

Regional Flagship Programmes-Africa's Green Growth Strategies

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Abstract

Regional Flagship Programmes (RFPs) are initiatives of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) which is Africa's response to the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro (Rio+20). The outcomes 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. AMCEN, under the guidance of African Union Heads of State, has developed five RFPs as a means to ensure the effective implementation of the outcomes of Rio+20. The RFPs are implemented within the overall framework of the NEPAD Environment Action Plan. This side event will create awareness on the programmes and discuss practical ways of implementing them in Africa. It also features a discussion of current and anticipated regional and continental level coordination and implementation support for the programmes.

SIDE EVENT REGIONAL FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES

Theme:

Date: 5th December 2015

Venue: Africa Pavillon, Le Bourget, Paris, France

Time: 12:0-13:30pm

Introduction

The 21st session of the Conference of Parties (CoP21) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change is key landmark on the global development agenda. COP21, also known as the 2015 Paris Climate Conference, will, for the first time in over 20 years of the climate negotiations, aim to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate, with the aim of keeping global warming below 2°C. To achieve this ambition and to minimize the negative impact of climate change and harness the opportunities therein a number of interventions and initiatives will be required in Africa to respond to climate change and improve livelihoods on the continent.

One such intervention is the Regional Flagship Programmes which is an initiative of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) which is Africa's response to the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) held in Rio de Janeiro. The outcomes 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.

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The 5 Flagship Programmes are:

1. African Green Economy Partnership (AGEP)
2. Sustainable Land Management, Desertification, Biodiversity and Ecosystems-based Adaptation to Climate Change (LDBE)
3. Partnership for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in Africa
4. African Programme on Sustainable Energy Development
5. Africa Integrated Environmental Assessment for Sustainable Development

1. Specifics on the Side Event

Under the patronage of the President of AMCEN and Minister of Environment for the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Side Event will create awareness on the Regional Flagship Programmes and discuss practical ways of implementing the RFPs in Africa. It will also feature a discussion of current and anticipated regional and Continental level coordination and implementation support for the Regional Flagship Programmes.

2. Format of the Side Event and Expected Outcomes

2.1 The three main components will be:

- a) Opening remarks and a keynote presentation on the Regional Flagship Programmes and importance of Scaling up implementing the programmes within the NEPAD Environment Action Plan.
- b) A high level panel discussion addressing local, national, regional, and continental agriculture and climate change activities; and
- c) Plenary discussion to deepen the understanding of the Regional Flagship Programmes and factors that could hinder or accelerate the implementation of the Regional Flagship Programmes in Africa.

The Side Event will inform on Africa's efforts to implement the outcomes of the Rio+20 summit and discuss new opportunities for collaboration as well as strengthening or refining existing ones – both in terms technical collaboration as well as finance-investment partnerships.

Programme

Time AGENDA ITEM

12.0-12:10 Introduction and Purpose of the Event: Mrs. Estherine Fotabong

12.10-12.25 1. Key Note/Lead presentation:

Keynote Statement: H.E Dr. Mohamed Fahmy, Minister of Environment, Egypt and AMCEN President

12.25-13.15 Panel Discussions:

Panelists

- Juliete Biao Koudenoukpo, Director & Regional Representative, Office for Africa, UNEP
- Aly Abou Saba (African Development Bank) - Estherine Fotabong Director of Programmes, NEPAD Agency

- H.E Hon. Ephraim Kamuntu, Minister Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda

- H.E Noël Nelson MESONE, Minister for Forestry, Environment and Protection of Natural Resources, Gabon

13:15-1:30 Plenary Discussions

Expected Participants

The Event is open to all

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