Development of Africa regional flagship programmes for the effective implementation of the Rio+20 outcomes in Africa
Context

The outcome document from the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) underlined the political commitment for the promotion of sustainable development and called upon national Governments and development partners to further strengthen and consolidate their efforts to effectively integrate the economic, environmental and social dimensions in their development policies and strategies. It further highlighted some of the key measures that need to be taken at the national, regional and global levels to address key economic, environmental and social challenges. While the specific actions that need to be taken on the key issues covered under the outcome document may differ from country to country, there are some common measures that could provide the necessary support for actions to be taken by all countries.

Africa, as a region, made a consolidated preparation and contribution to the Conference under the general political guidance of the African Union. After reviewing the report presented by the President of the Republic of Congo on the outcome from Rio+20, the nineteenth Session of the African Union Summit called upon the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) to develop a roadmap for the effective implementation of the Rio+20 outcomes.

In response to this call, the 14th Session of AMCEN, held from 10-14 September 2012 in Arusha Tanzania, identified 10 priority areas and adopted a decision to develop and implement Regional Flagship Programmes as a means to ensure the effective implementation of the outcomes of Rio +20 in Africa.

Objective:

The overall objective of the side event is to present the approach and principles for developing and implementing the Regional Flagship Programmes with a view to forging partnerships with other regional and international partners in the development and implementation of the Regional Flagship Programmes.

Organizers:

AMCEN in collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC), NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), African Development Bank (AfDB), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Programme

1. Welcoming remarks by Moderator: H.E. Terezya L. Huvisa, Minister of State – Environment, Vice-President’s Office, Tanzania and President of AMCEN

2. Opening remarks: Ms. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC

3. Presentation on the overall approach, process and principles for the development of the Regional Flagship Programmes by AMCEN

4. Presentations on existing building blocks for Regional Flagship Programmes
   a. African Sustainable Consumption and Production Partnership - Country (tbd)