



**African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN)**

**Conférence ministérielle africaine sur l'environnement (CMAE)**

**Our Ref.:** 18<sup>th</sup> AMCEN session/JBK-do

**Date:** 31 August 2021

Dear Mr. Foamouhoue,

I am pleased to invite you to the first part of the 18<sup>th</sup> ordinary session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) to be held virtually from 13 to 16 September 2021. The expert segment will take place on 13 and 14 September and the Ministerial segment on 16 September. The meetings will commence at 12:00 East Africa time (10:00 Central Africa time; 09:00 GMT).

In view of the prevailing situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and based on consultations with the AMCEN Bureau, it was agreed that the 18<sup>th</sup> ordinary session of AMCEN should take place in a two-step approach. The first part of the 18<sup>th</sup> session will take place in a virtual setting to address urgent and procedural matters. Substantive matters that require in-depth negotiations will be deferred to a resumed in-person meeting to be held in 2022.

The 18<sup>th</sup> session of AMCEN will be held under the theme: ***'Securing people's well-being and environmental sustainability in Africa'***. A central dimension of building back better is the need for a people-centred recovery that focuses on people's well-being through environmental actions that create jobs and improve livelihoods. Hence, the 18<sup>th</sup> session of AMCEN will be an opportunity for Ministers to provide strategic guidance towards the implementation of the African Green Stimulus Programme that was adopted by AMCEN to support the continent's recovery after the devastating impacts of Covid-19.

In addition, the session will be an opportunity for Ministers to provide policy guidance and help to strategise on how the region can effectively participate, in a coherent way, in the upcoming key global environmental events, including the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD COP15), the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP26) and the resumed session of the 5<sup>th</sup> United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2).

Mr. Andre Kamga Foamouhoue

Director General, Africa Centre of Meteorological Applications for Dev (ACMAD)

Niamey, Niger

Email: [akamgafoamouhoue@gmail.com](mailto:akamgafoamouhoue@gmail.com); [akamgaf@yahoo.com](mailto:akamgaf@yahoo.com); [dgacmad@acmad.org](mailto:dgacmad@acmad.org);

**AMCEN Secretariat**

**C/o Regional Office for Africa, United Nations Environment Programme**

**P.O. Box 30552 00100 Nairobi, Kenya**

**Tel: (254 20) 7624284/7621354/7621396**

**Email: [unenvironment-amcen@un.org](mailto:unenvironment-amcen@un.org)**

**Secrétariat de la CMAE**



**African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN)**

**Conférence ministérielle africaine sur l'environnement (CMAE)**

---

To ensure the proper organisation of the session, I will appreciate it if you could confirm to the AMCEN Secretariat by 7 September 2021 of your availability to attend this meeting, as well as the name and title of the expert from your organization who will participate in the meetings. The AMCEN Secretariat will communicate with you the detailed modalities for the virtual participation of your organization's delegation.

The draft agenda is attached for your ease of reference. The detailed programme of work, as well as the background documents for the session, are being prepared and will be forwarded to you in due course.

Should you require further information on the first part of the 18<sup>th</sup> ordinary session of AMCEN, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Juliette Biao Koudenoukpo, Director and Regional Representative, UN Environment Programme, Africa Office, by email: [juliette.biao@un.org](mailto:juliette.biao@un.org) with copies to [unenvironment-amcen@un.org](mailto:unenvironment-amcen@un.org), [david.ombisi@un.org](mailto:david.ombisi@un.org) and [Julie.kaibe@un.org](mailto:Julie.kaibe@un.org).

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

H.E. Ms. Barbara Creecy

Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment of South Africa and  
President of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment

---

AMCEN Secretariat

C/o Regional Office for Africa, United Nations Environment Programme

P.O. Box 30552 00100 Nairobi, Kenya

Tel: (254 20) 7624284/7621354/7621396

Email: [unenvironment-amcen@un.org](mailto:unenvironment-amcen@un.org)

Secrétariat de la CMAE