

**UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
(UNFCCC)**

Support to NEPAD

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Areas of Support for NEPAD: Environment – in the Context of Climate Change

Since the UNFCCC secretariat is not an implementing agency, its mandate only allows it to play a facilitative role for the Parties to undertake their commitments under Article 4 of the Convention and to implement decisions agreed by the Conference of the Parties (COP). The secretariat also supports regional and subregional activities and initiatives related to the objectives of the UNFCCC.

In order to support the NEPAD initiative, the UNFCCC participates in NEPAD meetings and workshops whenever it is invited by the NEPAD secretariat. However, during the current reporting period, the secretariat did not receive any invitation to participate in NEPAD activities.

NEPAD programmes that fall within the UNFCCC mandate are supported, including facilitating the provision of information on financial and technical support at the COPs and subsidiary bodies' meetings.

The secretariat does not have dedicated staff working on African issues. However, it supports regional initiatives and activities that are related to climate change. For example, in June 2004, two secretariat officials attended the tenth session of African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) in Libya to participate in the discussions related to the implementation of the action plan for the Environment Initiative of NEPAD. Because of this participation, climate change interests and priorities of the Africa region are well reflected in the Action Plan of NEPAD.