



Media Advisory

Twentieth Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN-20)

Theme: Four Decades of Environmental Action in Africa: Reflecting on the Past and Imagining the Future

Where: [United Nations Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya](#)

Date: 14 -18 July 2025

Participants include: [Africa's Ministers of Environment](#), [representatives from African Union](#), [and the African Development Bank](#), [UNEP](#) and [UN Agencies](#), [civil society](#), and [other major international partners](#).

The Twentieth Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN-20) hosted by Libya will be held in **Nairobi, Kenya** from **14 -18 July 2025** under the theme "*Four Decades of Environmental Action in Africa: Reflecting on the Past and Imagining the Future*." The session will also mark the 40th anniversary of AMCEN (AMCEN@40). A Regional Consultative Meeting will precede the session, providing a dialogue and expert platform for [UNEP Major Groups and Stakeholders](#) to prepare inputs for AMCEN 20 and (AMCEN@40), from **12 – 13 July 2025**.

At AMCEN- 20, ministers and experts will discuss and prepare Africa's common positions and engagement in upcoming global environmental meetings and conferences, including the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on plastic pollution (INC 5.2) and the UN Climate Change Conference (COP30), review progress made in the implementation of previous AMCEN decisions, and identify and agree on Africa's environmental priorities for the period 2025 to 2027. The session will also hold ministerial dialogues on key accelerators for achieving [Agenda 2030](#) and [Africa's Agenda 2063](#). At the end of the conference, the ministers are expected to adopt a declaration, a set of decisions, and key policy messages reflecting the discussions under the various agenda items.

To mark the 40th anniversary of AMCEN (AMCEN@40), a high-level special session will be held on 18 July 2025. The special session will culminate in a high-level statement on AMCEN's achievements over the last 40 years and policy recommendations on the "*AMCEN we want*" to address Africa's environmental challenges in the future.

Journalists and other media representatives are invited to register through [this link](#):

More information is available on the [AMCEN](#) Website.

Notes to Editors

About AMCEN

The African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) sets the environmental agenda in Africa. Established in 1985, the Conference brings together African governments, institutions and development partners to develop policies aimed at tackling the continent's most pressing environmental issues. The Conference was established promote the harmonization and coordination of environmental programmes and policies in Africa; facilitate the harmonization of Africa's consensus and common positions on global environmental issues of concern to the continent and to enhance Africa's participation in global dialogue and action to achieve mutual environmental and sustainable development interests.

AMCEN holds its ordinary sessions once every two years and special sessions between ordinary sessions when necessary. The Executive Director of UNEP –through the Regional Office for Africa – serves as the secretariat for the Conference.

About UNEP

The [United Nations Environment Programme](#) is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.

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