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Report submission basing on regional consultative meeting held from **10th to 13th 2025** ahead of **AMCEN-20** with a focus on youth involvement.

July 10th youth day launch and statement drafting. opening session was led by Mr. Clive Donnelly (UNEP CYMG) alongside facilitators Mr. David N. Munene and Alphonso Muia. Introduced the role of youth and the meeting's agenda.



❖ **Expert presentation covering key environmental themes.**

- Biodiversity (CITES, Ramras) by Nancy Barisoa (AWF)
- Climate change by Emmanuel Justine (ESAFF)
- Global Environmental Assembly (UNEA-7) and youth engagement (GYEA-3) by Isaiah Otieno.
- Plastic pollution/chemicals (Minamata convention) by Janna Radi.

❖ **Drafting the youth statement:** thematic groups convened (afternoon and after tea) to outline Africa youth priorities ahead of INC-52 (plastic treaty)

❖ **Evening session:** youth representatives reviewed and adopted a unified youth statement:

➤ **Resolution highlight:** agreed on a youth statement calling for:

1. Stronger youth roles in biodiversity climate, pollution and UNEA-7 processes.
2. Youth driven input into Africa's positions on INC-5.2 and minamata implementation.

July 11th – from youth statement to AMCEN agenda.

- ❖ Morning recap of youth day achievement led by youth rapporteur.
- ❖ Shift to technical policy:
- ❖ AMCEN priorities 2025-27 by Allan Meso
- ❖ Preparations for UNEA-7 by David Ombisi.
- ❖ Additional expert insights
- ❖ Migratory species conservation by Alex Ngara.
- ❖ Bio diversity (CITES, RAMSAR) reinforced by Harifidy ralisson.



KEY TAKE AWAY AND RESOLUTIONS.

- Youth input is formally fed into AMCEN'S technical deliberations for upcoming ministerial outcomes.
- Emphasis placed on integrating youth priorities into pollution, biodiversity, climate and global treaty positions.
- Support for ongoing youth engagement in UNEP major groups and upcoming UNEA-7 forum.

OVERALL OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH

1. Youth statement published and adopted on July 10th summarizing Africa youth priorities across key environment theme.
2. Youth priorities embedded into AMCEN'S 2025-27 technical Agenda, particularly to UNEA-7 and treaty negotiation.
3. Formal mechanisms introduced for youth to engage continuously via UNEP CYMG, major groups and stakeholders and future AMCEN sessions.



LOOKING AHEAD.

- The adopted youth statement will be presented during the technical and ministerial segments of AMCEN-20 (14-18) JULY
- It aims to shape Africa's position at upcoming global environmental forums including UNEA-7, INC-5.2, CITIES cop-20 Ramsar cop 15, minamata cop and UNFCCC cop- 30.
- Youth representative are praised for continuous engagement through UNEP'S governance structures beyond July.

SUMMARY TABLE:

DATE	KEY	YOUTH ROLE AND OUTCOME
JULY 10TH	Youth day	Launched youth statement via expert session formally adopted it
JULY 11TH	Technical dialogue	Integrated youth input into AMCEN technical agenda for 2025 – 27.
JULY 12TH – 13TH	Continued RCM	Finalized inputs ahead of AMCEN-20: structured engagement mechanisms.



CONCLUSION

African youth had a leading voice at the RCN: shaping environmental priorities on biodiversity, climate, pollution and global aligns with AMCEN'S upcoming actions but also sets up formal channels for sustained influence in continental and global policy making.

Lagat input during individual task assigned to work on:

- **Climate change and global warming.**

- Call to action:**

- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions through stronger climate policies, reforestation and sustainable land use. Support global efforts like the Paris agreement to limit temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

- **Biodiversity loss.**

- Call to action:**

- Protect and restore natural habitats enforce anti-poaching laws and promote sustainable agriculture and conservation practices to safeguard ecosystem and endangered species.

- **Resource scarcity**

- Call to action:**

- Adopt efficient water land and mineral use.
Promote circular economy models reduce

consumption and invest in technologies that ensure sustainable management of natural resources.



- **Waste management**

- Call to action:**

- Encourage recycling composting and the reduction of single use plastics. Government and industries should implement policies for responsible production and disposal.

- **Pollution and health impacts.**

- Call to action:**

- Enforce regulation on air, water and soil pollutants. Promote clean technologies and raise public awareness about the links between environmental pollution and human health.

- **Energy transition**

- Call to action:**

- Accelerate the shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy (solar, wind, hydro) invest in green infrastructure energy efficiency and ensure energy access is inclusive and equitable.

SUMMARY

Tackling climate change demands urgent and united global action across all sectors. Government, industries, communities and individuals must act collectively to secure a just sustainable and livable future.

