

## **Second Consultative Meeting on the Development of an African Strategy for Ocean Governance**

### **Virtual Consultations**

**21 – 22 October 2020**

### **Concept Note**

#### **A. Background**

Several decisions of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) have called for the development of an African ocean governance strategy as part of the implementation of the 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy. In response, UNEP, as the secretariat for AMCEN, supported the holding of the first consultative meeting in Nairobi from 29 to 30 November 2018. Background studies were carried out to assist member States in developing an African Strategy for Ocean Governance. The purpose of the first consultative meeting was to identify possible elements to be included in the strategy.

#### **B. Objective of the meeting**

With the foregoing, a second consultative meeting is envisioned to further guide and build consensus among Member States on the development of strategy. The second meeting will, amongst others, deliberate on the scope, linkages with existing structures, implementation, ecosystem-based approaches, blue economy, science, stakeholder, and cooperation issues.

#### **C. Purpose and scope of the regional consultations**

The consultations will obtain feedback on the Development of an African Strategy for Ocean Governance.

The overall objective of second regional consultations is:

- To explore institutional and governance gaps following the first consultative meeting to inform the development of the Africa ocean governance strategy.

The main outcome of the second regional consultative meeting is:

- To identify the remaining institutional and governance gaps for the preparation of the draft African Strategy for Ocean Governance.

#### **D. Organisation of the meeting**

The meeting is organised by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in collaboration with the African Union Commission and the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN).

#### **E. Structure of the Meeting**

The meeting will be held virtually in English and French. There will be simultaneous interpretation from English to French and French to English on 21 – 22 October 2020. The duration of the sessions for the two days will be 3 hours commencing 13:00 hrs – 16:00 hrs Nairobi time.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.unenvironment.org/events/conference/consultative-meeting-development-african-strategy-ocean-governance>