

**UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**



**STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT AND CALL FOR SUPPORT AND
ACTION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATION FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**

Libreville, Gabon, the 28th Mars 2006

We, Ministers of Education of Sub-Saharan African States, meeting in Libreville, Gabon on 28th march 2006 during the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) Biennial,

1. **Reaffirming** our commitment to the Millennium Development Goals;
2. **Recalling** the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD), adopted by the General Assembly on the 16th of September 2002;
3. **Considering** the declaration of the African Union Second Decade on Education
4. **Reaffirming** our commitment to the implementation of the Dakar Framework for Action so as to attain the Education for All Goals;
5. **Recognising** the need to support the sustainable development of African societies based on a healthy balance between African cultures, indigenous knowledges and ways of life, and global trends as well as scientific and technological demands;
6. **Noting** the persistence of conflicts, human rights violations, as well as pandemics such as HIV/AIDS;
7. **Acknowledging** that education for sustainable development contributes to sustainable livelihoods and lifestyles, environmental sustainability and health promotion and gender equality;
8. **Recalling** the United Nations Resolution 57/254, adopted by the General Assembly on the 21st of February 2003, that proclaims the United Nations Decade on Education for Sustainable Development – 2005-2014;
9. **Noting** the draft strategic framework for the Implementation of the United Nations Decade on Education for Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa;

Hereby agree:

10. **To support** the United Nations Decade on Education for Sustainable Development;
11. **To ensure** further consultations on the framework of the draft strategic framework;
12. **To support** the development of Strategies for the implementation of the United Nations Decade on Education for Sustainable Development in our respective countries and on the continent, within the framework of the AU second Decade on Education;
13. **To ensure** that the principles of sustainable development are included in educational development frameworks, programmes and activities at all levels;

14. **To ensure** that African cultures, knowledge systems, languages and ways of life are integrated into frameworks, programmes and activities developed within the Decade;
15. **To strengthen** existing partnerships and promote new ones for the implementation of regional and national strategies on education for sustainable development;
16. **To call upon** the International community to support the implementation of United Nations Decade on Education for Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa; and
17. **To urge** UNESCO to strengthen its role as a lead agency in support of Sub-Saharan Member States to achieve the goals of the United Nations Decade on Education for Sustainable Development.

Done in Libreville, 28th of March 2006

