

# **Statement of the Africa Major Groups & Stakeholders to the Ninth ASC of the CPR to the UNEP**

Thank you, Chair.

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, colleagues of the Major Groups and Stakeholders,

My name is David Ngigi Munene and I am presenting this statement on behalf of the African Major Groups and Stakeholders.

Our statement will focus on the implementation of UNEA decisions and the operational efficiency and effectiveness of UNEP.

It is our observation that the implementation of UNEA decisions is slow with concerns for prioritization of some resolutions over others, which may result in poor realization of the various objectives and goals set out in various resolutions. Concrete steps need to be taken to speed up balanced implementation of the UNEA resolutions. It would be helpful to have a publically-available implementation plan and roadmap for all resolutions, which is regularly updated, and includes timed pathways and explanations for any delays. The allocation of sufficient financial resources is vital, and this must also be done through a transparent process. This includes allocation of more financial resources and inclusion of all Major Groups and Stakeholders in the implementation process.

Further, we call upon all Member States and the Secretariat to prioritize the call for allocation of more financial resources to the UNEP Office in Nairobi, given its significance as the only UN agency global headquarters in the entire Global South. Similarly, we call upon the UNEP Secretariat to also do its best in terms of regular allocation of more resources to the Civil Society Unit and the Regional Offices, as this would facilitate better engagement of the Major Groups and Stakeholders including Regional Groups such as the African Major Groups and Stakeholders, which rarely benefit from such financial support. Thus, there is a need for parties to fulfill their financial commitments in a timely manner given that less than 50 percent of member states meet their fair share of the contribution annually.

African Major Groups and Stakeholders are committed to engage directly with the Secretariat, Regional Offices, and their national focal points to accelerate the implementation of adopted resolutions.

On behalf of Africa Major Groups and Stakeholders, I thank you.