

# African Ministers Endorse the African Environmental Education and Training Action Plan (AEETAP) 2015 – 2024

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## Background:

- The Africa Environmental Education and Training Action Plan was initiated by the UNEP AMCEN Secretariat in partnership with the UNEP Environmental Education and Training Unit (EETU) following the 2012 Arusha Declaration 18, which states: *“To agree to strengthen environmental education and training and develop an action plan for Africa, covering formal and non-formal education, capacity-building and information networking components, among others, and to explicitly include a focus on technology-enhanced learning in this action plan”*.


- UNEP presented the draft action plan for endorsement by the African Ministers at the 15<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEM). The main objective of the AEETAP is to enhance community environmental education and training within the continent, through various formal education; training; life-long learning; and capacity building programmes and projects. These are envisaged to fundamentally enhance the environmental, societal and economic state of Africa for the benefit of Africa’s people, and closely aligned to the 5 AMCEN Flagship Programmes.
- Endorsed as a living document, AEETAP will contribute to the achievement of the African Regional Flagship Programmes, the Action Plan of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development, Africa Union Agenda 2063 and the Post 2015 SGD – Goal 4 (Education). The Action Plan in line with the UNESCO Global Action Programme (GAP) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) that seeks *“to generate and scale-up action in all levels and areas of education and learning in order to accelerate progress towards sustainable development”*.
- The Action Plan was developed through a participatory consultative process with the Mainstreaming Environment and Sustainability in African Universities (MESA) partnership, the Horn of Africa Regional Environmental Programme, and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Regional Environmental Education Programme (amongst others).

## Follow-up:

- An inception meeting is planned in collaboration with relevant partners and stakeholders to develop pilot projects and mobilize resources for implementation, with focus on the 5 AMCEN Flagship Programmes and enhanced South-South collaboration.

*The presentation at AMCEN was organized by UNEP’s Environmental Education and Training Unit (EETU) in collaboration with the Regional Office of Africa (ROA).*