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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

KAMPALA DECLARATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

1. Deeply Concerned that Africa is the only continent in the world where the poverty is projected to rise during the twenty-first century with far reaching implications on its environment and the suffering of the African people owing to the vulnerability of the continent and in particular the least developed among them, to global environmental changes including the impact of climate change and desertification.
2. Deeply concerned also with the increasing environmental threats facing the African continent and their adverse social, cultural and economic impacts.
3. Deeply Concerned also that the increasing number and frequency of emergency and crisis situations in African countries, particularly in countries which continue to be devastated by natural disasters such as volcanic eruptions and extreme weather events such as floods and droughts, threatening economic and food security and political stability,
4. Welcoming the establishment of the African Union.
5. Welcoming the adoption in 2001 of the New Partnership for Africa's Development as a common African vision and agreed platform to addressing the challenges facing Africa with a view of achieving sustainable development for the benefit of present and future generations.
6. Noting with satisfaction the significant progress that the Ministerial Conference has achieved since its inception in 1985 as the political body for environmental advocacy and leadership in the region,
7. Acknowledging the contribution of addressing African environmental challenges of the First Africa Environment Outlook report launched on 4 July 2002.
8. Noting also with satisfaction the positive role played by regional, subregional and national bodies in promoting sustainable development in Africa, particularly during the consultative process in preparation for the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

9. Further noting the role played by international organizations, non-governmental organisations, business sector and development financial institutions in promoting sustainable development in Africa.
10. Bearing in mind the fact that success in achieving global sustainable development will ultimately depend upon development and implementation of sound and cost-effective national response policies and measures; good environmental governance; effective participation by civil society; and collection and exchange of quality data and information on the environment for use by national decision makers,
11. Noting with concern that there are limited financial resources to implement fully the programme of work of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment for 2000-2004,
12. Noting also the lack of adequate capacity for the African countries to implement multilateral environment agreements relevant to Africa particularly the African annex of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.
13. Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration adopted on 18 September 2000 in which the International Community committed itself to support Africa in achieving sustainable development and environmental protection.
14. Recalling also the commitments taken by the international community in Doha, in December 2001 as well as the United Nations Conference on Finance and Development held in Monterrey in March 2002.
15. Recalling also the commitments taken by the G8 summit held in Kananaskis, Canada in June 2002 aimed at supporting the New Partnership for Africa's Development.
16. Noting that the World Summit on Sustainable Development will be held on the African soil, in Johannesburg, provides a unique opportunity to forge a new partnership between Africa and its partners, based on Chapter 8 of the Johannesburg Plan of Action on New Partnership for Africa's Development as well as the shared vision to make Johannesburg a summit of implementation and concrete action, particularly in the areas of water and sanitation, energy, agriculture and food security, land development, biodiversity and education.
17. Emphasizing the inextricable linkages between environmental management, poverty, eradication and development.

18. Emphasizing also that integrated, democratic institutional framework of local, national, regional and international levels is essential for achieving sustainable development.

We the African Ministers of Environment, having met in Kampala on 4 – 5 July 2002, at the 9th session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, guided by:

(a). The strategic vision of HE Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, on the environmental challenges facing Africa and in particular on issues related to poverty eradication and its relation to trade, energy and water of presented on 4 July 2002 at the opening of our meeting;

(b). The vision of HE Maitre Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, in his address on 5 July 2002 to the meeting on the contribution of the environment in achieving the objectives of the New Partnership for Africa's Development submitted in his capacity as the designated of head of state coordinating the environment component of NEPAD

Hereby decide to:

1. Fully implement the outstanding activities contained in the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment programme of work, 2000 –2004.
2. Urge Governments to take the action necessary to ensure that the General Trust Fund for the Ministerial Conference is replenished within the intersessional period and request the President of the Ministerial Conference to mobilize additional financial resources from bilateral and multilateral institutions including Global Environment Facility;
3. Welcome the expected decision of the second Global Environment Facility Assembly to designate land degradation, desertification as separate focal areas and calls upon the Global Environment Facility to give high priority to African countries in allocating financial resources for successful implementation of the action plan to combat desertification;
4. Call upon the President of the Ministerial Conference in close consultation with all the relevant ministries to convene an urgent regional meeting of the Conference of the business sector, civil society, non-governmental organizations and the international community with a view of forging strategic partnerships for preparation and implementation of policies and programmes of the Ministerial Conference;
5. Call upon the President of the Ministerial Conference as a matter of urgency, to forge cooperative links with the secretariat of the future African Union and its relevant commissions as well as the Secretariat of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, with a view of harmonizing institutional arrangements taking into account the outcome of the African Union summit in Durban.
6. Commit our Governments to the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements, including the harmonization of policies and institutional arrangements in accordance with the outcome of the intergovernmental environmental governance process, as adopted at the

special session of the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council, held in Cartagena in February 2002;

7. Commit ourselves to make every effort to integrate environmental concerns into national pursuits of economic development in Africa, while at the same time not neglecting the priorities of the continent for sustainable social, economic and human development, particularly for the benefit of the poor and marginalized communities;
8. Strengthen cooperation with all regional and subregional bodies, including external partners, in the pursuit of a sustainable human, social and economic development that is in harmony with the environment;
9. Transmit to the African Union the decision taken by the ninth session African Ministerial Conference on Environment on the revised Algiers Convention as contained in Annex 3 to the declaration.
10. Endorse the Framework of the Action Plan for the Environmental Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development including its annex on capacity building and the related decision as contained in annex 1 to the declaration.
11. Request that during the finalization of the action plan on the Environmental Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development to address forest ecosystems as one of the major areas of intervention and to include an operational framework for harnessing data, information and knowledge for sustainable development as a basis of national, sub-regional and regional integrated environmental assessment and reporting.
12. Endorse the Africa Environment Outlook process as a monitoring and reporting tool for sustainable environmental management and to provide a framework for national and sub-regional integrated environmental assessment and reporting.
13. Endorse the proposal for the establishment of a comprehensive environmental information network to promote access and harmonization of data in the Africa region, and act as a basis for tracking environmental changes using quantitative indicators focusing on national needs.
14. Endorse also the African common position on the World Summit on Sustainable Development as adopted by the ministerial preparatory conference held in October 2001 in Nairobi, Kenya.
15. Endorse also the common African position on the World Summit on Sustainable Development including its appendix on elements to guide negotiations at the World Summit on Sustainable Development as contained in Annex 2 of the declaration.
16. Mandate the African representative of the Friends of the Chair of World Summit on Sustainable Development under the leadership of AMCEN to further elaborate the African common position on the World Summit on Sustainable Development and to make recommendations on the implementation of the Johannesburg Plan of Action of relevance to Africa, to the next meeting of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment through its bureau.
17. Commit ourselves to attend at the level of Heads of State the World Summit on Sustainable Development 26 August – 5 September 2002.
18. Urge African partners to also attend the World Summit on Sustainable Development at the level of Heads of States.
19. Commit our Governments to the implementation of the decisions adopted by the African Ministerial Conference on Environment at its ninth session.

20. Mandate the President of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment in consultation with the President of Senegal
21. to submit the Kampala Declaration and its annexes to the Summit of the African Union to be held in Durban in July 2002.
22. Expressed our gratitude to the H.E. Maitre Abdoulaye Wade, the President of the Republic of Senegal for attending the ninth meeting of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment as well as his offer to host an African Conference on the selection of environmental projects under the Environmental Initiative of New Partnership for Africa's Development and take note of the proposal to establish a secretariat for the implementation of the projects..
23. Pay tribute to the President of Uganda, H. E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, his Government and the People of Uganda for the warm welcome as well as the hospitality extended to the participants, which greatly contributed to the success of the ninth session of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment.

Annex I

Decision on the Framework of an Action Plan for the Environment Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

1. **Recalling** the Abuja Declaration adopted in April 2000 by the eighth session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN);
2. **Recalling also** the United Nations Millennium Declaration adopted on 18 September 2000, in which the International Community committed itself to support Africa in achieving sustainable development and environmental protection,
3. **Recalling also** chapter 8 on the Environment Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development adopted by the African Heads of State meetings in 2001;
4. **Recalling also** the successful outcome of the UNEP/GEF Medium-Sized Project on the Development and protection of the coastal and marine environment particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa (African Process);
5. **Deeply Concerned** that Africa is the only continent, in which poverty is expected to rise during the twenty-first century,
6. **Concerned** also about the increasing environmental threats facing the African continent as a result of global environmental changes with adverse social, cultural and economic effects,
7. **Expressing** its deep gratitude to the Global Environment Facility and in particular its Chief Executive Officer and Chairman for its prompt and timely financial support for the preparation of the framework of an Action Plan for the implementation of the Environment Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;
8. **Expressing also** its deep gratitude to the Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for his support for the preparation of the Framework of an action plan for the Environment Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;
9. **Welcoming** the recommendation of the Fourth meeting of the Preparatory Committee adopted in Bali on 7 June 2002 addressed to the World Summit on Sustainable Development to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa on 26 August to 5 September 2002 to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development, including its environment component.

Decide to:

1. **Take** note with appreciation of the report of the steering committee of the UNEP/GEF Medium Sized project on the Development and Implementation of the environment component of the New Partnership for Africa's Development.
2. **Endorse** the Framework for an Action Plan for the Environmental Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's development including its annex on a Strategic Plan to build Africa's capacity to implement global and regional environmental conventions.
3. **Invite** the President of AMCEN in consultation with the President of Senegal to submit the Framework of the Action Plan to the Summit of the African Heads of State to be held in Durban, South Africa in July 2002.
4. **Invite** also the President of AMCEN in consultation with the President of the African Union and the President of the Republic of Senegal to submit the Framework of an Action Plan to the high

level segment of the World Summit on Sustainable Development to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa on 2-5 September 2002.

5. **Invite** also the President of AMCEN to submit the Framework of an Action Plan to the relevant ministerial meetings of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa as well as to the meeting of the African Development Bank.
6. **Mandate** the steering committee of the UNEP/GEF Medium Sized Project to further elaborate the Framework with a view of submitting a detailed Action Plan to a meeting of AMCEN to be held no later than July 2003.
7. **Invite** bilateral and multilateral donors as well as the private sector to support the implementation of the Action Plan upon its finalization and in this regard welcomes the offer of Algeria to host a donor meeting no later than end of 2003.
8. **Consider** at its 2003 meeting, the detailed Action Plan to be submitted by the steering committee of the UNEP/GEF Medium Sized Project.

Annex 2

Common African Position on World Summit on Sustainable Development

Considering the role of AMCEN in promoting the environmental agenda for Africa

Considering the role of AMCEN in facilitating preparation for WSSD and in implementing Agenda 21 and WSSD outcomes

Re-affirming AMCENs role as the authoritative body in the environment sector in Africa

Considering that environmental concerns, as one of the three pillars of sustainable development, with social and economic issues, will be a substantial part of the outcomes of the WSSD

Noting with appreciation that the implementation plan would contain a chapter on sustainable development for Africa

Taking into consideration all issues of relevance to the environment to be contained in the Plan of Implementation and the political declaration

Considering that finance and trade are critical means of implementation

Noting with satisfaction the work done in the African process on the development and protection of the marine and coastal environment, directly relevant to the plan of action for the Nairobi and Abidjan Conventions

Decide:

- To encourage all African Heads of State and Government to attend the Summit.
- To encourage the participation of Ministers of Finance and Trade, and any other relevant Ministers, in the official delegations at the Summit.
- To develop a clear African position on outstanding issues in the draft implementation plan.
- To prepare a proposal for the political declaration.
- To present a consolidated African position at the Summit, and in this respect hold regular meetings of the Group with interpretation facilities to ensure effective communication.
- To encourage the participation of African Ministers in the partnership conference on the coastal and marine environment, to take place during the WSSD, in order to facilitate implementation and operationalization of these projects and action plans

- To showcase the vision, products and services of AMCEN
- To develop partnerships for the implementation of WSSD outcomes
- To note with appreciation the recommendation by the GEF Council that GEF designates land degradation (desertification and deforestation) as a focal area for GEF, and call for an adequately financed third GEF replenishment.

Further decide to reinforce the African position by:

- Re-emphasising the importance of focusing the WSSD agenda on poverty eradication as the primary obstacle to sustainable development
- Re-emphasising implementation of Agenda 21, and avoiding its re-negotiation
- Seeking an outcome that balances trade-offs between the 3 pillars of sustainable development (social, economic and environmental)
- Re-emphasising the need for an action-oriented text that contains time-bound targets, providing the basis for implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and Agenda 21.
- Seeking an economic platform that supports development and delivery of WSSD outcomes, and that addresses market access, subsidies, debt relief, foreign direct investment, official development assistance and technology.
- Emphasising the inextricable linkages between environmental management, poverty eradication and development.
- Promoting NEPAD as a framework for sustainable development in Africa, and a model for implementation of sustainable development in other regions.
- Advancing a balanced approach to governance at international, regional, national and local levels, and in particular, call for a fundamental restructuring and strengthening of the international institutional arrangements for implementation of sustainable development, with emphasis on integration of the 3 pillars (social, economic and environmental).
- Preparing a detailed African position on key relevant unresolved issues in the draft implementation plan, including: institutional arrangements for sustainable development, issues on trade and finance, unresolved issues in Chapter 8 on Africa, environmental issues and initiatives pertaining to climate change, renewable energy, biodiversity (access and benefit sharing) and living marine resources, and finally some elements on linkages between type 1 and type 2 outcomes.
- Adopting principles and guidelines set out in Annex 1, providing a baseline for negotiations on WSSD processes and outcomes. These will assist negotiators to stay focused and clear on the principles and issues that are pertinent to the emerging WSSD agenda especially those imperative for Africa's sustainable development. Some of these principles could also be considered as elements to be included in the political declaration.

Advance the following proposed elements to be included in the political declaration:

That the political declaration should re-affirm and endorse the content of the draft plan of implementation. It should be short concise, focused and action oriented, reiterating the basic principles, reaffirming commitments and strengthening multilateral cooperation for implementation of sustainable development. Elements of the political declaration should include:

- A strong and clear commitment to poverty eradication
- Adherence to the Rio Principles including the principle of “common but differentiated responsibilities
- Commitment at national, regional and international levels on implementation of Agenda 21 and other Multi-lateral Environmental Agreements
- Commitment to implementation of outcomes of UN major conferences, summits and special sessions of the General Assembly
- Commitment to implementation of Millennium Development Goals and WSSD outcomes including targets and actions outlined in the Plan of Implementation.
- Mobilisation of necessary financial resources, including increased ODA, and other means of implementation, with cognizance of Doha Ministerial Declaration as well as the Monterrey Consensus
- Commitment to coherent and effective institutional structures and arrangements at all levels for implementation of sustainable development
- Commitment to partnerships as an important vehicle for implementation of WSSD outcomes, and emphasis on linkages between Type I and Type II outcomes.

Decide in respect of the role of AMCEN after Johannesburg:

That a special session of AMCEN should be held within 3 months of the conclusion of WSSD to:

- Prioritise areas of implementation for the short, medium and long term
- Prepare an action plan for each of the identified sectors of relevance
- Review AMCEN / NEPAD medium term programmes in the light of WSSD

That AMCEN be strengthened to facilitate and co-ordinate implementation of the relevant WSSD outcomes at the national, sub-regional and regional levels by:

- Acting as a catalyst in mobilizing resources for the above programmes and projects

- Promoting partnerships where feasible
- Using mechanisms, such as the EIM for dissemination of information, and capacity development for sustainable development in Africa
- Making use of the African Environment Outlook as a reporting mechanism for achievements in the implementation of Agenda 21 and WSSD outcomes.

Decide in respect of the projects, Africa Environmental Outlook and the Environmental Information Network to:

- Endorse the Africa Environment Outlook process as a monitoring and reporting tool for sustainable environmental management and to provide a framework for national and sub-regional integrated environmental assessment and reporting
- Endorse the proposal for the establishment of a comprehensive environmental information network to promote access and harmonisation of data in the Africa region, and act as a basis for tracking environmental changes using quantitative indicators focusing on national needs.

Annex 3

Amendments to the Algiers Convention

Recalling the 1968 African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, which was adopted at Algiers, Algeria on 15 September 1968 and entered into force on 16 June 1969,

Noting that 30 Governments have to date ratified or acceded to the 1968 African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources,

Recognizing that since the adoption of the Convention over 30 years ago, there have been several developments in the field of environment and treaty law,

Recognizing also that during the period, a number of international and regional environmental agreements on issues such as biological diversity, biosafety and chemicals have been adopted,

Noting the importance and the need for the Convention to be revised and updated to take into consideration all the developments in the field of environment since its adoption,

Recalling the initiative undertaken by Nigeria and Cameroon in 1980 urging the Organization of African Unity, as the depository of the Convention to undertake the process to revise the Convention and bring it in line with other treaties in the field,

Recalling also the work done between 1980 and 1986 to revise and update the Convention but which could not be completed at the time,

Recalling further the role played by Burkina Faso to rekindle the process of the revision of the Convention by urging the Organization of African Unity to re-launch the process stalled since 1986,

Appreciating the specific and collaborative roles played by the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Conservation Union in providing technical support to the Parties to the Convention to revise and update it taking into account developments in environmental treaty law over the past three decades as well as the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Welcoming the commendable efforts by the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Conservation Union in support of the process to review and update the Convention,

Taking into account the revised draft text of the Convention presented by the secretariat,

- (a) Decides to request the African Union to initiate further a process of intergovernmental negotiations, to take place as soon as possible, in order in order to enable adoption of the Convention;
- (b) Urges all Parties who have not given comments to do so, in order to enrich and expedite the negotiation process;
- (c) Calls the State Parties to sign and ratify or accede to the revised Convention and to Commit resources for its implementation;
- (d) Request the African Union to report on the steps being taken to update the Convention at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg;
- (e) Requests the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the African Union and other organizations to assist and support the Parties in the implementation of the revised Convention once adopted;
- (f) Calls upon members of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment to develop and strengthen national legal, policy and other measures necessary to implement the revised Convention once adopted.
- (g) Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to submit a report at the next session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment on the progress made regarding the adoption, as well as steps being taken to further assist parties to implement the Convention.