

**ENVIRONMENT, POPULATION AND URBANIZATION CLUSTER
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Thematic Focus: Strengthening synergies on environment-population-urbanization actions						
Priority 1 - To heighten awareness and understanding of the linkages in environment-population-urbanization challenges and responses						
Objective - To enhance the results of development efforts through design of integrated approaches						
	Increased awareness of the demand side pressures on food security and climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ No of strategies developed linking food security and climate change ▫ Concept paper finalised and shared among cluster members 	Concept paper to sharpen conceptual understanding of these linkages	FAO, UNEP		
NEPAD- Environmental Action Plan for the First Decade of the 21st Century	Environmental and sustainability concerns mainstreamed into curricula, research and the management (greening) of institutions of higher learning in Africa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Development of African research agenda on environment and development challenges ▫ No of policies and practices developed focusing on resilience ▫ No of Frameworks for collaborative work developed among higher institutions of learning, civil society and the private sector on sustainable development and climate change challenges ▫ No of African students engaged in problem solving in sustainable development and climate change issues 	Mainstreaming Environment and Sustainability in African Universities (MESA) Partnership Programme 2009-2010	UNEP, Association of African Universities (AAU), UNESCO, UNU, Southern Africa Development Commission (SADC), Horn of Africa Regional Environmental Centre and Network, African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resource Education (ANAFE)		2009-2010
Priority 2 – to develop models of joint action to address environment-population-urbanization challenges						
Objective - To identify specific joint initiatives/projects to incorporate integrated approaches to programme design and implementation						
UN Ten year capacity building programme	Enhanced policy and operational coherence and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ No. of joint research initiatives and exchange of information on 	Joint activities on migration, climate	UNEP, IOM, UNFPA, UN-Habitat		

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for the AU	planning at national and international levels Joint programmes in the area of climate change, environment and migration	links between climate change, environment and migration ▫ No. of effective initiatives by governments and other stakeholders to respond to challenges of inter-relation of climate change, environment and migration.	change, environment and population			
Thematic Focus: Supporting Africa's response to climate change						
Priority 3 – to provide appropriate policy and programme support to the AU, NEPAD & RECs and individual African countries on Climate Change						
Objective - To strengthen knowledge development and information sharing						
AU decision on Climate Change endorsing AMCEN May 2009 special session on climate change to develop a common African position on the comprehensive international climate change regime beyond 2012; Environment action plan of NEPAD	The capacities of key institutions and stakeholders scaled up to improve climate-related data and observation, information services, policies, investment processes and risk-management practices in climate-sensitive sectors such as agriculture, water and other natural resources, energy, and health.	Institutional mechanisms developed to combat Climate change; relevant policies and programmes developed and implemented	Implementation of ClimDev initiative and African Monitoring for the Environment for Sustainable Development (AMESD) programme	WMO, UNEP, AUC ECA, AFDB, UNEP, WHO? IMO African Centre for Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD)		2008-2018
	African Common Position on Climate Change adopted and continuously being updated	Framework of sub regional climate change programmes	Support to AMCEN in implementing the NEPAD Initiative on the Environment		Extra budgetary resources provided by DFID to	

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					fund interim activities of ACPC	
United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC)	Information Sharing, joint initiatives, partnerships in early warning mechanism, joint publishing of research studies. Raising policy and public awareness of the need for concerted action to address the challenges presented by climate change, environmental degradation and migration nexus.	No. of policy analysis reports on the interplay between migration, climate change and the environment.	Project on effects of climate change on migration	UNEP, IOM ,and OCHA		May 2009
United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC)	Beneficiary families farming yields increased. Beneficiary families' capacity to store, preserve and maximize nutritional benefits of food increased. Disaster preparedness and response capacity of communities in flood-prone areas strengthened. Civil society organizations capacity improved and strengthened to implement future actions related to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ No of new sustainable farming techniques implemented in the region ▫ No of training sessions carried out on Disaster Risk Reduction ▫ - No of reports prepared on disaster preparedness and response capacity of communities in Africa. 	Mitigating the impact of natural disasters on vulnerable families in Africa	UN Joint program on Disaster Risk Reduction	\$1,500,000 (submitted to Donors, not funded)	2 years

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	livelihoods and risk reduction.					
African Mitigation Networks	Mechanism for the formulation and dissemination of seasonal climate forecasts Increased understanding of the implications of probable climate outcomes for climate-sensitive sectors	Climate scientists, operational forecasters, and climate information users come together to formulate a consensus forecast	Regional Climate Outlook Forums	WMO, UNEP, AUC, IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) and the SADC Drought Monitoring Centre (DMC).		Yearly
WMO Quality Management Framework	Strengthened capacities of Meteorological and Hydrological Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ enhanced data base for Climate Monitoring ▫ Establishment of regional climate centres for disaster preparedness in support of building resilience of communities 	Implementation of Meteorological and Hydrological Programmes with RECs	WMO, RECs, UNEP		
WMO Quality Management Framework	Climate Services and Products brought to the forefront of development planning and policy formulation	No. of countries with legislation and policy frameworks to address climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies	Conference of Ministers Responsible for Meteorological Services	WMO, UNEP, AUC		March 2010
Priority 4 – enhance NEPAD's leadership in urbanization challenges linked to environment and population challenges						
Objective - Strengthen engagement with NEPAD in implementing the Environment Initiative						
UN Ten year capacity building programme for the AU	Increased awareness on the challenges of rapid urbanization and the need for well planned and systematic urban transition	No. of policies developed that are germane to promoting the role of African cities in the globalized economy.	Report on State of African Cities	ECA and UN-HABITAT	Agencies' regular budget	Published 2008
	NEPAD strengthens capacity to address urbanization and its consequences in order to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ A framework profile of seven cities 	NEPAD Cities Programme	UN-HABITAT, AMCEN, NEPAD Secretariat, NEPAD		2003-

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	make African cities more attractive for economic investment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Progress of the NEPAD City Programme integrated into Chairman's report to the African Union. ▫ No of cities within the NEPAD that join the programme. 		Cities local networks		
Priority 5 – Enhance REC leadership in implementing major Conventions and Agreements on Environment, Population and Urbanization						
Objective - To strengthen the role of RECs in coordinating implementation of Agreements and Conventions						
African Union strategic plan/NEPAD Action plan	The capacities of AUC and RECs strengthened to execute their mandates in relation to Conventions implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Ratification of major conventions ▫ Strategies to implement MEAs at relevant levels 	Support towards implementation of Agreements and Conventions by AU and NEPAD member states and regional bodies	UNEP, AUC, RECs UNFPA, UN-Habitat		
UN Ten year capacity building programme for the AU	States agree at sub-regional level on common policies to address environmental sustainability in regional and international trade agreements	No. of RECs formulating and implementing new trade and environment policies and programmes	Strengthening RECs capacity to formulate coherent trade and environment policies	ECA, UNEP Division of Trade and Economics, East African Community (EAC), Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and their member states		
Thematic Focus: Addressing Health and Environment Challenges in Africa						
Priority 6: Work with governments to mainstream health and environment						
Objective: Mainstream health and environment linkages into national development agendas						
Relevant tools and	Increased life expectancy	▫ Improved quality of life within	Conduct situational	WHO		

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guidance from WHO, governments, UNEP/Habitat governing council decisions	improvement in the quality of life for all Improved equity in health between and within countries Access to sustainable health systems and services	countries in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Availability of sustainable health systems and services responding to environment-related health issues ▫ Awareness of African governments in national response to pandemics and environmental preventive strategies 	analysis and needs assessment in pilot countries and provide support for programme development and implementation in the area of Health and Environment	UNEP UNFPA UN-Habitat		
Thematic Focus: Enhancing operational arrangements for joint action						
Priority 7 – consolidation of support structures for the Cluster						
Objective - To enhance coordination and resource mobilization modalities for joint action						
UN Ten year capacity building programme for the AU	Increased effectiveness of cluster planning and implementation of priority activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Strong communication among cluster members ▫ No of jointly implemented activities 	establishment of Environment-Population-Urbanization Cluster Secretariat	All Cluster members		
	Strengthened effectiveness of cluster collaboration through responding to African national and regional priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Level of involvement of AUC and NEPAD in cluster activities ▫ Level of involvement by regional bodies in the cluster activities 	enhancing collaboration with regional bodies such as AMCEN, AMCOST, AMCHUD, AMCOW, and RDTs			
	Heightened collaborative engagement through availability of necessary resources	Increased joint project and programme activity	Resource mobilization for joint projects under the Business Plan			
IMO	Initiatives on reduction of	Level for development of	Presentation at the	Other related		

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