



Report on the Sub-Regional Workshop to support African Countries to Implement and Finance Multilateral Environmental Agreements

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Introduction

Workshop for strengthening technical capacity and collaborative work of National Focal Points and United Nations Country Teams for implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements, financing the Global biodiversity Framework, and attaining the Sustainable Development Goals.

Under the ACP-MEAs Programme Phase III, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – through the Africa Office regional Coordination Unit and Liaison Office in Addis Ababa, with support from UNEP’s Environmental Policy Unit – spearheaded a new workshop format and model rolled out through two Sub-Regional training workshops for West and East African countries. By bringing together national focal points for Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and representatives from the UN Country Teams (UNCTs) in the respective countries, the workshops were sought to promote synergies and collaboration between diverse stakeholders to implement MEAs more efficiently

within their country context. To further support this process, participants received training from experts on the contribution of MEAs to implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), tools for MEA integration into United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework’s (UNSDCFs) and National Development Plans, tools for strengthening science-policy interfaces in Environmental Governance, and capacity building on how to fund implementation of MEAs, including the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF).

The Sub-Regional workshop for East African countries part of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) region was organized in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, between 25 – 28 July 2023 after a successful completion of the first Sub-Regional workshop targeting countries from the West Africa region (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Mali and Togo), held between 27 – 30 June 2023 in Lomé, Togo.

The workshop was organized under the **ACP-MEAs Programme**, a multi-year, multi-country partnership Programme established in 2009 with UNEP as the coordinating agency, in support of 79 Member States of Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) regions. Covering 49 countries in Africa, the ACP-MEAs Programme is now in its third phase and works in the region through the Africa Hub led by the African Union Commission (AUC) with its headquarters in Addis Ababa. The Programme is funded by the European Union and supported by the Secretariat of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS).

Participants

Sub-Regional Workshop for East African Countries in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, was attended by UNCT representatives and national focal points for MEAs related to biodiversity and chemicals/waste from six of the eight IGAD countries (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Uganda). In addition, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UN Environment Management Group (EMG), UN Development Coordination Office (DCO) for Africa, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), The African Development Bank (AfDB), The International Council for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) participated in the workshop.



Objective

The overall objective of the training was to strengthen the technical capacity of UNCTs together with national MEA focal points to support host countries to mainstream, implement and adhere to MEA obligations, including raising adequate finances to implement the MEAs in general and the Convention on Biological Diversity's Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) in particular.

Specifically, the workshop had the following objectives:

1. Increase coherence and synergy of actions on environmental issues through strengthening collaboration between national MEA focal points and the UNCTs.
2. Establish the link between environmental statistical data generated for MEAs and the UN Common Country Analysis (CCA) as a strategic intervention framework for the implementation of SDGs in the region.
3. Conduct in plenary a self-assessment of the current capacities of national institutions (National Directorate of Statistics, Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests) to generate and use environmental statistics for CCA, UN CF implementation and national development planning.
4. Identify tools to be promoted for strengthening the capacity of national institutions, including MEA Focal Points, to conduct integrated environmental assessments (identification of indicators and baseline data and their intelligence) in support of national development planning, produce periodic reports in support of the implementation of the UN Country Frameworks and the MEAs.
5. Contextualize MEA financing and explore innovative financing mechanisms to enhance/support MEA implementation at national and regional level.
6. Lead participants to formulate actionable recommendations with immediate effect and identify the role of each key stakeholder in the implementation of these recommendations.
7. Bring together stakeholders, including the national focal points and financing institutions to raise capacities for additional financial resource mobilization.

Technical Sessions

Summary of deliberation and key highlights of day 1

The first day of the workshop sought to, among other things, characterize key MEAs (in biodiversity and chemicals and waste) across the 5 clusters (biodiversity, seas, land, chemicals and hazardous waste, and atmosphere), their key objectives, and implementation issues. Additionally, the sessions explored the role of MEAs in underpinning economic development and providing sustainable employment opportunities, as well as the contribution of MEAs in accelerating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Also, the discussions contextualized the GBF and the draft IGAD regional strategy on biodiversity to premise regional collaborations of National MEA Focal Points and their UNCT counterparts to precipitate synergies and information/knowledge sharing.

Key points of discussion

- a) The need for enhancing the capacity for generating and utilizing vital environmental data for effective implementation and monitoring of MEAs and science-based decision-making.
- b) The value of using a whole-of-society approach in ensuring strategic and systematic involvement and inclusion of all stakeholders in the implementation and monitoring of MEAs.
- c) The need to mainstream MEAs in crucial development and policy frameworks, including the National Development Plans, the UNCTs Common Country Analysis (CCAs), and United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), to achieve integrated and coherent implementation of MEAs that also reflect country priorities.

- d) The need to develop a regional collaborative forum to precipitate synergies and strengthen information sharing, lessons learned, and experiences among IGAD countries on MEA implementation, which is supported by a community of practitioners.
- e) Support for translating regional commitments by the member states to support the biodiversity agenda, such as the Green Legacy Initiative in Ethiopia, into reality.
- f) The value of developing environmental data governance principles and approaches at country and regional levels.



Summary of deliberation and key highlights of day 2

The presentations and interactions explored the opportunities and challenges of National MEA Focal Points and their UNCT counterparts to enhance collaboration to support MEAs implementation within the IGAD countries. Additionally, the role of data management, and recognizing its centrality, for stronger Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) domestication and subsequent coherent integration in National Development Plans (NDPs), CCAs and the UNSDCF in IGAD countries was explored.

Key points of discussion

- a) There is a need to develop the technical capacities of national authorities in various aspects, including generation/harnessing and use of environmental data.
- b) Budgetary support is critical to finance MEA implementation in the 6 member states present.
- c) Establishment and operationalization of a collaborative platform to enhance information and experience sharing, build synergies, and precipitate functional partnerships to support MEAs implementation is critical.
- d) Establishment of a robust data governance system/framework that enhances institutional capacities to capture, analyze, disseminate, and store environmental data is urgently needed.
- e) The need to anchor key outcomes and decisions on joint processes such as the regional strategy, CCA, and UNSDCF for posterity/sustainability was prioritized.
- f) The need for understanding the role of policy coherence market-based approaches to finance MEAs non-state actors and integrating supportive tools, for example, BioTrade (trade and biodiversity tool, biotrade Self-assessment tool, Bio financing) was highlighted.

Summary of deliberation and key highlights of day 3

The third-day discussions and interactions explored the role of policy coherence, integrated approaches, and various market-based approaches for the optimization of the roles of non-state actors in enhancing resource mobilization to support the implementation of MEAs and NBSAPs at the country level among IGAD countries and ultimately contribute to the achievement of SDG and the Agenda 2063.

Key points of discussion

- a) Understanding the role of market-based approaches in resource mobilization to finance the implementation of MEAs, specifically targeting non-state actors, is beneficial for their successful implementation.
- b) Opportunities presented by leveraging regional collaborations, such as Opportunities and Issue Based Coalitions (OIBCs), to optimize integrated knowledge platforms and processes for enhanced partnerships.
- c) Elaborating on entry points of UNCTs to better support member states to accelerate the implementation of SDGs.
- d) The importance of awareness creation and sensitization at the country level in collaboration with the financial sector to provide sustainable financing for key environmental interventions and UNEP's regional and global advocacy.
- e) Jointly identifying priority areas at country and regional levels to enhance communication, information sharing, coordination, and capacity building.
- f) Member states need to strengthen focus on nature action and biodiversity financing.

Summary of deliberation and key highlights of day 4

The fourth day of the workshop delved into an enhanced understanding of resource mobilization derived from nature through exploring the different environmental financing mechanisms. Environment financing allows countries to restore and protect biodiversity, enhance climate change mitigation and adaptation, reduce pollution, access financial benefits from natural resources stocks at a country level, and direct the gained resources towards implementation of MEAs, National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), and the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) targets.

Key point of discussion

- a) Enhancing the technical capacities of national focal points to map and prioritize the existing financing options, as well as attracting new financing methods, to implement the GBF at the national and regional level.
- b) Create working groups and partnerships among national focal points, Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), WWF, and UN agencies for effective collaboration and implementation of biodiversity finance at the country and regional levels.
- c) Deliberate involvement of non-state actors in collaboration with line ministries to leverage on political goodwill in support of the implementation and financing of the GBF.
- d) Repurpose and redirect harmful subsidies toward sustainable financing from the financial sector portfolio.
- e) Provision of a training toolkit to enhance capacity on bio-finance for effective resource mobilization to support the implementation of the GBF and set national biodiversity targets.
- f) The value of promoting sustainable tourism approaches and protection of biodiversity-rich areas like national parks and mainstream this agenda among local communities and actors to strengthen biodiversity conservation.



Key outcomes

The overall objective of the training was to strengthen technical capacity of UNCTs and national focal points for MEAs related to biodiversity and chemicals/waste to support host countries to mainstream, implement and adhere to MEA obligations, including capacity building on raising adequate finances to implement MEAs. According to the direct feedback provided by workshop participants and responses from the workshop evaluation form, the overall objective of the workshop was met including the following specific key outcomes:

1

Formalization of a strategic engagement between UNEP and AfDB to establish an Expert Group on Biodiversity Finance, which will provide African countries with knowledge and technical assistance to mobilize greater biodiversity finance for implementation of the framework.

2

Development of a regional (IGAD) collaborative platform of the National MEA focal points and UNCT counterparts to foster the science-policy interphase for coherence implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) at regional and national levels.

3

Continuous UNEP-led institutional and technical capacity enhancement to support national MEA and UNCT focal points to generate, utilize and disseminate environmental data as well as leveraging on south-south cooperations to influence science-based decision making.

4

Key input provided by participants to the draft IGAD regional strategy on biodiversity and its alignment with the KM GBF, and the draft IGAD regional strategy on implementation of BRS and Minimata conventions. This will support the finalization of the draft strategies.

Conclusion and recommendations

The objectives of the workshop were successfully met because of the collaborative efforts of UNEP Environmental Policy Unit (EPU) and UNEP ROA (Regional Development Coordination Unit and the Liaison Office in Addis Ababa) leveraging also on the lessons learned from the previous session in West Africa. Additionally, the workshop provided an avenue to create awareness and capacity on resource mobilization to support the implementation of MEAs and the role of data management for stronger GBF domestication and integration at a national and regional level. Furthermore, developing information-sharing platform(s) in the IGAD region was sought to be key for enhancing environmental protection and biodiversity restoration. Finally, national focal points for MEAs and representatives from UNCTs, facilitated by UNEP and supporting agencies like Multilateral development Banks, request continued sessions/workshops to acquire up to date information and strengthen their understanding of data governance and nature financing for integrated and coherent implementation at the country level.

Recommendations and follow up actions

1. There is a need to establish and operationalize a collaborative platform to enhance information and experience sharing, build synergies, and precipitate functional partnerships to support MEAs implementation within the IGAD region.
2. UNEP is to position itself to provide technical support to UNCTs in the IGAD region to review/realign their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans with the KM-GBF. This is also expected to result in more robust integration of MEAs in the CCA and UNSDCF development processes, leveraging on collaborations and partnerships fostered during the workshop.
3. Formulation of a network of different MEA stakeholders – UN agencies, government, and development partners – to be initiated by workshop participants in their respective countries.
4. Development of a performance progress system within the UNCT architecture for MEAs – this process should be led by UNCT representatives participating in the workshop with support from national focal points for MEAs and UNEP Africa Office regional Coordination Unit.
5. Structured post-seminar work to build on the workshop outcomes in order to accelerate the implementation of MEAs. Participants are encouraged to share training outcomes with their institution/organization through organizing their own training.
6. UNEP to organize capacity-building sessions/workshops on resource mobilization and nature financing options.
7. Building on experiences in West Africa and the IGAD region, for similar sessions to be organized for the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) region and North Africa.

Annexes

Annex1.

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Annex 2.

Workshop evaluation – Participant responses

15 participants filled in the workshop evaluation form

Questions	Excellent	Good	Average	Unsatisfactory
How would you rate the overall workshop?	11	4		
How would you rate the technical sessions?	13	2		
How would you rate the group work sessions?	10	4	1	
Time allocated for discussion, participation, and questions?	5	8	2	
The knowledge and methods of the presenters?	11	3	1	
How would you rate the overall planning and organization of the workshop?	9	6		
Which session did you find most useful/interesting? • Financing implementation of MEAs and the GBF (6) • Introduction to chemicals/waste MEAs (1) • Strengthening science-policy interface in Environmental Governance (1) • Policy and legislation coherence in the engagement of non-state actors (2) • Group work sessions (1) • All sessions (2) • Plenary presentations from group work (1) • Presentation on MEAs integration to UNSDCF processes (1)				
Which session did you find the least useful/interesting? • None (15)				
Do you have any suggestions on adjusting the sessions at future workshops/meetings? • Share the detailed agenda ahead of time (2) • For participants to share national strategies (1) • Allocate for time for technical sessions (2) • More focus should be given to chemicals/waste MEAs and their implementation (2) • More deep dive into topics of technical sessions (1) • No response (7)				
Other comments: • Arrange for more future workshops (5)				

Annex 3.

Workshop Programme and Agenda

S/NO	AGENDA TOPIC	SPEAKER/FACILITATOR	TIME AND VENUE
Day 1 – Tuesday 25 July			
1	Registration	Registration for participants at UNECA Conference Center, Conference Room 3	8:30am - 9:00am Conference Room 3
2	Opening Ceremony - Welcoming remarks from the Regional Development Coordinator at UNEP Africa Office - Welcoming remarks from the Head of Environmental Policy at UNEP and Global Program Manager for ACP MEAs 3 - Welcoming remarks from the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator of Ethiopia a.i. - Welcoming remarks from the <i>Deputy Director General of Ethiopian Environmental Protection Authority</i> - Group photo with all participants	- Facilitator: Fredrika Sweno, Environmental Outreach Officer, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP - Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3 - Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP - Farayi Zimudzi, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator a.i. and FAO Representative to Ethiopia - Frenesh Mekuria, Deputy Director General, Ethiopian Environmental Protection Authority (EEPA)	9:00am - 9:30am Conference Room 3
3	Introduction of the Training Workshop and Setting the scene - Training workshop motivation, objectives, and the expected outcomes - Participant introductions	Presentation by Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP	9:30am - 10:00am Conference Room 3
4	Introduction to Biodiversity Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and links with UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs) - Overview on Biodiversity MEAs including CBD, CITES, CMS, Ramsar, World Heritage Convention (WHC – UNESCO), International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA – FAO) - Linkages between MEAs and UNSDCF processes	Presentation by Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3	10:00am - 11:00am Conference Room 3
Health Break 11:00am – 11:30am			
5	Introduction to the Global Biodiversity Framework Using the Global Biodiversity Framework as a guiding tool for integrated implementation of actions across MEAs	Presentation by Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3	11:30am - 12:00pm Conference Room 3
6	Introduction to Chemicals and Waste MEAs An overview on the Chemicals and Waste MEAs including Stockholm Convention, Rotterdam Convention, Basel Convention and Minamata Convention	Virtual presentation by Meseret Teklemariam Zemedkun, Head, South Africa Office, UNEP	12:00pm - 1:00pm Conference Room 3
Lunch Break 1:00pm – 2:00pm			
7	Reviewing the draft Strategies and Action Plans for the IGAD region from the Regional Assessment of the relevant MEAs - Draft IGAD Strategy and Action Plan for Implementation of Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework - Draft Regional Action Plan for Implementation of BRS Conventions and Minamata Convention in the IGAD Region	Presentation by Grace Obuya, IAP Food Security Science-Policy Interface Specialist, UNEP	2:00pm - 3:00pm Conference Room 3
8	Contributions of MEAs to SDGs implementation, and integration into United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and National Development Plans - Introduction to UNSDCF processes - Integration of MEAs in Common Country Assessment (CCAs) and UNSDCF - Country case study of successful mainstreaming of MEAs in UNSDCF and National Development plans to attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	Presentation by Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP	3:00pm - 4:00pm Conference Room 3
Health Break 4:00pm - 4:15pm			

9	Plenary session (Questions and Answers) Q&A following session 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8	Facilitator: Fredrika Sweno, Environmental Outreach Officer, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP	4:15pm - 4:45pm Conference Room 3
10	Closing Remarks and wrap up of Day 1 Closing remarks from the Head of Environmental Policy at UNEP and Global Program Manager for ACP MEAs 3	Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3	4:45pm - 5:00pm Conference Room 3
End of Sessions for Day One			
Day 2 – Wednesday 26 July			
11	Recap of Key highlights/key messages of day 1 of the training workshop	- Facilitator: Fredrika Sweno, Environmental Outreach Officer, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP - Rapporteurs: Julius Mwangemi, Associate Programme Officer, UNEP	9:00am - 9:30am Conference Room 3
12	The role of MEA Focal Points in the context of emerging responses for implementation - Elaborating the substantive roles of a MEA Focal Points, focus on interlinkages of MEA agendas - Adapting to the evolving role of the MEA Focal Point	Presentation by Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3	9:30am - 10:00am Conference Room 3
13	Introduction to the UN Common Approach on Biodiversity The UN-systems commitment to mainstream biodiversity in policies, programmes and operations and to create opportunities for collective action for nature	Presentation by Hossein Fadaei, Head of the UN Environment Management Group (EMG) Secretariat	10:00am – 10:30am
Health Break 10:30am – 11:00am			
14	Tools for strengthening science-policy interfaces in Environmental Governance - The Role of MEAs in strengthening science-policy interfaces in Environmental Governance as a tool to address the triple planetary crisis - MEAs contribution to the attainment of National Development Plans - Use of digital platforms and big data to track and report on MEAs	Presentation by Peter Gilruth, Senior Policy Advisor at World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)	11:00am - 12:00pm Conference Room 3
15	Plenary session (Questions and Answers) Q&A following session 12, 13 & 14	Facilitator: Grace Obuya, IAP Food Security Science-Policy Interface Specialist, UNEP	12:00pm – 12:30pm Conference Room 3
Lunch 12:30pm – 1:30pm			
16	Group work – Challenges and opportunities for implementation and synergies between MEAs and UNCT responsibilities - Group 1: Existing implementation opportunities and synergies - Group 2: Existing implementation opportunities and synergies	Facilitators: Group 1: Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3 Group 2: Peter Gilruth, Senior Policy Advisor at World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)	1:30pm – 3:00pm Conference Room 3 Group 1: Caucus Room 7 Group 2: Caucus Room 8
Health Break 3:00pm – 3:15pm			
17	Presentations from group work	Facilitator: Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP	3:15pm – 4:15pm Conference Room 3
18	Feedback plenary session	Facilitator: Grace Obuya, IAP Food Security Science-Policy Interface Specialist, UNEP	4:15pm – 4:45pm Conference Room 3
End of Sessions for Day Two			
Day 3 – Thursday 27 July			
19	Recap of key highlights/messages of day 2 of the training workshop	- Facilitator: Fredrika Sweno, Environmental Outreach Officer, Addis Ababa Liaison Office, UNEP - Rapporteur: Julius Mwangemi, Associate Programme Officer, UNEP	9:00am – 9:30am Conference Room 3
20	MEAs and SDGs implementation and the mandates of the UN Presentations of UN wide contributions targeting biodiversity issues, discussing the UN Environment Management Group (EMG) process and contributions from the UN to the Global Biodiversity	Facilitator: Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3	9:30am – 10:30am Conference Room 3

	Framework (GBF)	- Presentation by Asel Abdurakhmanova, Sustainable Development Officer, UNDCO Africa - Virtual presentation by Lorena Jaramillo Castro, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCATD - Virtual presentation by Marie-Aude Even, Global Senior Biodiversity Specialist, IFAD	
Health Break 10:30am – 11:00am			
21	Policy and legislation coherence in the engagement of non-state actors Reviewing the role of Policy and legislation coherence in the engagement of non-state actors	Presentation by Julius Mwangemi, Associate Programme Officer, UNEP	11:00am – 12:00pm Conference Room 3
22	Group work - Way forward and Road map for actions - Group 1: How can the knowledge from the training support implementation and reporting on MEAs in IGAD countries moving forward. - Group 2: How can the knowledge from the training (Capacitation on data and knowledge of MEAs) ease PMT/UNCT work in the future	Facilitators: Group 1: Grace Obuya, IAP Food Security Science-Policy Interface Specialist, UNEP Group 2: Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP	12:00pm – 1:30pm Conference Room 3 Group 1: Caucus Room 7 Group 2: Caucus Room 8
Lunch Break 1:30pm – 2:30pm			
23	Presentations from participants group work	Facilitator: Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3	2:30am - 3:30pm Conference Room 3
24	Feedback plenary session	Facilitator: Peter Gilruth Senior Policy Advisor at World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)	3:30am - 4:00pm Conference Room 3
Health Break 4:00pm – 4:15pm			
25	Workshop Evaluation Participant feedback	Facilitator: Fredrika Sweno Environmental Outreach Officer, UNEP Addis Ababa Office	4:15pm – 4:30pm Conference Room 3
26	Closing Ceremony Deliberations on the way forward and closing remarks	- Jean Jacob Sahou, Regional Development Coordinator for Africa, UNEP - Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3	4:30am - 5:00pm Conference Room 3
End of sessions for Day Three			

Day 4 – Friday 28 July			
1	Registration	Registration for participants at UNECA Conference Centre, Conference Room 3	8:30am - 9:00am Conference Room 3
2	Welcome remarks and setting the scene Welcoming remarks from the Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3	Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3	9:00am - 9:30am Conference Room 3
3	Understanding financing	Presentation by Zhengzheng Qu, Climate Finance Unit, UNEP	9:30am - 10:00am Conference Room 3
4	The role of Multilateral Development Banks in financing	Presentation by Innocent Onah, Chief Natural Resources Officer, African Development Bank	10:00am – 10:30am Conference Room 3
Health break 10:30am – 11:00am			
5	Key messages from the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and financing	Presentation by Innocent Maloba, Expert, Multilateral Affairs, WWF International	11:00am - 11:30am Conference Room 3
6	Group work - Group 1: Financing the global biodiversity framework – Options for the IGAD region - Group 2: Options for blending climate, green and blue finances	Facilitators: Group 1: Innocent Onah, Chief Natural resources Officer, AfDB Group 2: Zhengzheng Qu, Climate Finance Unit, UNEP	11:30am – 1:00pm Group 1: Conference room 3

			Group 2: Caucus Room 7
Lunch Break 1:00pm – 2:00pm			
7	Group work continued	- Facilitators: Group 1: Innocent Onah, Chief Natural resources Officer, AfDB - Group 2: Zhengzheng Qu, Climate Finance Unit, UNEP	2:00am – 3:00pm Group 1: Conference room 3 Group 2: Caucus Room 7
8	Presentations from group work	Facilitator: Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3	3:00pm - 3:30pm Conference Room 3
Health Break 3:30pm – 3:45pm			
9	Interactive session focusing on elaborating the financing opportunities – facilitated session (based on the group work outcomes) Reflecting on the key challenges and opportunities from participants perspective	Facilitators: Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3, and Innocent Onah, Chief Natural resources Officer, AfDB	3:45pm - 4:45pm Conference Room 3
8	Closing Ceremony Deliberations on the way forward and closing remarks from the Head of Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3	Balakrishna Pisupati, Head, Environmental Policy, UNEP and Global Program Manager, ACP MEAs 3	4:45pm - 5:00pm Conference Room 3
End of the Training Workshop			



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