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DEPARTMENTS AND STCs IN CHARGE OF BIODIVERSITY



- Department of Rural Economy and Agricultural with as STCs: the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) and the Conference of African Ministers of Agriculture (CAMA);
- Department of Human Resources, Science & Technology with as STC: the African Ministers' Conference on Science & technology (AMCOST);
- Cross sectoral involvement: Office of the Legal Counsel, Pan African Parliament.

MAIN SUMMIT DECISIONS ON BIODIVERSITY ISSUES



- **Summit Decision in Maputo, on Capacity-building in Biosafety, July 2003;**
- **Summit Decision in Addis Ababa on the revised African Model Law on Biosafety, January 2008;**
- **Summit Decision to establish the Conference of the African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change**
- **Summit Decision in Addis Ababa, to include Biodiversity in the priorities of AU and the establishment of a coordination mechanism for the negotiations on Biodiversity, January 2013;**
- **Summit Decision on the establishment on the Pan African Intellectual Property Organization (PAIPO);**
- **Summit Decision in Addis Ababa, 2014 as the Year of Agriculture and Food Security, January 2014.**



MAINS INITIATIVES UNDER THE AUC DEPARTMENTS

DHRST: Biosafety Unit/Life and Earth Sciences Unit, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), the AU Scientific, Technical and Research Commission (AU-STRC).

- The AU-GIZ Biosafety Project “Support the AU in the Matters of Biosafety” to help its Member States in implementing the Cartagena Protocol;
- The AU Guidelines on the coordinated implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing with support from the GIZ Africa Capacity Development on ABS;
- The NPCA African Biosafety Network of Expertise (ABNE), “Freedom to Innovate”
- Pan African Intellectual Property Organization (PAIPO).

Policy Document: The Africa Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA) to become the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA)

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DREA: Division of Natural Resources and Environment, Regional technical Offices

- **The EC-ACP Capacity Building Project on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs Project);**
- **The Action Plan for the Environment of the NPCA;**
- **The African Monitoring of the Environment (AMESD) and its follow up program Monitoring of the Environment for security in Africa (MESA);**
- **The Maputo Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources;**
- **The Great Green Wall for Sahel and Sahara Initiative;**
- **The Clim/Dev Program;**
- **The Conference of the African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC);**
- ***Gestion Integree des Ressources du Massif du Fouta Djallon* (Integrated Management of the Resources of the Massif du Fouta Djallon);**
- **Forests of the Congo Bassin.**

PROPOSAL AU JOINT PROGRAMME ON BIODIVERSITY: HRST and REA



CONTEXT:

- **Follow up of programs executed by DREA and DHRST;**
- **Africa's concern: "Biodiversity and Poverty Alleviation"/COP 10 "Biodiversity and Poverty Eradication";**
- **OP 10 Outcomes: the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;**
- **ABS Capacity Development Initiative;**
- **Initiative of the PAIPO.**

PROPOSAL AU JOINT PROGRAMME ON BIODIVERSITY: HRST and REA (cont.)



KEY ACTION AREAS:

- **AU Biodiversity Coordination and Negotiators' Support;**
- **NBSAPs and “Biodiversity and Poverty Eradication”;**
- **Generation of Scientific Information;**
- **Review of RECs natural resources strategies including capacity building;**
- **Support data sharing and indicators development on connection with the SBSTTA process, Biodiversity and Ecosystem services;**
- **Documenting and protecting TK/IK;**
- **ABS Guidelines;**
- **Linkages of African majors projects/programs related to biodiversity: Forests of the Congo Bassin, the Great Green Wall of Sahel and Sahara etc...**

BIODIVERSITY IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES WITHIN THE AUC



- **Lake of funding;**
- **Funding relies mainly on International Partners;**
- **No yet appropriate funding raising system for AUC:
under discussion process at the highest political level;**
- **Lake of effective inter-departmental coordination on
relevant programs;**
- **Specific case of Biodiversity/Biosafety:.....;**
- **Biodiversity still not have the support in the AUC
budget process;**
- **Lake of strong political support and funding within
Member States (MS);**
- **AUC is an implementation structure, no power on MS**

SUGGESTED STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE POLITICAL SUPPORT AND FUNDING OF BIODIVERSITY WITHIN AU



- **More awareness at Community and Parliamentary level on funding challenges: they can positively impact on governments' budget allocation process;**
- **Departments/Ministries in charge of biodiversity to lobby Departments/Ministries of Foreign Affairs to influence MS Permanent Representatives budget allocation in the AUC process;**
- **Dedication a whole department to Environment and Natural Resources within the AUC Structure;**
- **Boost implementation of specific summit decision on the prioritization of biodiversity: leadership by specific MS.**

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