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**Second meeting of African high-level expert  
panel on climate change**  
Addis Ababa, 21–23 October 2009

## **Annotated provisional agenda**

### **I. Introduction**

1. The work of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) on climate change in Africa (known as the “African process for combating climate change”) was initiated as a follow-up to the twelfth session of AMCEN, held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in June 2008, during which ministers underscored the importance of the decision and outcomes of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, held in Bali, Indonesia, in December 2007, in particular the agreement on the Bali Action Plan, which set 2009 as the end date for negotiations on strengthening the climate regime beyond 2012.
2. The objectives of the African process, based on decision 2, on climate change, of the twelfth session of AMCEN, include the following:
  - (a) To support efforts by AMCEN to implement the continent’s process to achieve a common negotiating position on a comprehensive international climate change regime beyond 2012;
  - (b) To provide a platform to deliberate and agree on a shared vision and common position for Africa to combat climate change and achieve sustainable development;
  - (c) To engage with the international community in finding solutions to the challenges posed by climate change;
  - (d) To develop a comprehensive framework of African climate change programmes and its associated subregional climate change programmes.
3. To succeed in attaining the above objectives, AMCEN held a special session on climate change in Nairobi in May 2009 and an Eastern African subregional meeting in Kigali from 31 August to 3 September 2009. It will also hold a Central African subregional meeting on the same topic in Addis Ababa from 15 to 17 October 2009.
4. The technical session of AMCEN, taking the form of the second meeting of the African high-level expert panel on climate change, a meeting to prepare for the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, will be opened by Ms. Bulyewa Sonjica, President of AMCEN and Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs of South Africa, or her representative, on Wednesday, 21 October 2009, at the United Nations Conference Centre, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa.

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## **II. Items of the provisional agenda**

### **A. Item 1: Opening of the meeting**

5. The President of AMCEN, or her representative, will chair the meeting, while the Vice-President (Burkina Faso) or his representative will serve as Rapporteur. In the absence of either of these Bureau members, however, a Bureau meeting shall be convened on the eve of the opening of the meeting to take stock of the management of the meeting and to decide which of the Bureau members present will be assigned responsibilities during the meeting in accordance with the provisions of the AMCEN constitution.

6. The AMCEN Bureau currently comprises the following members:

(a) President: South Africa;

(b) Vice-presidents: Burkina Faso (also serving as rapporteur), Eritrea, Gabon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

7. The meeting is being held under the auspices of the African Union. Representatives of United Nations agencies, the secretariat of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, African subregional economic communities, the African Development Bank, other bilateral and multilateral partners and civil society and international organizations are expected to attend.

8. The President of AMCEN or her representative will make opening remarks.

### **B. Item 2: Organizational matters**

#### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

9. Representatives may wish to adopt the agenda based on the provisional agenda contained in document AMCEN/AHLPCC/2/1. A timetable for the meeting is contained in the annex to the present document.

#### **2. Organization of work**

10. The representative of the secretariat will explain the nature of the various working and drafting groups and the Chair will invite experts to consider joining one such group. Members of the expert group will make their choices known to the secretariat by the close of the morning session on the first day.

11. It is anticipated that three working groups will be formed to deliberate on: a common negotiating position; policy; and programmatic aspects of AMCEN work on climate change in Africa. The working groups will report in plenary meeting for further discussions on the outcomes of their work. The working group on matters related to Africa's common negotiating position will present in plenary meeting only the key messages being recommended for consideration.

### **C. Item 3: Presentation on the Government of Denmark's arrangements for the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

12. The representative of the Government of Denmark will make a brief presentation on the preparations being made for the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

### **D. Item 4: Introduction and objectives of the meeting**

13. The representative of the secretariat will introduce the objectives of the meeting and the break-out sessions. The objectives are to update the African common negotiating position; to deliberate on the framework of African climate change programmes and its associated frameworks of subregional climate change programmes; and to deepen the understanding of African experts on the issues being negotiated in connection with the international climate change regime beyond 2012.

14. The outcomes of the current meeting and other activities undertaken in connection with AMCEN work on climate change in Africa will be presented at the second extraordinary meeting of AMCEN on climate change scheduled to be held on the eve of the high-level segment of the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to be held in Copenhagen in December 2009.

15. The expected products from the meeting will include the following:

- (a) Updated African common negotiating position;
- (b) Key messages;
- (c) Comprehensive framework of African climate change programmes;
- (d) Final draft frameworks of subregional (Central and Eastern African) climate change programmes;
- (e) Recommendations;
- (f) Report of the meeting.

**E. Items 5 and 6: Status of current climate change negotiations and financing climate change with special focus on Africa**

16. Brief presentation on selected topics will be made by various speakers. Presentations on the current climate change negotiations (Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention and Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol) will serve as particularly useful background for discussions during the break-out sessions.

**F. Item 7: Presentations**

17. Brief presentations on selected topics by various speakers will be made.

**G. Item 8: Presentations on the development of a framework of African climate change programmes**

18. In line with the implementation of AMCEN work on climate change in Africa, draft frameworks of climate change programmes have so far been prepared for Eastern and Central Africa. A draft comprehensive framework of African climate change programmes is being prepared. These documents will be presented during the meeting and will form the basis of the discussions of one working group during the break-out sessions.

**H. Item 9: Break-out sessions**

19. The meeting will be conducted using a mix of plenary and break-out sessions. There will be three working groups as stated above. Experts will be invited to join either the second or third groups.

**I. Item 10: Presentations**

20. Brief presentations on selected topics by various speakers will be made.

**J. Item 11: Consideration and adoption of the experts' statement, draft framework of climate change programmes, recommendations and report of the meeting**

21. The chairs of the working groups or their nominees will submit in plenary meeting for further discussion: key messages; draft framework of climate change programmes; recommendations; and the report of the meeting.

22. The Rapporteur will present an overview of the report of the meeting, including the above-mentioned products, and request that the report be considered for amendment and adoption under the Chair's guidance.

23. The Chair will invite representatives to comment on the report, paragraph by paragraph. Only comments of substance will be considered and those must, of necessity, be submitted to the Rapporteur in writing.

24. The Chair will request that the report be adopted in principle on the understanding that any comments from the floor will be integrated by the secretariat into the final report, which will be produced in English and French.

**K. Item 12: Closure of the meeting**

25. The Chair will invite the Director of the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Africa and the representative of the African Union Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture to make concluding remarks before declaring the meeting closed.

## Annex

### Organization of work

Time	Description
<b>21 October 2009</b>	
9–9.15 a.m.	Adoption of the agenda
9.15–9.40 a.m.	Introduction and objectives of the meeting
9.40–10.40 a.m.	Bali Action Plan: update on activities under the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention
10.40–11 a.m.	Coffee break
11–11.40 a.m.	Kyoto Protocol: update on activities under the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Financing climate change: (i) United Nations Environment Programme; (ii) African Development Bank; (iii) Global Environment Facility; (iv) World Bank.
1–2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30–3 p.m.	Opening ceremony
3.10–3.30 p.m.	Arrangements for Copenhagen
3.30–4.10 p.m.	Adoption of key messages
4.10–4.25 p.m.	Coffee break
4.25–4.45 p.m.	Climate for Development in Africa (CLIMDEV-Africa) Programme
4.45–5.05 p.m.	African risk reduction platform
5.05–5.25 p.m.	Climate change and health
5.25–5.45 p.m.	Draft framework of Eastern African climate change programmes
5.45–6 p.m.	Draft framework of Central African climate change programmes
<b>22 October 2009</b>	
9–9.30 a.m.	Draft framework of comprehensive African climate change programmes
9.30–11 a.m.	Break-out sessions
11–11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Break-out sessions
12.30–1.30 p.m.	Lunch
1.30–6 p.m.	Break-out sessions

<b>23 October 2009</b>	
9–10 a.m.	Presentations: (a) Climate change and migration; (b) Climate change and trade; (c) Climate change and gender.
10–11.30 a.m.	Break-out sessions
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Presentation of working groups reports in plenary meeting
1–2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30–3.40 p.m.	Consideration and adoption of draft framework of climate change programmes; recommendations; and report of the meeting
3.40–4 p.m.	Closure of the meeting

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