

UNEP Major Groups & Stakeholders, Africa, Outcomes of the 2023 Regional Consultative Meeting Africa and the 19th Ordinary Session of the AMCEN and Preparations for UNEA 6

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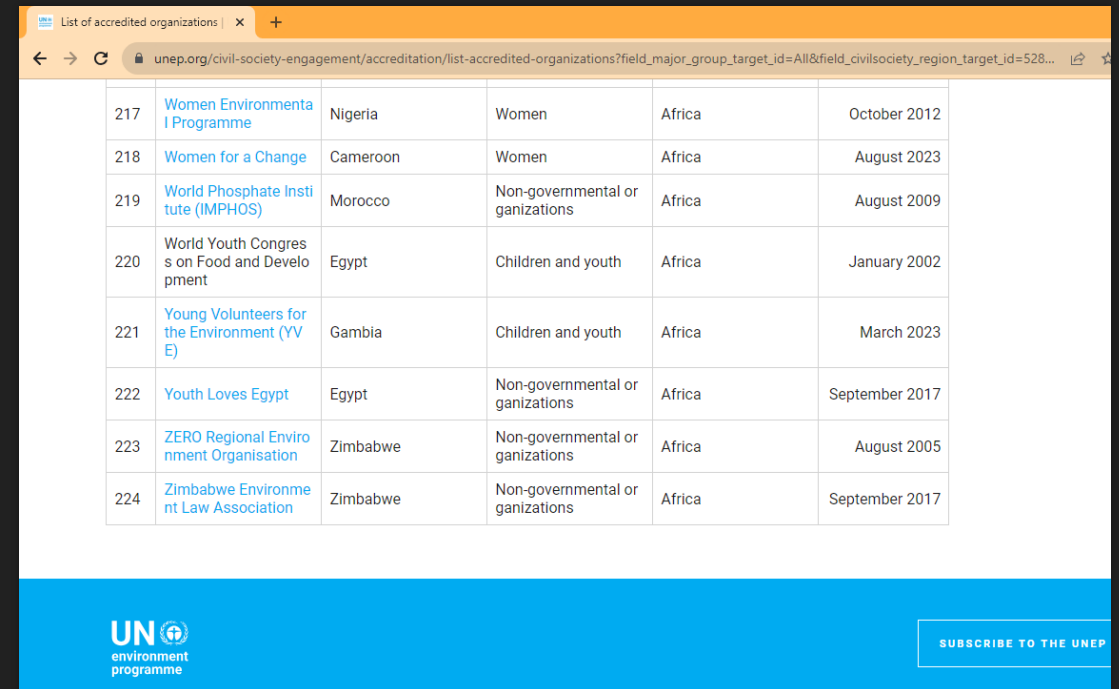
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The UNEP MGS, Africa

- Comprises all organizations of Africa with accreditation to the UNEP
- Currently: 224
- Major Groups: All Nine
- Regional Facilitators: Ayman Cherkaoui & David N. Munene



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217	Women Environmental Programme	Nigeria	Women	Africa	October 2012
218	Women for a Change	Cameroon	Women	Africa	August 2023
219	World Phosphate Institute (IMPHOS)	Morocco	Non-governmental organizations	Africa	August 2009
220	World Youth Congresses on Food and Development	Egypt	Children and youth	Africa	January 2002
221	Young Volunteers for the Environment (YVE)	Gambia	Children and youth	Africa	March 2023
222	Youth Loves Egypt	Egypt	Non-governmental organizations	Africa	September 2017
223	ZERO Regional Environment Organisation	Zimbabwe	Non-governmental organizations	Africa	August 2005
224	Zimbabwe Environment Law Association	Zimbabwe	Non-governmental organizations	Africa	September 2017

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Engagements

- In person
- Via Email
- Via WhatsApp and you can join here:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KzQu3GFflw376VF6PaoKY9>



Regional Consultative Meetings

- Consultative multi-stakeholder environmental dialogues organized regionally by the UNEP MGS
- Focus on regional priorities, challenges, observations, solutions...
- Also capacity-building and networking platform for MGS in the region
- Lookback or preparations for UNEA (but also others like UNFCCC COP)
- Usually held annually back-to-back with Environmental For a (the AMCEN in Africa)
- Main outcome:
 - Statements and recommendations by MGS for consideration by regional fora and UNEA
 - Expert contribution to decision-making (specific to AMCEN)

2023 RCM Africa (Preparations)

- Review of AMCEN agenda and priorities
- Concept note and agenda preparation
- Open virtual consultations



2023 RCM Africa

- Venue: Capital Hotel, Addis Ababa
- Dates: August 12 and 13
- Mode: Hybrid
- Participants: 60 in-person; 10+ virtual (most accredited)



RCM Africa 2023

- Opened by UNEP Director for Africa
- Keynote Address by the-then AMCEN President
- Presentation by Coordinator, AMCEN Secretariat
- Remarks by Director General of the Ethiopian Environmental Protection Authority

RCM Africa 2023

- Five Thematic Groups
 - Implementation of the AMCEN Decisions
 - Africa, plastic pollution and the internationally legally binding instrument on plastic pollution
 - Climate Change
 - Implications of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework on Africa
 - UNEA 6



RCM Africa 2023 Outcomes

○ Long Statement

- the implementation of the decisions of the AMCEN
- Climate Change
- the implications of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework on Africa
- Africa's participation in the development of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment
- UNEA-6

○ Summary Statement

Statement of the UNEP Major Groups & Stakeholders, Africa to the Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment Held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

We, UNEP Major Groups and Stakeholders, Africa, having met in a hybrid manner in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the occasion of the Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN), hereby adopt the following Statement.

Preamble

We express our deepest appreciation to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for graciously hosting the Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) and for their support to the preparations and hosting of the 2023 Regional Consultative Meeting of the UNEP Major Groups & Stakeholders, Africa. We congratulate the Republic of Senegal for running the presidency of the Eighteenth Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment in an open, inclusive, and successful manner that fostered engagement of the UNEP Major Groups & Stakeholders, Africa particularly in the expert segments of the AMCEN; We congratulate the Republic of Egypt for successfully hosting the Twenty-Seventh Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 2022; the Kingdom of Morocco on the occasion of becoming the first African Presidency of a United Nations Environment Assembly; and the Federal Republic of Ethiopia for ascending to the Presidency of the Nineteenth Session of the AMCEN.

We register our most sincere congratulations to Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema on her appointment as the Deputy Executive Director of the UNEP and to Dr. Rose Mwebaza for her appointment as the Director for the UNEP Africa Office and take this opportunity to express our commitment to working closely and collaboratively with them.

Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN)



- **Established** in 1985
- **Theme:** Seizing opportunities and enhancing collaboration to address environmental challenges in Africa
- **Venue:** Ethiopian Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa
- **Dates:** 14-18 August 2023

Nineteenth Ordinary Session of the AMCEN (Outcomes)



- The Addis Ababa Declaration
- 5 Decisions:
 - Omnibus decision on seizing opportunities and enhancing collaboration to address environmental challenges in Africa.
 - African participation in the development of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.
 - African preparations for the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management.
 - Engagement of Africa at the 6th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.
 - Climate Change: The decision welcomed the outcomes of COP27, including decisions that recognize the special needs of the African continent. Agreed on Africa's outline position ahead of COP28.

Titbits

- UNEP MGS is the official engagement mechanism for non-state actors
- Get accredited to the UNEP to become a member of the UNEP MGS
- RCMs are self-organized by the UNEP MGS and often held back-to-back with AMCEN in Africa
- AMCEN is the regional engagement forum for environment ministers in Africa to form common positions for the continent

**Thank
You!**

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