



# AFRICA'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT CAPACITY BUILDING STRATEGY AN OVERVIEW

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Capacity Development and Linkages for  
Environmental Impact Assessment and  
Management in Africa (CLEIAA)

## BACKGROUND



- 1. 1995 AMCEN meeting in Durban, South Africa**
  - *A Ministerial Statement on political commitment on EIA*
  
- 2. Regional and sub-regional consultations, initiatives and development of African Stakeholders Action Plan for EA Capacity Building**
  - *Follow up Actions to be undertaken at national, sub-regional and Africa regional level*
  
- 3. Regional Programmes and National Frameworks for Establishment of EA&M**
  - *Address sub-regional and national issues, provide linkages with other initiatives, support local capacity*



## **EA&M: PROGRESS SO FAR**

- 1. Environmental Management Institutions in ALMOST ALL countries of Africa**
  - *Political commitment on EA&M; legislation; initiative in capacity building.*
- 2. Concept of Sustainable Development**
  - *High Political support and initiatives such as NEPAD, Africa Convention on Management of Natural Resources*
- 3. Networks of EA&M professionals**
  - *Support information exchange in EA&M*
- 4. Private Sector development and interest in EA&M**
  - *EA&M tools to guide sustainable and profitable development*

**Donors**

**CLEIAA**

**AU and NEPAD**

**SAIEA**

**EAAIA**

**IOAEA**

**WAAEA**

**SEIACA**



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# CHALLENGES

## 1. Slow Pace of Development of Environmental Institutions

- *Lack of adequate governance mechanisms, awareness*

## 2. Ever Increasing Demands

- *New development Initiatives, donor requirements, more complex environmental issues, demands from articulate civil society*

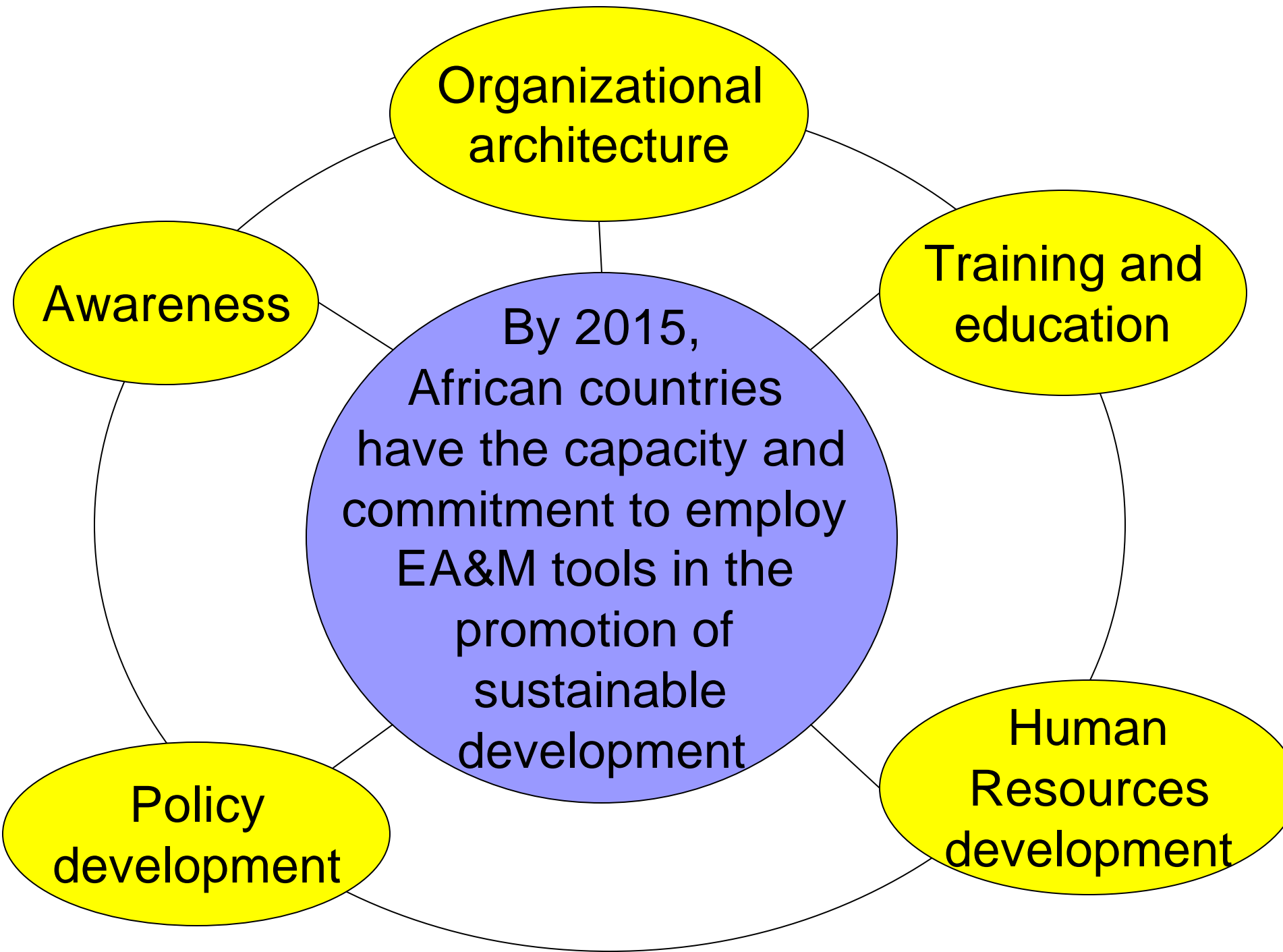
## 3. Inadequate Capacity

*Administer, guide, review, monitoring and follow up of plans*

# **NEED FOR EA&M CAPACITY BUILDING STRATEGY**



- 1. Build on existing, INDIGENOUS Initiatives**
- 2. To strengthen the Foundations and practice that will contribute to Sustainable Development**
- 3. Vision: By 2015 All African Countries have the capacity for and commitment to, employing environmental assessment and management tools in the promotion of sustainable development**
- 4. Delivery: African Professional organisational Architecture-coordination, mobilising resources, network support, link with regional initiative like NEPAD, Africa Convention on NRM**





## TARGETED STAKEHOLDERS

- 1. Public Sector: Government Officials and Decision Makers at national and regional levels**
- 2. Private Sector: Development Proponents and consultants**
- 3. Civil Society: NGOs and CBOs and Stakeholders in EA studies**



