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Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention on the ban on the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa

“The Bamako Convention: A platform for a Pollution Free Africa”

Second meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Bamako Convention Abidjan (Cote d’Ivoire), 30 January - 1 February 2018

SCENARIO NOTE FOR THE HIGH LEVEL SESSION OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES TO THE BAMAKO CONVENTION

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The present scenario note proposes arrangements for the conduct of, and thereby aims to assist participants in preparing for, the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention on the ban on the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa.
2. The present scenario note was prepared in consultation with the President of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and is intended to be read together with the tentative schedule for the meetings (United Nations **UNEP/BC/COP.2/1**) agreed to by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties during preparatory meeting and especially, the Bureau meeting held in Abidjan on **29 January 2018**. If the Conference of the Parties agrees to conduct the meeting as proposed herein, and in the tentative schedule, the meeting will take place as described in the following paragraphs.

II. Organization of work

3. The three-days meeting will start with a one day High Level Segment on 30 January 2018, follow up with a two-day experts segment from January 31 to February 1, 2018, with a provision for a Bureau meeting on 29 January 2018.
4. For day 1, the proposed daily schedule for the plenary session will be 4 hours in the morning and 4 hours in the afternoon, respectively from 09:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and from 02:00p.m to 6p.m. All formal scheduled meetings will have English and French simultaneous interpretation provided.
5. For the expert segment on day 2, the plenary session will be 4 hours in the morning, from 09:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 2 hours in the afternoon from 02:30p.m. to 04:30p.m. For day 2, and subject to the

agreement by the Parties, Contact Groups to be established on Day 1 will be expected to start their deliberations from 04:30p.m. to 06:00p.m.

6. On day 3, subject to the agreement by the Parties, the meeting will start with 4 hours Contact Groups from 09:00.a.m. to 01:00p.m., and in the afternoon, 3 hours and half session, composed of 2 hours Contact Groups from 02:30p.m. to 04:30p.m. and 1 hour and half Plenary from 04:30p.m. to 06:00p.m.
7. Each morning from 7:30 a.m. to 8a.m., the Bureau will meet to, among other things, review progress of the previous day and agree on the order of business for the day. The Secretariat will post the order of business on the intranet site for the Conference. Focal points whose countries are members of the Bureau are encouraged to facilitate the dissemination of information on the order of business for each day as they will receive prior information from the bureau member attending the Bureau meeting. The link for all meeting documents remain the following and all participants are encouraged to view it regulatory for updated information and documentation:
<https://www.unenvironment.org/events/conference/bamako-convention-platform-pollution-free-africa>.
8. The Conference of the Parties being an environmental related event, all meetings will be paperless and pre-session documents will be available on the website for the meetings.¹ In addition all documents, including in-session documents, will be available on the same above sited site. Participants are expected to bring their own laptop computers or other devices to access the documents. Technical support will be available on site.

III. Opening of the meetings

Tuesday, 30 January 2018, start of the morning session

9. For practical reasons, and in accordance with practice in similar Conferences such as Chemicals Conventions, the Second Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Bamako Convention will start with an opening in the morning of Tuesday, 30 January, by the Her Excellency Ms. Aida M'bo KEITA, Minister of Environment, Sanitation and Sustainable Development of Mali and President of the First Conference of Parties, assisted by other members of the Bureau, namely, the representative from Burundi who serves as the Rapporteur, assisted by the three Vice Presidents (Cameroon, Mauritius and Tunisia). This small adjustment is proposed to prevent any delay that could be caused by the official opening where a national dignitary is expected to attend the official opening ceremony.
10. The Conference of Parties will then adopt its agenda item (2.a) and discuss organization of work agenda item (2.b), update on credentials of representatives agenda item (2.c), and election of officers agenda item (2.d) of the provisional agenda.
11. Prior to the election of officers, the Secretariat will introduce the approach agreed to by the Bureau at its meeting, according to which the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties will examine the credentials of representatives attending its meeting and then on, report to its Conference of the Parties on the outcome of that examination before the election of officers.
12. The Secretariat will then introduce agenda item 2(b) on the election of officers, providing information on the election expected to take place during the meeting. Subregional groups will thus be in a position to consider the distribution of nominations, taking into account subregional and gender balance and other relevant language considerations.
13. After the election of the officers, the new Bureau led by its President will take over the conduct of the meeting and introduce the agenda item 4. The new bureau, assisted by the Secretariat, will then lead the work of the Conference until the official opening of the High Level Segment.

¹ <https://www.unenvironment.org/events/conference/bamako-convention-platform-pollution-free-africa>.

14. The new president will invite Parties to deliver their national statements beginning with delegations represented by Ministers.
15. Ministers and Heads of delegation are encouraged while making their statements, to reflect on policy statements as well as report on activities they achieved as Parties to implement COP1 decisions pursuant convention's provision pertaining to national reporting.

B. High-level segment

16. The high-level segment will start as soon as H.E. Mr Amadou Gon Coulibaly, Prime Minister of Cote d'Ivoire arrives and will last for approximately one hour.
17. After the official opening ceremony, the President will introduce the Agenda item 5 and invite the Secretariat to introduce agenda item 5(a), providing background information on the need to strengthen effective implementation of the Bamako Convention.
18. Ministers and Head of delegations are invited to exchange views on the basis of the note with its executive summary entitled: "Twenty Years of the Bamako Convention: A Time for More Effective Implementation" prepared by the Secretariat.
19. The Conference of the Parties will then consider the issues related to the status of financial situation for the implementation of the Convention and decisions taken by the Parties. The Secretariat will first introduce all matters under these agenda items (6).
20. The Secretariat will be invited to introduce agenda items 6(a) and 6(b). The president will open the floor for discussion and given the criticality and seriousness of the matter, discussion could last 30 minutes.
21. The high-level segment will continue with the introduction of the agenda item 7 and the President will invite the Secretariat to introduce rationale of the theme of the Second Conference of Parties: "*The Bamako Convention: A platform for a Pollution Free Africa*". Ministers and Heads of delegations are encouraged while exchanging, to consider the 2017 United Nations Environment Assembly background report on pollution² at :

http://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/21800/UNEA_towardspollution_long%20version_Web.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y
22. The president will conclude this discussion and introduce the next agenda Item.
23. Following debate on the theme of this meeting, the discussion in plenary will continue and focus on the Draft Ministerial Declaration prepared by the President in consultation with the bureau, supported by the Secretariat. The President will first introduce the process that led for the drafting of the Ministerial Declaration. The president will invite Parties to provide additional input during this discussion to do so and given the criticality of items,(8) discussion could last 30 minutes.
24. With regard to items not requiring further discussion, the Conference of the Parties will conclude their consideration and consider the adoption of the decision related to the theme of the Conference and the adoption of the Ministerial Declaration as it is so called: ***Abidjan Declaration on "The Bamako Convention: A platform for a Pollution Free Africa"***
25. The High Level Segment of the Second Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention, on the basis of the very productive discussion and taking into account the adoption of the Ministerial Declaration and the relevant resolution and considering the adoption of both the agenda of the Ministerial Segment as well as the agenda of the expert segment, decided to adopt the list (non-limited) of proposed resolutions, with the understanding that for matters that do require further discussion, the Conference of the Parties will establish a joint contact group to consider them further and to prepare separate but harmonized draft decisions for consideration and adoption on the last day of the Conference.

²http://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/21800/UNEA_towardspollution_long%20version_Web.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y

26. The Conference of the Parties will then consider other matters of relevance to the High Level Segment (item 9 of the provisional agenda). Such matters include the admission of observers and matters related to collaborations, partnerships and synergies with other Multilateral Environment Agreements and collaboration with non-governmental organizations.
 27. The President will thereafter introduce the next agenda item 10 on Launch of the *Probo Koala* environmental Audit Report, thereafter; invite the Secretariat to present the report.
 28. The Conference of the Parties will take note of the conclusion, recommendations made, findings and lesson learned of the report.
 29. The High Level Segment will then be closed and the meeting adjourned.
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