

Kenya Embarks on an Environment Policy

The Kenyan Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MENR) hosted the First Environment Policy Stakeholders Workshop on 31 October 2007, embarking on a consultative environment policy formulation process. Over 230 participants attended the workshop. The Environmental Policy formulation process is due to end in June 2008, when a comprehensive Environment Policy will be submitted to Cabinet.

The Environment Policy process will be guided by a 15-member National Steering Committee representing a broad range of expertise and experience. The Environment Policy aims to integrate environment into the wider economic context, addressing trade-offs between economic growth and poverty reduction, and environmental sustainability. The Environment Policy will complement the Environmental Management and Coordination Act (1999) by strengthening coherence within the environment sector and addressing the key environment and development challenges facing Kenya.

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For further information, please refer to the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Website: <http://statehousekenya.go.ke/government/environment.htm>.