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BACKGROUND

1. The Executive Heads of the UNECA and UNEP held a consultative meeting on 24 and 25 January 1994 after which they decided to establish a Joint Task Force between UNECA, UNEP and HABITAT (UNCHS). This Task Force would develop a strategy and mechanism for enhancing inter-agency cooperation between the three organizations. It would also formulate detailed working arrangements depending on the proposals received from the three organizations. Subsequently, the Executive Heads and their management teams would review the recommendations of the Task Force and would decide on a Plan of Action for implementation of the proposed modalities and areas of cooperation.
2. The Joint Task Force held its first meeting from 4-6 July 1994, in Addis Ababa. It identified five broad categories of activity areas for collaboration between UNECA, UNEP and HABITAT. It was agreed that modalities and mechanisms for the implementation of the agreed programme areas would include the use of existing programmed human and financial resources, as well as mobilization of additional resources, joint programming and the rational use of the UNECA's sub-regional multinational programming Operational Centres (MULPOCs), the infrastructure of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN), and the ECA sponsored institutions.
3. The Second meeting of the Joint Task Force was held in Nairobi at UNEP headquarters on 29 May 1995. The meeting was attended by eighteen people from the three organizations and the UNECA was represented by six people. (see Annex 1, List of Participants). Consultations and discussions at the meeting were based on the agenda items shown under Annex 2.

Report of the meeting

4. The main objective of the second meeting of the Joint Task Force was to agree on specific modalities for collaboration and cooperation, as well as to agree on priority areas among the three organizations during 1995 and the 1996/1997 Biennium. Priority areas were presented by the representatives of UNECA, UNEP and HABITAT and were then discussed . It was then agreed and decided that:

- (a) The proposals submitted would be prioritized to reflect the time frame for implementation, and to take into account the existing capacity and availability of resources.
- (b) The submissions tabled by each agency would be rationalized in order to reflect:
 - (i) key subject areas;
 - (ii) the lead agency;
 - (iii) the inputs required;
 - (iv) schedule of implementation.
- (c) Each lead agency would undertake the necessary in-house consultations in order to obtain concrete and realistic indications of the possible inputs and expected outputs, on the basis of the rationalized proposals.
- (d) As a matter of urgency, the Task Force should identify selected areas for the immediate demonstration of inter-agency cooperative arrangements. At the outset, the following areas were selected for immediate joint action:-

- (i) Conference servicing (sharing of the workload);
- (ii) Strengthening the services of the AMCEN Secretariat;
- (iii) Implementing the ECA/OCA/PAC agreements;
- (iv) Jointly addressing gender issues particularly preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held in Beijing China in September 1995, and its follow-up. The meeting was informed of the forthcoming African Women's Leadership Forum, a pre-Beijing regional meeting to be held in Kampala Uganda, 10--13 July 1995;
- (v) Preparations for HABITAT II;
- (vi) ECA/UNEP/HABITAT Ministerial Conferences;
- (vii) Dissemination and sharing of information on key emerging issues;
- (viii) Participation in Expert Group Meetings and Workshops convened by the three organization in 1995 and during the 1996/1997, Biennium,
- (ix) Exchange and sharing of information on capacity building initiatives undertaken by the three agencies;
- (x) Promoting inter-country cooperation amongst countries on shared water resources;
- (xi) Undertaking commemorative promotional activities such as World

Environment Day, World Day of Water, World Habitat Day and World Desertification Day.

5. The Joint Task Force also addressed the issue of follow-up and implementation of the decisions adopted and it was agreed that:

- (a) The ECA would rationalize the proposals submitted by the three institutions in line with paragraph 4 (b) above, and would make them available to Task Force members for their review by mid-June 1995.
- (b) Subsequently, ECA would finalize these proposals by incorporating comments and amendments by the Task Force members.
- (c) The final proposals would then be submitted to Senior Management teams of the three institutions for their consideration and clearance.

6. The report of the second meeting of the ECA/UNEP/HABITAT Joint Task Force is attached to this mission report as Annex 3.

ANNEX 1

29 May 1995

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ANNEX 2

UNEP/ECA/HABITAT JOINT TASK FORCE MEETING

(O-BLOCK ROOM 318, UNEP HEADQUARTERS, NAIROBI, 29 MAY 1995 10.00 HRS)

AGENDA

1. OPENING REMARKS RESPECTIVELY BY THE:
 - (i) DEPUTY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, REGIONAL OFFICE FOR AFRICA (UNEP) - MR CHEIKH SOW
 - (ii) HEAD OF DELEGATION OF THE UNCHS (HABITAT); - MR G. ALABASTER
 - (iii) HEAD OF DELEGATION OF THE ECA - DR. P. N. MWANZA
2. DISCUSSIONS ON AREAS AND MODALITIES FOR CO-OPERATION IN 1995 AND POSSIBLY IN THE 1996/97 BIENNIUM AS SUBMITTED BY UNEP, ECA AND HABITAT.
3. CONSIDERATION OF FOLLOW-UP WORKPLANS
4. CLOSING REMARKS BY THE DEPUTY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR REGIONAL OFFICE FOR AFRICA (UNEP).

TIMETABLE FOR THE UNEP/ECA/HABITAT TASK FORCE MEETING

(UNEP, 29 MAY 1995, 10.00 HRS)

10.00 - 12.30 HRS

14.00 - 17.00 HRS

**REPORT OF THE UNEP/HABITAT/ECA JOINT TASK FORCE MEETING
HELD AT UNEP HEADQUARTERS, NAIROBI, 29 MAY 1995**

1. Opening

Opening remarks were made by Mr. Peter Mwanza, Chief, Natural Resources Division of ECA, Mr. Cheikh Sow, Deputy Director UNEP/ROA and Mr. Graham Alabaster, Human Resources Officer, HABITAT, respectively. Each expressed the importance of identity specific areas and concrete modalities for collaboration.

2. Summary of Discussions on Areas and modalities for co-operation in 1995 and 1996-1997 biennium.

The meeting reviewed the new proposals submitted by the UNEP, HABITAT, and ECA.

The exercise took into account the perspective modalities as well as the resource implications.

In this regard, the meeting decided as follows:

- (i) To prioritize the proposals to reflect timeframe, and taking into account the existing capacity and availability of resources.
- (ii) Rationalizing the submissions as presented in Annex I to capture:
 - (a) Major subject areas;
 - (b) Lead Agency;
 - (c) Inputs required/ expected outputs
 - (d) Implementation schedule.
- (iii) Each lead agency requested to undertake the necessary in-house consultations in order to obtain concrete indications of possible input using the rationalised proposals:
- (iv) As a matter of urgency to identify selective areas for immediate demonstration of co-operation arrangements such as the following:
 - Conference servicing (workload sharing)
 - Strengthening the services of AMCEN Secretariat:
 - implementing the ECA/OCA/PAC agreement;
 - Gender issues, preparation for the Beijing Conference; and its following and implementation of African Platform for Action: African common position:
 - HABITAT II preparation:

- ECA/UNEP/HABITAT Ministerial Conferences:
- information and public awareness on key emerging issues:
- 1995 Expert Group meetings and workshops convened by the three organizations:
- capacity building initiatives undertaken by the three agencies:
- promoting intercountry co-operation amongst countries on shared water resources including harmonization of legislation:
- commemorative promotional activities such as: World Environment Day, World Day for Water, World HABITAT Day and World Desertification Day.

3. Follow-up to the Implementation of decisions Adopted

- i) ECA to rationalize the proposals submitted by the three institutions in line with decision (ii) above, and make available to Task Force members for their review by mid June 1995:
- ii) Finalization by ECA incorporating comments by the members:
- iii) Final proposals to be submitted to Senior Management teams of the three institutions for their consideration and clearance.

Attachments

- 1. Agenda
- 2. List of participants

UNEP/ECA/HABITAT JOINT TASK FORCE MEETING
(O-BLOCK ROOM 318, UNEP HEADQUARTERS, 29 MAY 1995, 10:00 HRS)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening remarks respectively by the:
 - (i) Regional Representative and Director, Regional Office for Africa (UNEP);
 - (ii) Head of Delegation of the UNCHS (HABITAT);
 - (iii) Head of Delegation of the ECA
2. Discussions on Areas and modalities for co-operation in 1995 and possibly in the 1996-97 Biennium (the Matrix of 1 March 1995 on this subject, circulated on 15 May 1995 will serve as a working document)
3. Consideration of Follow-up Workplans
4. Closing of the Meeting by the Regional Representative and Director for Africa (UNEP)

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**UNEP/HABITAT/ECA JOINT TASK FORCE
AREAS AND MODALITIES FOR COOPERATION
TIMEFRAME: REST OF 1995 TO DECEMBER 1997**

Major Subject Area/Activity	Lead Agency	Input Required	Output Expected	Implementation Schedule
<p>A. Programme Issues:</p> <p>1. Implementation and monitoring of Agenda 21:</p> <p>a) Regional seminar on sustainable development of natural resources and energy, taking into account concern in line with Agenda 21.</p> <p>b) Field project on: Environmental management and protection for sustainable development reference to critical areas of sustainability within Agenda 21; such as: - Urban environment problems/Issues - Reuse of waste water in drought - AMCEN pilot project (to see how it could be strengthened).</p> <p>c) Desertification.</p>	ECA	<p>Staff time: (i) To Assist in organizing and servicing a regional seminar and to prepare guidelines. (ii) To provide comments and critique the background documents for the seminar.</p> <p>(iii) Resource person to provide technical support to the seminar. (iv) Joint mobilization of funds to finance country participation through National IPFs. (v) Fund staff participation in seminar.</p> <p>(i) Staff time to prepare project including the mobilization of resources. (ii) Finance resource mobilization missions.</p> <p>Inputs for enhancing:</p> <p>(i) Cooperation within the context of activities of the AMCEN Committee on Deserts and aridlands;</p> <p>(ii) INCD process (Joint Secretariat Servicing, support to African Countries in the preparation of national and sub-regional action programmes, sub-regional and regional ministerial consultations, implementation of the regional Annex and Resolutions on the urgent action for Africa).</p>	<p>(i) A seminar organized (ii) Production and dissemination of two guidelines on: a comprehensive production and use of natural resources and energy in line with Agenda 21, and guidelines on environmental protection and rehabilitation in the context of natural resources and energy development and utilization.</p> <p>Projects developed and implemented.</p>	<p>1996</p> <p>1996</p>

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d) Development of Ocean and Coasted Areas: (i) Implementation of the ECA/OCA-PAC Cooperation Agreement.	UNEP	<p>Inputs for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The continued implementation of the ECA/OCA-PAC Cooperation Agreement and to expand it if possible; - The implementation of the programme for sustainable Island Developing States (SIDS) on which the three institutions have ongoing or planned initiatives; - Facilitating the work of the AMCEN committee on Island Ecosystems. 		
(ii) Integrated management of Coastal Areas.	UNEP	<p>Staff time to assist in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The establishment and operation of a network of economists for the Integrated Management of Coastal Areas through the WACAF and EAF Sea Programmes; - The establishment of National Accounting Systems to determine the contribution of the ocean sector to gross domestic product, this will cover the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 2 pilots studies in the Gambia (WACAF) and Tanzania (EAF) to be finalized in 1995; (b) 5 pilot studies to be implemented in 1996/1997 in WACAF and EAF regions; (c) draft methodology to assess the contributions of the Ocean sector to GDP to be reviewed on the basis of the pilot studies; (d) 1 expert meeting to make recommendations on the implementation of the programme for WACAF and EAF regions in 1997. - The development of valuation methods and policy instruments for Integrated Coastal Area Management, this will cover the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 1 six-day workshop in the WACAF region for 7 selected countries in 1995 (project WACAF/11 implemented by FAO, funded); (b) 2 six-day workshop to be implemented in the WACAF and EAF regions respectively in 1996/1997; (c) 5 pilot studies to be implemented in 1996-1997 in the WACAF and EAF regions; (d) 1 expert meeting to make recommendations on the implementation of the programme for the WACAF and EAF regions in 1997, in cooperation with IOC of UNESCO, expected. - Consensus building, within the framework of the AMCEN programme in support of the ratification of the 4 Regional Seas Programmes for Africa. 		

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e) Promotion of intercountry cooperation of the Nile Basin.	ECA	Staff time to assist in the promotion of intercountry cooperation in the Nile Basin and in providing technical support to member States.	Cooperation strengthened, specifically the Nile Organization and Nile Development Fund established.	Ongoing
f) Commemorative events, namely: - World Day for Water; - World Environment Day - World Desertification Day.	ECA/UNEP	Staff time to undertake joint promotion activities. Resources to produce promotional materials such as posters, brochures, etc.	Exhibitions mounted. Posters and other information materials produced and displayed. Public sensitized on these issues.	Annual
2. Collaboration in the formulation and implementation of regional strategies on human settlements:				
a) Preparation of publications: (i) Sustainable land-use planning and management in Africa; (ii) Integrated provision of environmental infrastructure; (iii) Critical issues for promoting sustainable construction industry activities.	ECA	Staff time: (i) To plan the content of the documents including; (ii) To contribute to the preparation of parts of the document/contribute information/comment on publications.	Three publications produced.	1996/1997
b) Report on : State of human settlements in Africa.	ECA	Staff time: To contribute to the preparation of Chapter on Environment	Three reports prepared and presented at meetings of intergovernmental bodies.	1995, 1996 and 1997
c) Ad-hoc expert meeting on: location and distribution of industrial and environmental hazardous activities in the relation to population and environmental sensitive zones.	ECA	Staff time : To participate in the meeting and in the finalization of the publication emanating from the meeting.		1-4 August 1995

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3. Environmental Impact Assessments, Economic and Legal Instruments. i) Ad-hoc expert meeting on: Economic instrument and related guidelines for environmental impact assessment including the legal aspects.	ECA	Staff time: To prepare relevant background papers and service the meeting.	Guidelines for environmental impact assessment prepared. Ad-hoc expert group meeting organized.	1996
4. Environmental legislation and Institution Building. i) Regular technical assistance programme in the area of town and country legislation. (A number of African countries have been assisted. Furthermore, UNEP/Habitat are currently assisting the government of the Seychelles in the field of town and country legislation.	UNEP	Would require inputs for the development of guidelines for town and country planning. Staff time to prepare and mount field missions to provide technical assistance. Travel resources to fund field missions to countries.		
ii) Dutch funded UNEP/UNDP programme on capacity building in the field of environmental legislation and training: Under this programme 8 African phase and two sub-regional projects (Respectively for Western and Eastern Africa) are being developed.	UNEP	(i) Staff time to provide technical assistance. (ii) Resources to fund training and other capacity building activities in the field of environmental legislation.	(i) Technical assistance to African countries in the field of environmental legislation and institutions; (ii) Review of International legal regimes of relevance to Africa.	Ongoing
iii) Programme on Environmental Law and Institutions.	UNEP	Staff time to provide assistance in the review of conventions and to promote closer cooperation in the area of inter and intra African commitments to: Lusaka Agreement; Bamako Convention; Treaty establishing the African Economic Community; River and Lake Basins; Protocols of the Treaty establishing the African Economic community.	Implementation of inter and intra African Commitments/Conventions/Agreements.	Ongoing

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5. Environment and the Economics.	UNEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultations between the ECA and UNEP EEU for the purpose of working out details of cooperation in the areas, inter alia of EIA, natural resource accounting, valuation, updating of the roster of experts in the field of environmental economics, establishments of the African Network of environmental economists, technical cooperation in the convening of expert workshop; - Staff time in the establishment of an African Network of environmental economists and in the organization of training workshops such as the : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Training workshop to be held in Gabon (1997); (b) Workshops for the review and/or development of manuals (e.g on training resources and practices); (c) Strengthening or development of EIA guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) African Network of Environmental Economist established. (ii) Workshops organized. (iii) EIA guidelines produced the environment. 	1997
6. Development of data bases and other instruments.	WMO/UNEP	Co-prepare a background document on this activity for discussion at IGWA meeting.	Publication on subject produced. Data base established.	1995
a) Water resources data base for Africa.	ECA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNEP and ECA - To exchange experience regarding the organization of data collection and techniques of compilation; - To link socio-economic and environmental information to spatial data so that the maximum analytical use of existing data bases can be made. Linking of data bases for generating meaningful sub-regional and regional statistics for Africa and constitute an important input into a global environment statistics programme. ECA would, therefore, be supplier of the statistical data from national sources to create the suggested link. 	Environment statistics data base developed. UNEP and ECA data base on environment statistics linked.	1996/1997
b) Development of environment statistics data base.		This requires efficient institutional arrangements to establish the mechanism for collaboration and adequate resources for collecting and disseminating information.		

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7. Capacity building including human, institutional and infrastructural:				
a) Preparation and implementation of the Framework Agenda for Building and Utilizing Critical Capacities in Africa.	ECA	<p>Staff time to:</p> <p>(i) Provide input into the elaboration and or prepare the chapter on: Capacities to manage the environment and ecological resources for sustainable development;</p> <p>(ii) Participate in the expert meeting to review the document (Nov 1995);</p> <p>(iii) Participate in the implementation for specific activities related to the Framework Agenda.</p> <p>Resources to fund participation of staff in the expert group meeting and for the implementation and monitoring of activities.</p>	A Framework Agenda and Action Plan for Building and Utilizing Critical Capacities produced.	1995 (immediate)
8. Collaboration in environmental issues relating to sector specific concerns:				
(i) Population related issues:	ECA	<p>Staff time: (i) to contribute to the preparation of working documents and to substantively service the expert meeting, (ii) to help identify qualified consultants to prepare background papers and finalize publication.</p> <p>Resources to fund the participation of staff to the meeting.</p>	<p>- Expert group meeting held.</p> <p>- Publication on measures for addressing urban environmental health problems in Africa produced.</p>	1997
a) Ad-hoc expert group meeting on: measures pertaining to urban environmental health problems in Africa.				

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b) Capacity building in policy development in the area of population, environment and sustainable development with special reference to SADC.	ECA	Resource persons to contribute to the organization of workshop to establish the modalities for creating a network of researchers, planners and policy-makers on population, environment and sustainable development in the SADC region. Identification of participants to the workshop.	- Background papers produced. - Workshop organized. - Network established.	1996/1997
ii) Agriculture and rural development related issues:	ECA	Staff time to participate in the field study, preparation of study report and to initiate and implement follow-up activities to sensitize member States. Resources to fund the participation in the field study and sensitization missions.	Publication on the subject produced. X number countries visited and sensitized.	1996/1997
a) Assessment of training needs in the elaboration and conclusion of Joint fisheries exploitation conventions.	ECA	Staff time to contribute to the preparation of the publication: Rural Progress.	Publication entitled: Rural Progress produced	1996/1997
b) Publication on agriculture and rural development.	ECA	Staff time to contribute to the implementation of project activities, in particular: - Assessment the forestry needs of the area served by the project; - Development of localized nurseries; - continued execution of the project; - Tripartite monitoring and evaluation of the project.	- Study on forestry needs of Northern region. - Localized nurseries established and seedlings distributed at village level.	1996/1997
c) Collaboration in the ECA/UNDP field project on sustainable agriculture and environmental rehabilitation in Northern Ethiopia with a focus on village-level selection, multiplication and plantation of fast-growing tree species.	ECA	Staff time for the preparation of background documents and for the servicing of the workshop. Staff time for the joint mobilization of resources to fund workshop.	Publication on the subject produced. Workshop organized.	1996/1997
d) Workshop on the compilation and analysis of environmental statistics as a basis for formulating realistic agricultural development plans.	ECA			

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<p>iii) Energy resources development and utilization.</p>	<p>UNEP</p>	<p>Inputs required is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -for strengthening the cooperation within the framework of the AMCEN Network on Energy Resources and the implementation of the workplan of its regional coordination unit; -to promote closer cooperation in the implementation of the IDEP workplan especially as it relates to energy issues; -to enhance cooperation in addressing issues relating to fuelwood substitution particularly in dealing with the challenges arising from refugee situations; - to enhance cooperation on the development of energy collaborating centres, especially AMCEN/RCU and ECA/ARCT both in Dakar, Senegal; <p>Inputs can also be made to the ECA efforts relating to the preparation of guidelines on sustainable energy and transport systems in human settlements;</p> <p>Efforts should be made to ensure cooperation between the African Regional Centre for Technology, IDEP and CERER (i.e. the Regional Coordination Unit of the AMCEN Network on Energy).</p>		

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9. Collaboration in the field of water resources development and management: i) Cooperation in the organizing and conducting an expert meeting on the implications of Agenda 21 for integrated water management in Africa.	UNEP	Staff time for the organization of the expert meeting including preparation of background documents and in the substantive servicing of the meeting. Resources to fund the participation of staff in the expert meeting.	An expert group meeting on the implications of Agenda 21 for integrated water management organized. A publication on the subject produced.	
(ii) Implementation of activities within the framework of the interagency Working Group on the Water Resources.	UNEP	Cooperation in UNEP's discharge of its responsibilities as chairman of the Task Force set up by the UN Secretary General, promotion of the implementation of the intergovernmental on River and Lake Basins, as well as in the implementation of the plan of action for water assessment in Africa, Cooperation with UNEP, ECA/HABITAT in their respective capacities as focal point for information exchange of the Inter-Agency Group for Water in Africa/IGWA) assist in the compilation and dissemination of information on major IGWA activities.		
(iii) Strategy and action plan for water resources assessment, development and management in Africa.	ECA	Staff time to assist in the elaboration, promotion and implementation of a regional strategy and action plan.	Strategy and action plan for water resources assessment, development and management in Africa produced.	1996/1997
(iv) Advisory services to member States on water and marine resources.	ECA	Staff time to mount joint missions to provide advisory services to member States and IGO's. Resources to fund advisory missions.	X number of missions in capacity building undertaken.	1996/1997
(v) Enhancement of existing cooperation within the framework of ACC sub-committee on Water.	ECA/UNEP	Staff time to prepare necessary documents and participate in ACC activities including the exchange of information and formulation of joint activities.	Formulation and implementation of joint programmes.	Ongoing
(vi) Maji-ECA annual publication on Water.	ECA	Contribute to the preparation of the publication.	Maji Produced.	Ongoing

Major Subject Area/Activity	Lead Agency	Input Required	Output Expected	Implementation Schedule
10. Gender the Environment and human settlements:				
i) Sensitization on gender the environment and human settlements.	ECA	Staff time: (i) To mount joint sensitization/advisory service missions on gender the environment and human settlements issues; (ii) To organize jointly training/workshop/seminars on gender awareness; (iii) To jointly mobilize resources for training/workshop/seminars.	Gender training manuals and sensitization brochures; Evaluation reports.	Timeframe to be agreed upon
ii) Implementation of the regionally and internationally agreed plans, strategies and programmes for, the advancement of women particularly of Agenda 21 chapter 24; the global platform for action: African Common Position for the Advancement of Women.	ECA	Staff time: (i) To implement concrete activities to be agreed upon; (ii) To mount joint missions to facilitate the implementation of activities related to Agenda 21 and the Platform for Action. Resources to fund missions.	Promotion and sensitization materials and reports; Guidelines for implementation	1996/1997
iii) Analysis and synthesis of international legal instruments relevant to women in Africa.	ECA	Staff time to assist in the review of legal instruments to bring out the linkages between gender, environment and human settlements, in particular data on women housing and land.	A publication produced.	1996/1997
iv) Consolidated report of the proceedings of the fifth African Conference on Women expected to be presented at the Beijing Conference.	ECA	Staff time to make comments and critique documents prior to its finalization, in particular on issues related to environment and human settlements.	Consolidated report produced.	1995
v) Publication on: Issues and Trends in Women's advancement in Africa.	ECA	To comment and critique publication prior to finalization.	Newsletter published.	Annual
11. follow-up and monitoring of global and regional programmes, Agreements and Conventions including awareness creation and sensitization:				
i) Information and Public Awareness in the context of the programme of action for social development adopted in Copenhagen.	ECA	Preparation of information and awareness creation materials on Social development: Implications for environmental protection, in particular informational materials on the linkage between environmental process and social development in the Africa region. Resources for the production and dissemination of printed materials such as brochures, pamphlets, posters etc.	Brochures, Pamphlets posters etc., produced.	1995/1996

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<p>B. Inter-Agency Issues :</p> <p>1. Support to AMCEN Secretariat.</p> <p>2. Joint Planning and programming.</p> <p>3. Conference servicing including translation, interpretation and sharing of secretariat support cost.</p>	<p>ECA/UNEP</p> <p>ECA/UNEP/ HABITAT</p> <p>ECA/UNEP</p>	<p>Substantive servicing of AMCEN Secretariat, in particular providing inputs for continued cooperation within the framework of AMCEN and notably with regard to the:</p> <p>(a) Activities of the AMCEN on Deserts and Arid Lands (ADALCO);</p> <p>(b) Regional Annex and the resolution on Urgent Action for Africa of the desertification convention.</p> <p>Consultative meetings for:</p> <p>(i) Joint programming for the 98-99 programme Budget;</p> <p>(ii) Joint elaboration of projects related to environment and human settlements.</p> <p>Resources to finance joint fund raising missions.</p> <p>The following are presently being exposed:</p> <p>Possibilities for workload sharing and staff exchange priorities include translation (Arabic and French), Secretariat support services for french and arabic languages;</p> <p>The use of conference facilities available respectively at the ECA and UNEP as a major area for closer cooperation especially as when new ECA conference complex becomes operational. Need to facilitate the necessary planning for the use of the facility;</p> <p>There are possibilities for the use of UNEP's in-house printing facilities. UNEP can also assist the ECA in the use of out-house printing facilities. The earlier planned visit of the Chief of the ECA Conference Services to UNEP can still take place as this would enable UNEP to organize necessary familiarization arrangements;</p> <p>The need to explore the possibility of the use of the E-Mail system as one of the modalities for enhancing work load sharing. Another area of interest is the establishment of satellite linkages between Addis Ababa, Nairobi and Geneva which facilitate remote translation and workload sharing.</p>	<p>i) Programmes harmonized.</p> <p>ii) Projects elaborated.</p> <p>iii) Fund raised</p> <p>Operation of an E-Mail System:</p> <p>Effective use of the Conference facilities.</p> <p>Workload sharing with regard to translation.</p> <p>Staff exchange (N.B. the following measures):</p> <p>(a) ECA seconded a translator (12m/m) to UNEP;</p> <p>(b) ECA seconded a typist (12m/m) to UNEP;</p> <p>(c) Secondment of an Arabic translator (under discussion);</p> <p>(d) Interpretation arrangements also under discussion;</p> <p>Possibilities for ECA's use of in-house as well as out-house printing facilities (are being examined).</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>1997</p> <p>To start in 1996</p> <p>"</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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4. Information Exchange	ECA/UNEP/HABITAT.	The following to be considered: The need for the three institutions to work out modalities for keeping each other informed of their respective workplans schedule of meetings documentations, etc.	Enhanced coordination.	Ongoing
5. Substantive Servicing of Ministerial Conferences.	ECA.	Substantive servicing of the Conference of Ministers Responsible for Sustainable Development and the Environment including providing comments on reports related to issues of environment, human settlements and biological diversity.	Conference of Ministers Responsible for Sustainable Development and the Environment organized.	Nov 1995
6. Enhancement of the in-house capacity.	ECA	Assistance in building ECA's in-house capacity to adequately address women and peace issues; Population and conflict through attachment of ECA staff to relevant UNEP units dealing with war and environmental degradation and rehabilitation.	ECA staff attached to UNEP.	1996