

THE KAMPALA DECLARATION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

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ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We, the Ministers of Environment, of Planning and of Education as well as the representatives of youth, women and non-governmental organizations from 35 African countries, meeting in Kampala from 12 - 16 June 1989,

Conscious of the vital importance of environmental conservation and management of our economic and social development and the survival of the present and future generations in our countries;

Confirming that economic development which leads to the degradation of our environment and the depletion of our natural resources is simply not sustainable;

Convinced that development which is not sustainable should no longer be called development;

Recognizing that sustainable development is a priority for Africa which requires political commitment and mobilization of our natural resources as well as effective subregional, regional and global co-operation.

Resolve to achieve sustainable development within and among our countries in Africa.