

## Environment and Climate Change towards Environmental Justice & Pro-poor Sustainable Development

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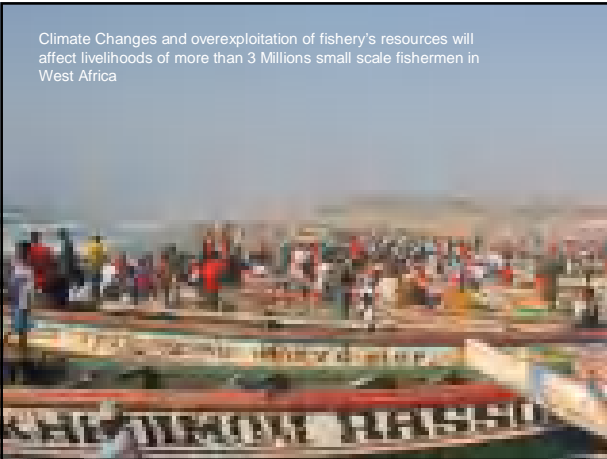
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## Major Environmental Issues

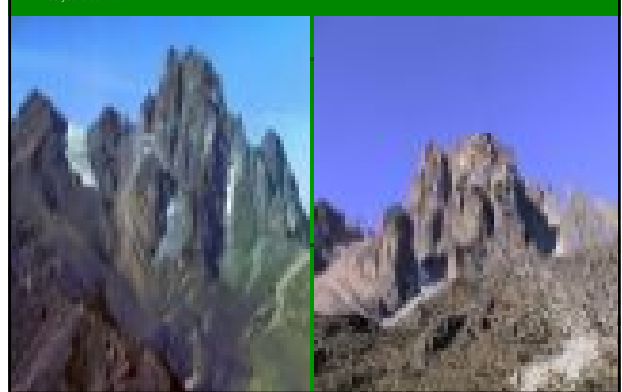
- Depletion of agricultural, fishery, forest and water resources;
- Desertification;
- Air, water and land pollution;
- Soil degradation;
- Loss of biodiversity; and
- Natural disasters including flood.

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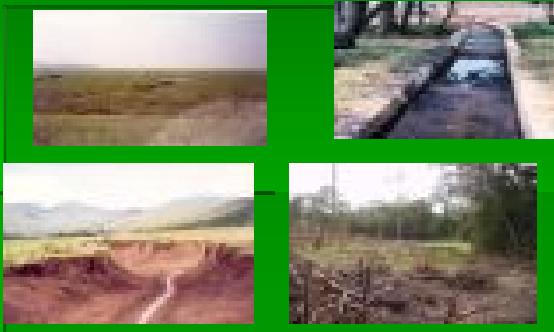
Climate Changes and overexploitation of fishery's resources will affect livelihoods of more than 3 Millions small scale fishermen in West Africa



Compare and contrast the peak of Mt. Kenya over a span of time period



Water Hyacinth on L. Victoria; Draining of raw industrial liquid waste into L. Victoria; Deforestation & Soil Erosion; State of Rainforest in Liberia



## Root Causes of Environmental Degradation in Africa

- Population pressure;
- Climate change;
- Armed conflicts;
- Inappropriate technologies including GMO-GE;
- Government policies oriented towards economic growth only;
- Corruption;
- Inadequate capacity of government and CSOs;
- Pressure from developed countries to exploit natural resources.

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## Recommendations to National Governments in Africa

- Strengthen government policies in favor of poverty reduction and effective family planning
- Mainstream environmental concerns in all government policies;
- Strengthen government and CSO capacities on environmental management;
- Rediscover and apply local/traditional knowledge on environment conservation;
- Enact and implement policies to address GMO-GE concerns; and
- Enforce anti-corruption policy and improve government transparency and accountability

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## Action Oriented Focus



“Plant a tree and save the planet”

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## Recommendations to International Community

- Mainstream environmental concerns into trade and investment by multinational corporations and address concerns of GMO-GE technology;
- Reorient official development assistance (ODA) in favour of poverty reduction and environmentally sustainable development;
- Cancel the debt of poorest countries and increase grant element; and
- Increase ODA through CSOs.

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## Recommendations to TICAD

- Enhance the institutional, financial and technical capacity of governments and CSOs in Africa;
- Increase the processing of raw materials & value added in Africa;
- Increase the support to innovative and appropriate technologies & mechanisms in the utilization of environmental resources, while addressing the concerns of GMO-GE;
- Mitigate GHG through ecosystem restoration (reforestation, CDM, etc) and increase adaptation funding in favor of the poor and vulnerable groups
- Mobilize all countries in support of TICAD.

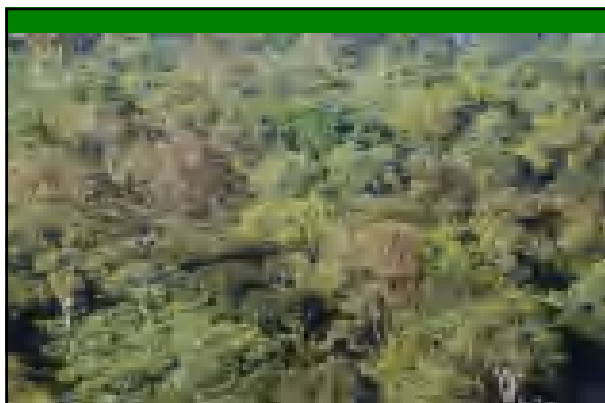
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## Recommendations to G8

In addition to the above,

- All the G8 and other developed countries must achieve the targets set for GHG emission reduction under the Kyoto Protocol;
- The United States and Australia which have not ratified the Kyoto Protocol are urged to join the other signatories to implement the Kyoto commitment; and
- Explore feasible global mechanism involving all countries for climate change mitigation and adaptation beyond the Kyoto protocol.

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“Lets save African and world forests”

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