

**THE REVISED DRAFT CONSTITUTION
OF
THE AFRICAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON THE
ENVIRONMENT (AMCEN), 2004**

Note by the Secretariat

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PREAMBLE

WE, the Ministers responsible for environment in Africa:

Recalling resolution 1/1 on environmental cooperation in Africa adopted by the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) in December 1985 which decided to strengthen cooperation between African Governments, with the objective of halting and reversing the degradation of the African environment in order to satisfy the food and energy needs of the people of the Continent.

Recognising that the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) is the main regional intergovernmental body on matters relating to environment and development in Africa.

Considering that since its inception, in 1985, AMCEN has played an invaluable role in directing environmental policy matters in Africa and **Having** examined the various activities of AMCEN from 1994-2004 with satisfaction made in achieving the objectives of AMCEN within available resources.

Concerned about the increasing environmental threat that the African continent is facing as a result of, among other things, global environmental changes, with adverse effects.

Reaffirming our determination to fulfil our responsibility of making concerted efforts to prevent environmental degradation, and to achieve sustainable development for the benefit of our present and future generations.

Recalling that the African Heads of State and Government adopted in 2003 the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) as the vision and strategic framework for Africa's renewal and also recalling the United Nations General Assembly's Declaration on the New Partnership for African Development of 16th September 2002.

Recalling further, that the Heads of State and Government at their Summit on the Action Plan of the Environment Initiative of New Partnership for African Development, held in Maputo, invited AMCEN, among others, to play the leading role and to regularly review the implementation of the Action Plan of the Environment Initiative of NEPAD so as to contribute to sustainable development of Africa.

Recalling also that the Heads of State and Government at their second February 2004

Extraordinary Summit on the Challenges of implementing integrated and sustainable development on agriculture and water in Africa held in Sirte, Libya in February 2004 committed themselves to support the African Ministerial Council on Water (AMCOW) in its role of preparing plans and policies related to water resource management on the continent and request the Chairperson of the AU Commission to adapt the mandates, structures and activities of AMCOW, the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment and the African Ministers Conference of Agriculture in order to integrate them into the activities of the Commission of the African Union and its Specialised Technical Committees"

Conscious of the opportunity offered by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development which calls for a new spirit of international and regional cooperation for a common approach in tackling the challenges of achieving sustainable development at the regional and global levels through sound environmental management.

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2000.

Recalling the Plan of Implementation adopted by the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg in 2002, and its Chapter 8 on sustainable development of Africa.

Recognizing also that African initiatives to achieve regional cooperation for sustainable development have led to the establishment of sub-regional economic communities which are a sound foundation for Africa's socio-economic development.

Recalling AMCEN decision 5 of the eight session of AMCEN held in Abuja, Nigeria in April 2000 that expressed appreciation for the continued support given to AMCEN by the United Nations Environment Programme, including decisions supporting AMCEN and its implementation programmes;

Further determined to mobilize African regional and sub-regional intergovernmental, nongovernmental, civil society organizations and the private sector enhancing Africa's participation in regional and global environment and sustainable development issues.

ADOPT this revised Constitution of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment as the ministerial authority for environment for the Africa region.

CHAPTER I

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GENERAL PROVISION

ARTICLE 1

USE OF TERMS

For the purposes of this Constitution -

“AMCEN” means the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment.

“Bureau” means the bureau of the Conference as provided for under article 7.

“Conference” means the conference of ministers responsible for environment.

“member state” means a member of AMCEN.

“President” means the President of AMCEN.

“Secretariat” means the secretariat of AMCEN established under article 7.

“sub-regional economic community” means an economic or development organisation that has been constituted by two or more member states [and which has been recognised by the African Union].

ARTICLE 2

NAME

The African Ministerial Conference on the Environment is hereby constituted as the African ministerial Intergovernmental authority on the environment.

ARTICLE 3

VISION AND MISSION OF AMCEN

Taking into consideration the interests of member states -

- (a) The vision of AMCEN is to create a framework, at national and regional levels, which is conducive to environment protection, sustainable development and elimination of poverty.

The mission of AMCEN is to provide political environmental stewardship and a voice
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of conscience in the growing deterioration of the environment in Africa and globally, the increasing social and economic inequality and its associated impact on the environment.

(b)

ARTICLE 4

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

AMCEN shall function in accordance with the following principles:

- (a) the maintenance of a proper balance between socio-economic development and environment management so as to ensure sustainable development;
- (b) the achievement of sustainable development dependent upon concerted actions by national, sub-regional, regional and international communities based upon common initiatives;
- (c) sub-regional, regional and global environmental interdependence is vital for solving Africa's environmental problems;
- (d) long-term food security depends on sustainable environment management;
- (e) eradication of poverty in Africa is dependent on sound natural resource and environment management, and;
- (f) the right of the people and nations to permanent sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources and to exploit such resources in the interest of national development and the well-being of the people of Africa.

ARTICLE 5

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