

2025 Regional Consultative Meeting of the UNEP Major Groups and Stakeholders, Africa Ahead of the 20th Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) #AMCENat40

Agenda

10th-13th July 2025

CIFOR-ICRAF (10-11 July) and UNON (12-13 July)

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

TIME	TOPIC	LEAD/RESPONSIBLE
Thursday, July 10, 2025 High-Level Opening Session Facilitator: David N. Munene, Regional Facilitator, UNEP MGS, Africa		
0830	Welcome Address	Dr. Rose Mwebaza, Director and Representative for Africa, UNEP
0840	Address from Regional Facilitator	Fatou Ndiaye, Regional Facilitator UNEP MGS, Africa
0850	Address from Children and Youth	Clive Donley Omondi, UNEP CYMG Global Coordinator
0905	Meeting purpose, expected outcomes and presentation of taskforce outcomes	David N. Munene, Regional Facilitator UNEP MGS, Africa
0920	Safety Briefing	Peter Murunga, Security Manager, CIFOR-ICRAF
0927	Partner Address	Dr. Philip Osano (Chief Operating Officer, CIFOR-ICRAF)
0934		Niall O'Connor (Centre Director, SEI-Africa)
0941		Ms. Fati N'zi-Hassane (Director, Oxfam in Africa)
0948		Fred Kwame (Vice President, Global Leadership, African Wildlife Foundation)
0955		Dr. Mithika Mwenda (Executive Director, PACJA)
1002		Lisa Karanja, Regional Director, Eastern & Southern Africa, WWF International – Africa
1009		Josiah Ojwang (Executive Director, African Network for Animal Welfare)
1016		Meryne Warah, Global Organising Director, GreenFaith
1023	Launch of the 2024 RCM Africa Report	David N. Munene & Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection
1030	Keynote address and Official Opening	AMCEN President

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1055	Photos	Designated Photographers
1100	Tea break	
Photo Session		
Youth Day Facilitator: Tess Gitau, Global Facilitator, Women Major Group to the UNEP		
1100	Opening the meeting	Clive Donnley, Global Coordinator, UNEP Children & Youth Major Group (CYMG)
1110	Scene Setting CYMG overview, and RCM 2025 Agenda Presentation	Alphonce Muia, UNEP CYMG Host Country
11:25	AMCEN@40 and priorities for the period 2025 to 2027	Damaris Mungai, UNEP ROA
11:40	Expert presentation on Biodiversity (CITES) and Ramsar Convention), Conservation of Migratory Species.	Nancy Barisoa, Charles W. Wall Fellow, African Wildlife Foundation (AWF)
12:10	Expert Presentation on Climate change	Emmanuel Justine, Programs Manager - Climate Change, ESAFF
12:35	UNEA 7 and youth participation including GYEA 3	Isaiah Otieno, UNEP CSU
1300	Lunch	
1430	Expert presentation INC-5.2 Africa Regional Youth Priorities	Taylen Reddy, UNEP CYMG, Focal Point for Africa
1450	Expert presentation on Pollution (Minamata Convention)	Janna Radi, Chemicals, Waste and Pollution Thematic Co-Facilitator, UNEP CYMG
1510	Drafting of the Youth Statement	Thematic Group Leads
1600	Tea break	
1630	Drafting of the Youth Statement	Thematic Group Leads
1700	Review and Adoption of the Youth Statement	Clive Donnley, Global Coordinator, UNEP CYMG
1730	Closing for the Day	Alphonce Muia, UNEP CYMG Host Country
Friday, July 11, 2025		
0900	Opening and Organization of the Day	Fatou Ndiaye, Regional Facilitator, UNEP MGS, Africa
0905	Recap of the Youth Day	Youth Rapporteur

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0910	AMCEN@40 and priorities for the period 2025 to 2027	Allan Meso, AMCEN Secretariat
0935	Preparations for/toward UNEA-7	David Ombisi, Chief, UNEP CSU
1000	Tea Break	
1030	Expert Presentation on Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals	Alex Ngari, Programme Manager, Migratory Birds and Flyways, BirdLife International
1055	Expert presentation on Climate change & COP30	Philip Kilonzo, Head of Policy, Advocacy and Communication, PACJA
1120	Expert presentation on INC (focus on 5.2)	Ana Rocha, Executive Director, Nipe Fagio
1145	Expert presentation on Pollution (Minamata Convention)	Alexander Mangwiro, UNEP ROA
1210	Expert presentation on Biodiversity (CITES) and Ramsar Convention	Harifidy Ralison, Senior Manager, Policy & Partnerships, AWF
1235	MGS Africa and ROA Communications	Thomas Ogola, UNEP ROA
1300	Lunch	
1430	Thematic Drafting	David N. Munene, Regional Facilitator, UNEP MGS, Africa
1440	Organization of Thematic Drafting	Group Leads: 1. AMCENat40 (TBD) 2. Pollution/Minamata Convention (Tess Gitau, UNEP Women MG + Janna Radi, UNEP CYMG) 3. INC 5.2 (Ana Rocha + Anna Odur) 4. Climate change and COP30 (PACJA + Africa Climate Caravans) 5. UNEA-7 (Catherine Chumo + Clive Donnley) 6. Biodiversity, RAMSAR, & CITES (Harifidy Ralison + Alex Ngari)
1530	Check-in on Drafting Progress	Fatou/David, Regional Facilitators, UNEP MGS, Africa
1600	Tea Break	
1630	Closing	Fatou/David, Regional Facilitators, UNEP MGS, Africa
<u>Saturday, July 12, 2025</u>		
0900	Opening and Organization of the Day	Fatou Ndiaye, Regional Facilitator, UNEP MGS, Africa

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0905	Recap of the Previous Day	Rapporteur
0915	Thematic Drafting	David N. Munene, Regional Facilitator, UNEP MGS, Africa
1100	Tea Break	
1130	Thematic Drafting	Group Leads: 1. AMCENat40 (TBD) 2. Pollution/Minamata Convention (Tess Gitau, UNEP Women MG) 3. INC 5.2 (Ana Rocha + Anna Odur) 4. Climate change and COP30 (PACJA + Africa Climate Caravans) 5. UNEA-7 (Catherine Chumo + Clive Donnley) 6. Biodiversity, RAMSAR, & CITES (Harifidy Ralison + Alex Ngari)
1130	Thematic Drafting	Group Leads
1300	Lunch	
1430	Thematic Drafting	Group Leads
1600	Tea Break	
1630	Summary and Closing	Fatou/David, Regional Facilitators, UNEP MGS, Africa
<u>Sunday, July 13, 2025</u>		
0900	Opening and Organization of the Day	Fatou Ndiaye, Regional Facilitator, UNEP MGS, Africa
0905	Recap of the Day	Rapporteur
0915	Address from the Deputy Director, UNEP Regional Office for Africa	Fatou Ndoeye, Deputy Regional Director, UNEP ROA
0925	Launch of the Africa Climate Caravans	Sena Alouka
0940	AMCENat40 Group Check-in: Draft Presentation	Group Leader/Rapporteur
0950	INC 5.2 Check-in: Draft Presentation	Group Leader/Rapporteur
1000	Pollution/Minamata Convention Group Check-in: Draft Presentation	Group Leader/Rapporteur
1010	Climate Change Group Check-in: Draft Presentation	Group Leader/Rapporteur

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1020	Biodiversity, RAMSAR, & CITES	Group Leader/Rapporteur
1030	UNEA-7 Group Check-in: Draft Presentation	Group Leader/Rapporteur
1040	Overview of Check-in	David N. Munene, Regional Facilitator, UNEP MGS, Africa
1100	Tea Break	
1130	Finalization of Drafting	Group Leads: 1. AMCENat40 (TBD) 2. Pollution/Minamata Convention (Tess Gitau, UNEP Women MG) 3. INC 5.2 (Ana Rocha + Anna Odur) 4. Climate change and COP30 (PACJA + Africa Climate Caravans) 5. UNEA-7 (Catherine Chumo + Clive Donnley) 6. Biodiversity, RAMSAR, & CITES (Harifidy Ralison + Alex Ngari)
1200	Consolidation of Final Statement	Fatou/David, Regional Facilitators, UNEP MGS, Africa
1300	Lunch	
1430	Consolidation of Final Statement	Fatou/David, Regional Facilitator, UNEP MGS, Africa
1600	Tea Break	
1630	Vote of Thanks Closing	Dr. Philip Osano, COO CIFOR-ICRAF David Ombisi, OiC, UNEP CSU