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Africa Hub Project Document

Africa Hub Sub-Component – Capacity Building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA) in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries – Phase II

Project Executive Summary

This Project forms the African Hub sub-component of the EC-ACP Programme for Capacity Building related to MEAs in the ACP countries (referred to as MEAs Project). The total cost of the Project is **USD2,758,620** (US dollars two million, seven hundred and fifty eight thousand, six hundred and twenty, including, UNEP contribution of **USD 257,812** and **USD 163,604** Programme Support Cost of 7%) (Annex 1) for duration of 48 months, starting from the date of signature of the Project Cooperation Agreement between UNEP and AUC.

The Project has as main objective to strengthen the capacity of African ACP countries, the AUC and the RECs to effectively implement or coordinate implementation of MEAs, thereby contributing to sustainable development and poverty reduction on the continent. The Project will focus on the biodiversity and chemical/waste clusters of conventions and will place emphasis on institutional and national capacity building as well as synergistic implementation. Implementation of activities will be effected in collaboration with partners that have programs with similar objectives, particularly with UNEP, MEAs Secretariats and relevant regional institutions and organizations.

The main activities will include: enhancement of negotiating skills; supporting development of legislative and regulatory framework, strategies and guidelines at national and regional levels to among others, enhance mainstreaming of MEAs in programs and policies; supporting the development of information exchange systems; supporting synergistic implementation of the target clusters of MEAs; and promotion of south-south cooperation.

The Project covers 49 African ACP countries and targets primarily officials and stakeholders dealing with MEAs e.g. Government officials in Ministries, Parliamentarians, local government authorities, CSOs, the private sector and the public at large. The Project emphasizes capacity-building, ownership, and exchanges of experiences including through South-South cooperation. The Project will be hosted by the AUC, which is the principal organization in Africa mandated to promote socio-economic integration, and cooperation on environmental management and conservation through DREA. By agreement between UNEP and the AUC, this Project Document will provide the management, administrative and funding framework for the AUC, for the implementation of the MEAs Project.

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