

**THE WORK
OF UN ENVIRONMENT – AFRICA OFFICE**

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**

WORK OF THE AFRICA OFFICE

- 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
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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.



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Africa Group in Action

Thank you

