



# AFRICA ENVIRONMENT OUTLOOK 3

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Our Environment, Our Health

SUMMARY FOR POLICY MAKERS



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## Acronyms

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| ALRIs  | Acute Lower Respiratory Infections  |
| AEO    | Africa Environment Outlook  |
| AMCEN  | African Ministerial Conference on the Environment   |
| ARIs   | Acute Respiratory Infections  |
| ATSDR  | Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry  |
| CBNRM  | Community-Based Natural Resources Management  |
| CCs    | Collaborating Centres   |
| CDM    | Clean Development Mechanism   |
| CFSPH  | Centre for Food Security and Public Health  |
| COPD   | Chronic Obstruction Pulmonary Disease   |
| CWS    | Conventional World Scenario   |
| DDT    | Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane   |
| DEWA   | Division of Early Warning and Assessment (UNEP)   |
| EWEs   | Extreme Weather Events  |
| FCPF   | Forest Carbon Partnership Fund  |
| GEO-5  | Global Environment Outlook 5  |
| GMOs   | Genetically Modified Organisms  |
| ICT    | Information and Communication Technology  |
| ICZM   | Integrated Coastal Zone Management  |
| IEC    | Information, Education and Communication  |
| IICAB  | Institute for International Cooperation in Animal Biologics   |
| IPCC   | Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change  |
| IPCS   | International Programme on Chemical Safety  |
| IUU    | Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing   |
| LPG    | Liquefied Petroleum Gas   |
| MDG    | Millennium Development Goal   |
| MEAs   | Multilateral Environmental Agreements   |
| MEO    | Mauritius Environment Outlook   |
| MICAO  | Ministry for the Coordination of Environmental Affairs (Mozambique)   |
| MMAAs  | Marine Management Areas   |
| MPAs   | Marine Protected Areas  |
| NAPA   | National Adaptation Programme of Action on Climate Change   |
| PCBs   | Polychlorinated biphenyls   |
| PES    | Payment for Ecosystem Services  |
| POPs   | Persistent Organic Pollutants   |
| REDD+  | Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation, Forest Conservation, Sustainable Management of Forests and Carbon Stock Enhancement |
| ROA    | Regional Office for Africa (UNEP)   |
| SAICM  | Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management  |
| SIDS   | Small Island Developing States  |
| SPM    | Summary for Policy Makers   |
| SWS    | Sustainable World Scenario  |
| TBNRM  | Transboundary Natural Resources Management  |
| UNEP   | United Nations Environment Programme  |
| WIOMER | Western Indian Ocean Marine Eco-region  |





# Purpose, assessment process and key messages

## Purpose

The Africa Environment Outlook (AEO) is a tool of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) for monitoring environmental management in Africa. It provides a framework for reporting at the national and sub-regional levels and seeks to enable AMCEN member countries to institute environmental management policies and programmes for the sustainable future of the continent. The AMCEN Secretariat partners with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), through its Regional Office for Africa (ROA) and the Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA), in producing periodic series of the report.

The current issue (AEO-3) focuses on the linkages between environment and health, largely because of the recognition that environmental factors contribute about 28 per cent of Africa's disease burden. This disease burden is dominated by diarrhoea, respiratory infections and malaria which collectively account for 60 per cent of the known environmental health impacts in Africa. Accordingly, the Ministers of Environment and of Health at their 2008 joint meeting in Libreville, Gabon selected the linkages as the principal focus of joint actions. This focus was reemphasized at their 2010 joint meeting in Luanda, Angola and selected by the technical committee as the theme for AEO-3. It is envisaged that this Summary for Policy Makers (SPM) as well as the AEO-3 main report will provide information for evidence-based decision making and spur AMCEN

member countries into strengthening their capacity for policy making and advocacy at the national, regional and global levels.

Two earlier reports have been produced under the AEO series and the issues discussed are summarized in Box 1.

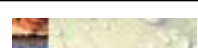
## Assessment process

Consistent with the AEO tradition, consultations were made with collaborating centres (CCs) that worked closely with stakeholders in the six sub-regions of Africa (Figure 1) to ensure that relevant priorities and concerns were captured during the AEO-3 assessment and reporting processes. Besides providing relevant data, information and resource

**Figure 1: Africa sub-regions**



### Box 1: Themes of past AEO reports



AEO-I was launched in Kampala on 4th July 2002 under the theme *Past, present and future*

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