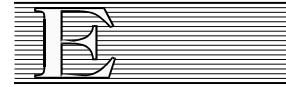




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Objectives

1. The objective is to strengthen the capacity of member States to design institutional arrangements and implement national policies and programmes that reinforce the linkages within the nexus of food security, population, environment and human settlements in order to achieve sustainable development, and contribute to building capacity of African countries to utilize science and technology in achieving food security and sustainable development. Other objectives of this subprogramme include promoting awareness of the need to integrate concerns of the three pillars of sustainable development, namely economic development, social development and environmental protection into national development planning and poverty reduction programmes; improve stewardship of the natural resource base and the environment by strengthening the capacity of member States for sustainable exploitation, management and effective utilization of such important natural resources as mineral and energy resources, and water resources.

Activities Implemented during the 2004-2005 Biennium

2. To accomplish these objectives, the Sustainable Development Division implemented most of the programmed outputs for the 2004-2005 biennium. Three follow-up meetings of the CSD-3 Bureau on the implementation of the work programme and the recommendations of CSD-3 were organized (see minutes attached in annex of this report). The following activities have been implemented:

Servicing of Intergovernmental and Expert Bodies

Substantive servicing of meetings

3. The African ministers responsible for population and development assembled in Dakar, Senegal on 11 June 2004 to consider the implementation of the Dakar-Ngor Declaration adopted in 1992 and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994. At the conclusion of this conference, the ministers issued a ministerial declaration reaffirming their commitment to the further implementation of ICPD goals and ICPD+5 Key Actions as well as those contained in the Millennium Declaration and the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

Parliamentary Documentation

4. The following four reports have been prepared for submission to the fourth meeting of the CSD:

- Report on managing land-based resources for sustainable development: policy recommendations;
- Progress report on the follow-up and implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

- Report on ECA programme for promoting biotechnology for sustainable development in Africa; and
- Report on emerging issues in science and technology for sustainable development in Africa.

Ad hoc Expert Group Meetings

5. The Division organized the following five Ad hoc expert group meetings during the current biennium:

- Ad hoc expert group meeting on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development was held in Addis Ababa from 16-18 November 2004. This focus of the meeting was on designing the African Green Revolution.
- The Division assisted the SRO-Southern Africa in servicing the ad hoc expert group meeting on harmonization of mining policies, standards, legislative, and regulatory frameworks in Southern Africa held in Lusaka, Zambia from 3-5 November 2004.
- Ad hoc expert group meeting on Monitoring and Assessing Progress on Sustainable Development in Africa was held in Addis Ababa from 13-15 April 2005. The purpose of the Ad hoc expert group meeting was to discuss the structure and content of the Sustainable Development Report on Africa.
- Ad hoc expert group peer review workshop for the national water reports of the North African sub-region was held in Cairo, Egypt from 14-17 April 2005.
- Ad hoc Expert Group Meeting to peer review the draft Sustainable Development Report on Africa was organized from 22 to 23 October 2005

Other Substantive Outputs

6. The status of implementation for the four recurrent publications programmed for the current biennium is as follows:

Recurrent Publications

- The African Water Development Report is in progress. It is being prepared under the Regional Advisory Services on Water Development and Management within the Division. The interim version of the report was completed in December 2003. The final version is currently under preparation and will be released in December 2005.
- The 2005 issue of “Africa's Sustainable Development Bulletin” is currently under review and will be released by December 2005.
- The 2004 issue of the “Africa’s Sustainable Development Bulletin” was released in December 2004.
- The first issue of the “ Sustainable Development Report on Africa” is under preparation and will be released by December 2005.

Non-recurrent Publications

7. The status of the three non-recurrent publications programmed for the current biennium is as follows:

- The “Review of the application of environment impact assessment (EIA) in selected African countries” has been completed;
- The “Study on emerging issues in science and technology: principles, methodology and strategy for promoting the African Green Revolution” has been completed; and
- The study on “Sub-regional strategies for preventing and managing disaster related food crises” has been completed.

In addition, during the period under review the Division published the following documents:

- Mainstreaming Mineral Wealth in Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategies;
- Improving Public Participation in the Sustainable Development of Mineral Resources in Africa;
- Training Materials on Management of Mineral Wealth and the Role of Mineral Wealth in Socioeconomic Development;
- Minerals Cluster Policy Study in Africa: Pilot Studies of South Africa and Mozambique;
- Africa Regional Implementation Review Report on Human Settlements;
- Africa Regional Implementation Review Report on Water and Sanitation;
- Land Tenure Systems and Their Impacts on Food Security and Sustainable Development in Africa;
- National Councils for Sustainable Development in Africa: A review of institutions and their Functioning; and
- Assessment of Power Pooling Arrangements in Africa.

Other substantive activities

- A CD-ROM on outcomes of electronic discussions on emerging issues affecting food security and sustainable development in Africa is under preparation.
- The development and maintenance of a website on fostering sustainable development in Africa has been completed and is updated on a regular basis.

International Cooperation and Interagency coordination and liaison

8. During the current biennium, the Division has also worked with key regional and international partners to address the region’s sustainable development challenges. In particular, the Division worked with organizations and agencies such as the African Union (AU), New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), African universities and research institutions and Regional Economic Communities (RECS).

9. Specifically, the Division accomplished the following:

- Collaborated with UNFPA and the AU to assess the progress made by member States in implementing the Dakar/Ngor Declaration and the ICPD-PoA. These efforts culminated in the publication in 2004 of a report titled "ICPD 10th Anniversary: Africa Regional Review Report".

- Collaborated with UNFPA to organize a regional ministerial review conference that was held in Dakar, Senegal from 7-11 June 2004 to discuss the "ICPD 10th Anniversary: Africa Regional Review Report".
- Collaborated with the African Union and UN-HABITAT to organize the first African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development. The conference was held in Durban, South Africa from 31 January to 4 February 2005. The Division contributed to the development of an enhanced framework for housing and urban development in Africa, and a declaration establishing the Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development in Africa.
- In the minerals sector, the sub-programme developed options to improve the management of mineral wealth in Africa. In order for member States to effectively deliver mineral services and harmonize policies, support was provided to the Southern and Eastern Africa Mineral Center (SEAMIC), the Africa Mining Partnership and SADC. Guidance was provided to nine countries on how to shape up their policies on artisanal and small-scale mining. It also facilitated the establishment of CASM-Africa, a knowledge-sharing network for artisanal and small-scale mining. The inaugural meeting of CASM-Africa was held on 10 August 2005 at UNCC in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The sub-programme has also offered assistance to the government of Tanzania in the form of a field project on the contribution of mining to poverty reduction.
- SDD also continues to be very active in the UN Science and Technology cluster in support of NEPAD by participating as vice convener in activities led by UNESCO in engineering education during a workshop held in Lagos September 2004.
- Participated in the Science and Technology Policy and Management (ANSTI Governing Council) meeting in November 2004 and the Nigerian STI system restructuring in October 2004.
- The sub-programme also participated in the 7th Session of UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD) in May 2004.
- Participated in and presented a paper on "Policy and programmatic measures taken to meet the needs of the elderly: Africa's response to a budding challenge" to the International Conference on Ageing organized by the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) and the South African Government, Johannesburg, South Africa, 18-20 August 2004.
- Participated in the UNDESA Third Coordination Meeting on International Migration organized by the Population Division from 27 to 29 October 2004 to discuss substantive issues related to the preparation of the High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development that the General Assembly will conduct during the sixty-first session in 2006. A paper on "International migration and development in Africa and related ECA and partnership activities" was presented.
- Participated in the UNFPA Global Meeting, New York, 1-3 December 2004, in response to a UNFPA request to present PEDA at the meeting and demonstrate the model as an analysis and advocacy tool.
- Demonstrated PEDA to the AU Agriculture and Rural Development Department as a useful analysis and advocacy tool in early 2005.
- Collaborated with all the UN Agencies with water programs in Africa to organize the 3rd meeting of UN/Water Africa in March 2005 in Addis Ababa And in launching the "Water for Life" Decade 2005-2015, which calls attention to water shortages and the need to halve the proportion of people who do not have sustainable access to safe drinking water by 2015.

- Cooperated with all the UN Water/Africa Agencies to provide support for the 5th meeting of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) in July 2005 in Addis Ababa. Member States signed broad agreements on the modalities for cooperation between AMCOW, Regional Economic Communities, river basin organizations and strategic development partners.
- The Division organized a meeting of energy experts from nine African countries to finalize a memorandum of understanding for the launch of the Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP) in February 2005. The meeting was organized in partnership with the African Union (AU), the Union of Producers, Transporters and Distributors of Electric Power in Africa (UPDEA) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).
- Participated and presented a progress report on addressing Africa's population challenges within the context of MDGs at the 38th session of the Commission on Population and Development that was organized by the Population Division of the UN-Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York in April 2005. The theme of the sessions was "Population, development and HIV/AIDS, with particular emphasis on poverty".
- Cooperated with UNDESA in organizing the Africa regional perspective panels for CSD-12 and CSD-13

Advisory Services

10. The Division provided a number of advisory services on sustainable development issues to member States. During the current biennium, the Division offered the following:

- Technical assistance to the Government of Sierra Leone for the formulation of a National Energy Policy. The policy formulation was comprised of two interlinked elements: (1) consultancy services for the preparation of a comprehensive energy policy document; and (2) organization of two consultative meetings through which relevant stakeholders were given the opportunity to peer-review the draft energy policy document.
- The Division undertook a mission to NEPAD to assist in advancing the partnership between the UN and NEPAD in the area of agriculture.
- The Division participated in the workshop on Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAS) for Southern Africa held in Maputo from 4-6 April 2005. The objective was to provide technical support on mining issues relevant for the discussions of the EPAS between SADC and the European Union in the context of the implementation of the Cotonou Partnership Agreement (CPA).
- The Division is a member of the Steering Committee of the SigAfrique Project which covers 11 countries, namely Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal and two regional centers (SEAMIC and the Mining Unit of UEMOA). The main objective of the project is to upgrade geosciences records of the participating countries and establish metadatabases and databases on geology and mineral occurrences; create a geosciences data network and a forum for exchanges and dialogue on emerging issues; and provide training on geosciences data processing.
- The Division was invited by the Algerian Minister of Energy and Mines to share ECA's experience in the field of energy in economic development and regional integration.

- The Division undertook a mission to participate in the Joint UNEP/ECA/AU African Ministerial Meeting on Energy held in Nairobi in May 2004 and presented a working document on "Regional Follow-up to WSSD Outcomes and NEPAD Energy Initiative".
- The Division undertook a technical assistance mission to Tanzania in January 2005. The purpose of the mission was to provide advice at a meeting on the NEPAD/Agriculture Development Programme.
- The Division attended and presented a policy paper at the African Conference on Urbanization, Shelter and Development in Durban, South Africa from 31 January to 4 February 2005.
- The Division undertook a technical assistance mission to Dakar, Senegal in February 2005. During the mission, the Division led a panel discussion on agricultural diversification and specialization in the context of regional integration at the "Dakar Agricole" Forum.
- The Division undertook a mission on population, environment and development nexus capacity building in Pretoria, South Africa from May to June 2005. The mission accomplished the following activities: 1) Determined the nature and level of the South African government's interest in building national capacity in the population-environment-development nexus;. 2) Reviewed and analyzed the content and effectiveness of training programmes on population, environment and development or other related training programmes currently offered by South African universities and other institutions of higher learning; 3) Determined possible areas of partnerships among the training institutions, Government, UNFPA and other stakeholders that could be forged and supported in implementation of the proposed capacity building project; and 4) Formulated a comprehensive draft proposal on capacity building in the population-environment-development nexus.
- As part of international cooperation and interagency coordination and liaison, the Division attended the conference of Ministers of ECOWAS countries on biotechnology in June 2005.
- The Division also undertook a mission to Algiers, Algeria in July 2005. The purpose of the mission was to participate at the sub-regional consultative meeting of experts on the NEPAD Environmental Action Plan.

Perceived Impact of Activities on Beneficiaries

11. The above activities were undertaken with the goal of accomplishing the following: (a) Increased awareness of policy makers of the interrelationship between, and the need for integration of, the three dimensions of sustainable development; (b) Increased capacity of stakeholders in member States for designing and implementing policies, strategies and programmes that integrate the nexus issues of sustainable development; (c) Effective incorporation of the interrelated issues of food security, population, environment and human settlements into sustainable development policies; and (d) enhanced capacity of member States and increased cooperation among member States for effective policy formulation and programme development in the exploitation of mineral and energy resources; and effective management and increased and harmonized utilization of water resources.

Indicators Accomplishments/Results Achieved:

- i) Number of instances of end-users accessing and using ECA knowledge based on the number of times reference was made to ECA studies in official documentation.

12. A web-based analysis found hundreds of references to SDD's key outputs in various African and international newspapers, journals and websites. The widely cited outputs include ICPD 10th Anniversary: Africa Regional Review Report", "Land Tenure Systems and Their Impacts on Food Security and Sustainable Development in Africa", "Improving Public Participation in the Sustainable Development of Mineral Resources in Africa", and "Africa's Sustainable Development Bulletin". The sub-programme's key websites that provide information on sustainable development to policy makers in Africa like ESTNET (which received 37,000 hits and 4,800 visitors in June 2005 alone), the Africa Water Information Clearing House, Population Information Africa and AFPIC have also received numerous hits.

- ii) Number of stakeholders in member States trained in ECA courses and reported increased knowledge and skills

13. The Division conducted a training workshop on Intellectual Property Rights in Dakar, Senegal (30 March- 2 April 2004) that was attended by 55 trainees. It also conducted a workshop on "Integrated Resources Planning: Management of Mineral Wealth" from 19-20 May 2005 which was attended by 43 high-level policy makers from ministries of mines and finance from 13 African countries. The workshop raised awareness of the participants on the potential of minerals in supporting long-term economic development and growth and enhanced their knowledge and capacity on mineral-related subjects that are important to creating an environment conducive for mineral resources development.

- iii) Number of member States incorporating sustainable development nexus issues into policy frameworks/programmes.

14. In 2003/2004, ECA conducted the ICPD+10 survey. Questionnaires were sent to all 53 African countries. In addition, countries were required to submit detailed country reports covering the implementation of the ICPD-PoA. A total of 43 countries responded to this survey. In addition, 31 countries submitted detailed national reports. It is from these data sources that we established that 40 African countries had incorporated sustainable development nexus issues into policy frameworks/programmes. The sub-programme also conducted a study on the functioning of national councils for sustainable development. The main findings of the study are contained in a report titled "National Councils for Sustainable Development in Africa: A review of Institutions and their Functioning". The study shows that African countries, to varying degrees, have made progress in establishing institutions and putting in place the necessary instruments and other relevant processes to facilitate the implementation of the sustainable development agenda. However, these institutions do not adequately fulfill the role of national councils for sustainable development and a lot remains to be done to strengthen them, particularly

with regard to eliminating environmental bias and addressing the three dimensions of sustainable development in a holistic and integrated manner.

- iv) Number and impact of member States participating in regional/sub-regional forums organized for dialogue and consensus-building to: (a) harmonize policies and adopt programmes for the joint exploitation of mineral and energy resources; (b) establish and strengthen river and lake basin organization and enhance capacity for water resource management.

15. The target was met since more than 20 countries benefited from services provided by ECA, namely 6 in Southern and Eastern Africa Mineral Center (SEAMIC), 12 in Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), and 45 power utilities in more than 30 countries. The Division, in conjunction with UNECA-Southern Africa sub-regional office also conducted three workshops to build capacity in water management. The workshops were held from 2-10 March in Pretoria, South Africa and included: i) a three day Geo-Water Information Development and Management Workshop; ii) a two day Southern Africa Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Implementation Workshop, and; iii) a one day Gender and Water Resources Management in Africa seminar. A total of 50 participants drawn from the government, academic, NGOs, private sector and inter-governmental institutions from the sub-region attended the workshop. The Southern Africa IWRM Implementation Workshop discussed the status of development and implementation of IWRM plans in various Southern African countries, outcomes of the African Water Laws Conference, and built capacity on water hazard and emergency preparedness within the IWRM framework. The workshop also reviewed the process being undertaken in developing the African Water Development Report and discussed the preliminary findings of the National Water Development Reports from selected Southern African countries. The aim of the gender and water seminar was to translate the gender commitments made by the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) during the Pan-African Implementation and Partnership Conference on Water held in December 2003 into an implementable action plan. The seminar also aimed to sensitize participants on the importance of mainstreaming gender in water management and at imparting ideas on how to incorporate a gender perspective in their own work.

Annex - I

Minutes of the Africa Committee on Sustainable Development-Bureau meeting Thursday 8 April 2004

Introduction

1. The Africa CSD Bureau members met on Thursday 8 April 2004 to review the Africa CSD-3 meeting held in October 2003. The Bureau meeting was held at the premise of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
2. Mr. Sherif Fouad Naguid, Counsellor at the Embassy of Egypt in Ethiopia, formally chaired the meeting, which was attended by members of the Bureau from:
 - Egypt (Chairman);
 - Ethiopia;
 - Congo; and
 - Ghana (*see the list of participants on page 4*).
3. Mr. Josue Dione, Director Sustainable Development Division led the Secretariat team. Other team members from the Secretariat are: Mr. Ousmane Laye, Leader Sustainable Development Monitoring Team (SDMT); Mr. Antonio Pedro, Leader Natural Resources and Energy Team; and Mr. Musa Salah, Fellow of the Sustainable Development Division.

Agenda

4. The meeting, which was preceded by an informal interaction between the Secretariat and the Chairman discussed the following issues in its agenda:
 - Remarks by the Chair;
 - Review of the draft Report of Africa CSD-3;
 - Information on the global CSD; and
 - Any other business (AOB)

Remarks by the Chair

5. The Chairman welcomed all the participants to the meeting and commended the Secretariat for calling the meeting. He stressed the need for effective follow-up action as a vital approach for coherence implementation of the sustainable development agenda in Africa.
6. He expressed his delightfulness in the work of the Secretariat for keeping member States informed on its sustainable development activities in Africa.

Review of the draft Report of Africa CSD-3

7. The Chairman called on the Bureau members to comment and contribute on the draft report of the Africa CSD-3 meeting prepared by the Secretariat.
8. Attention was raised on the editorial errors in Para.47 of the draft report and the correction was effected immediately. Similarly, the last paragraph on the *Relationship*

between CSD and other institutions was amended as follow: "...to collaborate with the other five" and not six as it was written.

9. Two members of the Bureau expressed concerns over their late receipt of the draft report, which might have impacted their preparation. It was resolved that the future document should be dispatched within an ample time frame.
10. In an intervention, the Secretariat requested that this Bureau meeting should consider identifying issue on the theme, venue and date for the Africa CSD-4 as part of the AOB.
11. On the list of participants at the Africa CSD-3 meeting, attention was drawn to modify the list, in order to reflect hierarchy in the Egyptian Delegation.
12. Having effected the above amendments with due recognition of the Secretariat's request, the draft report was adopted.

Information on the global CSD

13. The Director of the Secretariat highlighted on the work programme of the global CSD till 2017. He explained that the alternating review and policy year of the global CSD process has reduced the inter-sessional meetings of the global CSD. He added that the work programme, at the global CSD-11, mandates the Regional Commissions to organized the Regional Implementation Meetings.
14. In Africa, this meeting is the Africa Regional Implementation Meeting (ARIM) on the three thematic issues of: Water; Human Settlement; and Sanitation. He emphasised on the resource constraints and the opportunity the Secretariat had at the Pan African Water and Implementation Conference (PANAFCON) to organise a separate session on the ARIM.
15. He added that the ARIM report would feed into the Secretary General's Report on the Review Year at the global CSD-12. The Director further explained that the Report of the Africa CSD-3 meeting would be presented at the ECA Conference of Ministers meeting in Uganda, as information and a working document.
16. On the global CSD activities, according to Mr. Laye from the Secretariat, the PANAFCON report on water issues in Africa has been extracted and incorporated in a consultant report supervised by the UNECA and the UN-Habitat on Sanitation and Human Settlement. He added that a consolidated report on Water, Sanitation and Human Settlement will be sent to the UNDESA in preparation for the Secretary General's report for the global CSD-12.
17. Other details of the global CSD-12 session, Mr. Laye added, will include a side-event to showcase activities and outcome of the PANAFCON, which also doubled as the ARIM. He explained that the side-event will be held on 23 April 2004, the day that has been set aside for Africa's activities (Africa Day) at the global CSD-12, in New York.

18. Apart from the side-event, Mr. Laye explained, a Plenary Panel Session will be held in the afternoon of the Africa day. Panelists for the session will include: the representatives from the Africa Development Bank; and the Forum for African Civil Society. Other panelists will include: the Chairman of AMCOW; and the Uganda Minister of Planning and Development, who will present the ARIM report. The session will be chaired by Minister Paul Lolo, Member of the global CSD-12 Bureau and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Nigeria Permanent Representative to the UN.
19. The Panel Session will last for one and half hour. The presentations will be short, up to 30 minutes for the four panelists. This is to enable ample time of one hour for discussion from the floor. Mr. Laye informed the Bureau members that the ECA approach to the panel session has been described as a best practice, which has been recommended to the other Regional Commissions.
20. Draft programme of the side events was distributed to the Bureau members, upon request by one of the members. Mr. Laye added that all the ECA member States would also be sent a flyer/letter of information on the Africa's events at the global CSD-12.
21. The meeting reaffirmed that it is important for African needs to be reflected in the global CSD policy framework. In this regards, it was suggested that the ARIM report should include some of the policy recommendations from the Africa CSD-3 meeting, in order to include some of the priority and challenging areas of Africa, for consideration at the global CSD-12 (the policy year) preceding.

AOB

Issue for the next meeting and the CSD-4

22. Realising that most documents presented to the Bureau members are written in only English language, a suggestion was made to the Secretariat to make the report of the Africa CSD-3 meeting and the ARIM available in French and English languages, before the next Bureau meeting.
23. Recalling a decision at the Africa CSD-3 meeting to review and align the Africa CSD process with the global CSD process, it was suggested that the theme for the Africa CSD-4 should reflect the global CSD cluster themes. Hence, the next Africa CSD meeting should consider a session to review the global CSD policy year. This will ensure that the recommendations from the Africa CSD meeting fit in the global CSD Secretariat's review year process.
24. Regarding the follow-up to the global and regional CSD activities in the work plans of the Secretariat, it was explained that the Secretariat composed of four substantive teams. In a further elaboration, the Bureau members were informed that the Sustainable Development Monitoring team (SDMT) is the team whose purview and responsibility covers the review and assessment of the implementation of World Summit on Sustainable Development and other global and regional issues on sustainable development. It was added that the Secretariat's flagship publication, Africa Sustainable Development Report (ASDR) would also incorporate follow-up activities on the outcomes of the UN summits and meetings.

25. Reaffirming the success of Africa CSD-3 meeting, a unanimous decision was that an implementation progress report of the Africa CSD-3 meeting's recommendations should be included in the programme outline for the Africa CSD-4.

Theme for CSD-4

26. On the theme for the Africa CSD-4, it was agreed that the Secretariat should propose themes that fit the current challenges of sustainable development in Africa, taking into consideration the thematic issues of the global CSD work programme for 2006-7, to the Bureau members for consultations and deliberations with the member States.

Frequency of meeting

27. It was agreed that the Bureau meetings should remain every six months, thus the next meeting of the Bureau members will take place in October 2004. Nonetheless, the Bureau can be contacted by the Secretariat, as when it is necessary, and the vice versa.

Acronym

28. Also agreed was the acronym of the Africa CSD to be ACSD, to distinguish it from the global CSD.

Energy Meeting

29. Mr. Pedro, also from the Secretariat informed the Bureau members about the forthcoming meeting of Energy Ministers in Nairobi, Kenya. The objective of this meeting is to discuss the establishment of Africa Energy Commission and the UN Energy Africa. This meeting is an ECA, UNEP and the AU initiative.
30. Mr. Pedro added that the African Union would be sending the invitation to the Energy Ministers, while UNEP has started sending invitation to the Ministers of Environment.
31. It was decided that the Secretariat would follow-up on the invitation process, in order to accelerate the process and to ensure that the ministers get ample time to prepare and attend this meeting.

Closing

32. At 12:25, the meeting was adjourned till October 2004.

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Annex - II
Minutes of the
Africa Committee on Sustainable Development-Bureau meeting
Wednesday 24 November 2004

Introduction

1. The second meeting of the Africa CSD-3 Bureau members was held on 24 November 2004 at UNCC to discuss progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of its first meeting held in April 2004.
2. The agenda was as follows:
 - Remarks by the Chair
 - Matters arising from the last meeting of the Bureau
 - Information on the global CSD
 - Theme for the 4th session of the Africa CSD (CSD-4)
 - Proposed ECA Work Programme on Sustainable Development for 2006-2007
 - Any other business
3. Mr. Mohamed Kadah, from Egypt, chaired the meeting, which was attended by members of the Bureau from:
 - a. Egypt (Chairperson);
 - b. Congo; and
 - c. South Africa (*see the list of participants on last page*).
4. Mr. Ousmane Laye, on behalf of Mr. Josue Dione, Director of the Sustainable Development Division, led the Secretariat team. Other team members from the Secretariat included Mr. Antonio Pedro, Natural Resources Development Team Leader; Mr. Abdoulaye Niang, Agriculture and Food Security Team Leader; Mr. Israel Sembajwe, Analysis and Advocacy Tool Team Leader; Mr. Jacques Hamel, from the Science and Technology Team; Mr. Stephen Maxwell Donkor, Senior Regional Advisor on Water Resources Management and Coordinator, Inter-agency Group on Water in Africa Project; Mr. Amson Sibanda and Mr. Asfaw Yitna from the Sustainable Development Monitoring Team; and Ms. Maria Thundu from the Communication Team.

Remarks by the Chair

5. The Chairperson welcomed the participants to the meeting and thanked the Secretariat for calling the second meeting. He further pointed out to the importance of the meeting for effective follow-up of African CSD activities, noting that it could be a good approach for reliable implementation of the sustainable development agenda in Africa, in line with the global CSD recommendations.
6. He also expressed appreciation for the work done by the Secretariat for keeping the CSD Bureau members informed about sustainable development activities in Africa.

Matters arising from the last meeting of the Bureau

7. The Chairperson invited the Secretariat to briefly present the progress made since the first Bureau meeting. Mr. Ousmane Laye made a presentation on the achievements thus far. Among other things, he singled out (i) the finalization of the report of CSD-3 in English and French; (ii) the plenary session on Africa of the Twelfth Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 12); (iii) the alignment of the theme of Africa CSD with the global CSD; and (iv) the theme for Africa CSD-4.

Information on the global CSD

8. Mr. Ousmane Laye highlighted on the plenary session on Africa during the CSD-12 and noted that the outcomes of the Africa Regional Implementation Review Meeting (ARIM) were presented in the plenary session, followed by a discussion. In the side-event, activities and outcomes of the Pan-African Implementation and Partnership Conference on Water (PANAFCON) were presented.
9. Mr. Laye indicated that the panel which conducted the plenary session was comprised of the Ugandan Minister of Works, Housing and Communications, who presented the ARIM report; the Director of ECA/Sustainable Development Division; a representative of the African Development Bank; the Chairperson of the Forum for African Civil Society; and the UN Under-Secretary General and Special Adviser on Africa.
10. After the above briefing, Mr. Kadah emphasized the need for ECA to use the global CSD to spearhead Africa's cause and advance its priority agenda. He advised that such action should be done in partnership with other agencies, so that all the work being done by the different institutions could produce integrated results with better impact.
11. In this connection, Mr. Laye informed the Bureau members of the role played by ECA in coordinating development efforts in Africa, stating that, for example, in 2003, ECA built partnerships with UN-DESA, UN-HABITAT and UN Water/ Africa to ensure the successful implementation of the regional review process for CSD-12. The same partnerships will be built with other UN specialized agencies for the regional review process for CSD-14, which will focus on energy, industrial development, pollution and climate change.
12. The meeting reaffirmed that it is important for Africa's needs to be reflected in the global CSD policy framework and that ECA's needs to strengthen its role in coordinating all the CSD activities in an integrated manner.

Theme for the 4th session of the Africa CSD (CSD-4)

13. The Secretariat proposed the following theme for the CSD-4: "Fostering sound land-based resources management in Africa" and explained that this theme is in line with the focus of the Sustainable Development Report in Africa (SDRA), namely land-based resources for sustainable development. It is further indicated that under that overall theme the following issues would be covered: enhancing land policy formulation and implementation in Africa; developing water resources for sustainable

development; improving public/private partnership in the sustainable development of mineral resources in Africa; and making Africa's power sector sustainable. The Secretariat further informed the bureau that the Africa regional implementation meeting on the themes of energy, climate change, atmosphere/air pollution and industrial development will be held during CSD-4 as a side event. To the effect CSD-4 will be held for 5 days instead of the usual 3. Furthermore, the Secretariat indicated that it was in consultation with UNIDO, UNCCC and UNEP to prepare the event as a joint endeavour. Those agencies might be responsible for preparing the report on industrial development; climate change; and atmosphere/air pollution respectively, while ECA would be in charge of the report on energy.

14. The CSD-3 Bureau meeting took note of the theme proposed and the initiative taken to organize the Africa Regional Implementation Meeting for CSD 14 as a side event of CSD-4. The Bureau agreed to initiate consultations on the theme and report the result back to the Secretariat by 24 December, so that the Secretariat can initiate the preparation for CSD-4 in time.

Proposed ECA Work Programme on Sustainable Development for 2006-2007

15. The proposed work programme for 2006-2007 takes into account the recommendations of CSD-3 to align SDD's work programme with the multi-year programme of work of the global CSD. Thus, the focus of SDD's 2006-2007 work programme will be on agriculture, rural development and land, as reflected on the theme of the next SDRA which will be "Fostering agricultural transformation in Africa". It was further noted that by the time the global CSD (16) is convened in 2008, SDD would be well prepared to report on Africa's progress in implementing its Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) commitments on agriculture, rural development, land, drought, and desertification.
16. The bureau members asked whether the Secretariat was obliged to cover all themes under the multi-year programme of work of the global CSD. The Secretariat noted that while reporting on all themes was mandatory, the priorities for Africa are always considered in selecting the focus areas of the programme of work.
17. Following the explanations given by the Secretariat, the bureau members endorsed the proposed approach.
18. The Secretariat indicated that the draft 2006/2007 work programme would be presented for further review to a meeting of experts that ECA will convene in early December 2004. It was agreed that the Bureau members would submit any comments or suggestions regarding the work programme in one month of time.
19. Regarding concerns raised by one of the bureau members about objective of the technical training, it was explained that the technical training indicated in the 2006/2007 work programme would be given to policy makers and high-level officials of the member States.

Any Other Business

20. Since it was agreed that the Bureau should meet every six months, the next follow up meeting will take place in May 2005. The meeting of CSD-4 will be held in October 2005 in Addis Ababa.
21. The participants were informed that the United Nations has declared the period 2005–2015 as the UN Decade on Water.
22. Mr. Niang, from the Secretariat, proposed a joint seminar on the African development challenges with member States, AU and ECA to create a common ground for African policy makers, and which in turn could improve the institutional relationship between ECA, AU and NEPAD.
23. As part of the preparation of Africa's implementation report to CSD 14 and as recommended by CSD-3, member States were reminded that they should submit their country report on those thematic areas to be reviewed by CSD-14 early enough for the secretariat to prepare the regional review reports. It was agreed that the Bureau members would lead in urging the member States to avail the required information in time to the Secretariat.

Closing

24. The meeting was closed at 12h15.

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Annex III
Minutes of the
African Committee on Sustainable Development – Third Bureau meeting
Tuesday 7 June 2005

Introduction

1. The Third meeting of the African CSD-3 Bureau was held on 7 June 2005 at the UNCC Caucus Room 6 to discuss the preparatory process for the global CSD-14, and to adopt the draft Agenda and Programme of work for African CSD-4.
2. The Agenda of the meeting was as follows:
 - Remarks by the Chair
 - Preparatory process for Global CSD-14
 - Adoption of the draft Agenda and Programme of Work for African CSD-4
 - Any Other Business
3. The members of the Bureau who attended the meeting were:
 - South Africa (Chairperson).
 - Congo
 - Ethiopia, and
 - Ghana (see the list of participants on the last page)

Egypt which is the ongoing chair of the CSD-3 Bureau apologized for not be able to attend this session.

4. Mr. Ousmane Laye led the Secretariat team on behalf of Mr. Josué Dioné, the Director of the Sustainable Development Division (SDD) on mission. Other staff members from the Secretariat included Mr. Abdoulaye Niang, Agriculture and Food Security Team Leader; Mr. Pedro Antonio, Natural Resources Development Team Leader; Mr. Alex Tindimubona, Science, Technology and Innovation Team Leader; Mr. Hassan Yousif from Population and Social Development Team; Mr. Yinka Adeyemi, Communication Officer; Mr. Johnson Oguntolla, Regional Adviser; and Mr. Negussie Gorfe from Sustainable Development Monitoring Team.

Remarks by the Chair

5. In the absence of the Chairman of the Bureau from Egypt Embassy due to illness, Ms. Mandy Solomon from the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa and Vice-Chairperson of the Bureau chaired the meeting.
6. Ms. Solomon thanked the members of the Bureau for coming to the meeting, introduced the Agenda and then invited Mr. Laye to present the Agenda items.

Preparatory process for Global CSD-14

7. Mr. Laye apologized that Mr. Josué Dioné could not be available at the meeting as he was on mission. He also apologized for the short notice given to the Bureau members with regard to the meeting and explained that consultations were undertaken with the Chairman of the Bureau concerning the meeting.

8. Mr. Laye pointed out that an informal consultation on the African Preparatory Process for the Fourteenth Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-14) was convened on 9 and 10 February 2005 by ECA. The main objectives of the consultations were to:
 - (i) Discuss the best approach to carry out a comprehensive review of the state of achievements of the goals of the Johannesburg Plan Of Implementation (JPOI) and Agenda 21;
 - (ii) Agree on a strategy to undertake the review and to prepare Africa's regional review reports on the thematic clusters of issues to be addressed; and
 - (iii) Define necessary actions, key actors and a timeline to attain these objectives.

9. He then presented the agenda of the consultations, which included four items, as follows:
 - (i) Review of the scoping papers on the four thematic issues for consideration by CSD-14; which are, energy, industrial development, climate change, atmosphere/air pollution;
 - (ii) Define the roles and responsibilities of participating agencies in the preparation of the different thematic reports;
 - (iii) Agree on the format of the thematic reports; and
 - (iv) Draft a timetable for the preparation of the reports.

10. Under the review of the scoping papers he indicated that a decision was reached to:
 - (i) Agree on the format of the reports for the four thematic issues relevant to CSD-14;
 - (ii) Review the thematic scoping papers proposed by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) in working groups; and
 - (iii) Discuss the outcomes of the working group session in plenary.

11. With regard to the format/structure of the reports, it was agreed in the consultation meeting that all thematic reports should consist of five chapters, which will include:
 - (i) Overview of the current situation of the thematic issue
 - (ii) Review of progress made in the implementation of JPOI and Agenda 21
 - (iii) Challenges and constraints to meet goals and targets
 - (iv) Lessons learnt
 - (v) The Way Forward.

12. He further explained that the responsibilities for the preparation of the three thematic review reports were also decided as follows:
 - (i) Energy by ECA;
 - (ii) Industrial development by UNIDO, and
 - (iii) Climate change, and Atmosphere/Air pollution by UNEP.

13. In addition to the above, NEPAD Secretariat and the Millennium Project agreed to provide inputs to the lead agencies.

14. The draft reports prepared by the lead agencies will be circulated for comments to the Bureau members, the Joint Secretariat and other institutions; reviewed by

member States and other stakeholders; and the finalized report will be submitted to UNDESA at the end of November 2005.

15. During the discussions, Mr. Laye indicated that follow-up action was taken by SDD to know the status of the reports. In the case of the Energy report, he indicated that the contribution of UN Energy Africa was requested and the preparation of the report is progressing well. Furthermore, he also pointed out that continuous contacts were made with UNIDO and UNEP to consult on the status of the reports. If any problems are faced during the preparation of the reports, the SDD will let the Bureau know.
16. SDD is in the process of streamlining its activities with the global CSD programme. Feed-back on the activities of SDD are obtained from UNDESA and other partners. Besides, regional commissions had a consultation with UNDESA during the global CSD-13 meeting to discuss preparatory process activities for CSD-14.
17. In order not to coincide with other important meetings of ECA and the African Union, it was pointed out that the dates for the African CSD-4 meeting are fixed in consultation with concerned bodies.
18. The Chairperson encouraged ECA to finalize the reports on time and invited Mr. Laye to present the second Agenda item.

Adoption of the draft Agenda and Programme of Work

19. In introducing the Draft Agenda and the Draft Programme of Work Mr. Laye pointed out that the proposed African Regional Review Forum for CSD-14 will be merged with the forthcoming session of the African CSD-4, which is a statutory meeting to be organized by ECA within its work programme. He added that, following a decision taken at CSD-3 in 2003, the African CSD should be considered as a regional component of the global CSD. Therefore, theme of the African CSD-4 should be aligned to that of the global CSD-14.
20. However, he indicated that note should be taken that SDD is in a transitional period during which the ECA work programme for the period 2004-2005 was decided before the mandate of African CSD was revised to take into account the thematic programming of the global CSD. Therefore, the African CSD-4 will deal both with the issues to be considered according to ECA work programme and with the African Regional Review Forum for the global CSD-14.
21. Mr. Laye explained that to have enough time for the above activities the number of days for the meeting should be increased from 3 to 5.
22. During the discussions the Bureau endorsed the Draft Agenda and the Draft Programme of Work without amendments, but emphasised the principle of aligning the work and activities of the African CSD-4 with that of the global CSD-14.

Any Other Business

23. It was indicated during the meeting that the documents should be sent to the Bureau members weeks in advance of the meeting date. The Secretariat took note of the concern raised. Mr. Laye thanked the members for coming to the meeting at such short notice, for their contributions in the discussions and informed them that this was the last Bureau meeting of African CSD-3.

24. It was agreed during the meeting that invitation letters for African CSD-4 meeting should be sent to the respective Embassies of member States in Addis Ababa. The Embassies will then follow-up the matter with their respective countries.

25. In order to avoid duplication of work, it was indicated that consultations should be made between SDD of ECA and UNDESA when requests for information are sent to member States.

II. Closing

26. The Chairperson thanked the participants and closed the meeting at 10:45 AM.

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