an African Major Group and Stakeholders Representative (Omoyemen Lucia & another person tbd)
 - b. Moderated Discussion
5. African Green Stimulus Programme (20 Minutes)
 - a. Scene Setting Presentation (tbd)
 - b. Moderated Discussion
6. Considerations for the Ministerial Declaration (30 Minutes)
 - a. Moderated Discussion to highlight key issues and set up of the Committee that will finalize the key statements
7. Considerations on the PACJA led initiative on the implementation of the AMCEN decisions by the African governments between 2010 and 2016 (25 minutes)
 - a. Presentation by Mr. Fazal Issa
 - b. Moderated Discussion
8. Capacity Strengthening Initiatives (10 minutes)
 - a. UNEP Secretariat Presentation on the role of traditional Knowledge in the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration in Africa.
 - b. Upcoming Capacity Strengthening webinars organized by the African Major Groups and Stakeholders
9. Closing (10 minutes)
 - a. AMCEN Secretariat
 - b. Regional Facilitators