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**Consultative Meeting on the Development  
of an African Strategy for Ocean Governance**  
Nairobi, 29-30 November 2018

## **Annotations to the Provisional Agenda**

### Background:

At the 2015 meeting of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) (March 2015, Cairo), the African Ministers agreed on the Cairo Declaration, including the following operation paragraph: “14. to develop a governance strategy, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and regional seas conventions, on oceans and seas in Africa for the effective management of the region’s shared maritime resources and call for a regional conference to address the matter by 2016”. Further decisions were made at the subsequent meetings of the Conference on this issue.

UN Environment Programme was requested by AMCEN to support member states the development of an effective ocean governance strategy and integrated ocean management policies. Further, UN Environment Programme is mandated to coordinate regional seas conventions and action plans and administers seven of them. UN Environment Programme assists the regional seas member countries in pursuing regional ocean governance for regional sustainable development, and promotes partnerships between/among the Regional Seas, Regional Fishery Bodies, Large Marine Ecosystem mechanisms, regional economic commissions and other sectorial and political mechanisms. UN Environment publication, “Regional Oceans Governance: regional seas programmes, regional fishery bodies and Large Marine Ecosystem mechanisms better work together” provided some suggestions for such a direction. UN Environment Programme organized the first meeting of the African Ocean Governance Strategy on 19 October 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey together with four regional seas programmes concerned about the marine environment in Africa.

Furthermore, UN Environment Programme carried out baseline studies on the current Ocean governance in Africa, in line with the Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy 2050 (AIMS 2050) and Agenda 2063: Africa We Want. Against the above baselines studies, a scoping workshop was held in Zanzibar 23-25 July 2018 involving the regional seas programmes and other experts on the development of the strategy. An annotated outline of the regional strategy was prepared. Based on

this background work, the current meeting is organised to build consensus on the possible elements and content to be included in the draft African Strategy for Ocean Governance.

Annotations to the Provisional Agenda:

**Item 1: Opening of the Meeting**

1. The Consultative Meeting on the Development of an African Strategy for Ocean Governance will be opened at the United Nations Office at Nairobi at 9 a.m. on Thursday 29 January 2012, by representatives of the Executive Director of UNEP, President of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment and the African Union Commission.

**Item 2: Organizational matters**

2. The rules of procedure of the of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment will apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the proceedings.

(a) Election of officers

3. In accordance with the rules of procedure the existing Bureau of African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, will preside over the meeting.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

4. Subject to the rules of procedure, the representatives may wish to adopt the agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in documents UNEP/ASOG.1/1 and UNEP/ASOG.1/1/Add.1.

(c) Organization of work

5. The meeting will be held in the form of plenary. The provisional programme is presented below.

6. The meeting will be conducted only in English.

7. The list of documents for the session will be circulated as document UNEP/ASOG1/1/INF2. The working and information documents for the meeting will be available only in English.

**Item 3: Possible elements for the African Strategy for Ocean Governance**

8. The Meeting will enter into substantive discussion on possible elements of the African Strategy for Ocean Governance.

9. The secretariat will introduce a discussion document UNEP/ASOG/WG.1/2. In the discussion document, the secretariat suggests focussing the discussion on four themes: (a) institutional and capacity strengthening of the existing governance mechanisms; (b) cross-sectoral institutional cooperation and policy coherence; (c) science for regional ocean governance; and (d) stakeholder engagement in Ocean governance.

It is suggested that under this agenda item, the meeting will discuss these themes, one by one through a series of sessions as proposed in the provisional programme as below.

**Item 4: Next steps**

10. The Chair of the Meeting will invite the participants to share the views of possible way forward.

**Item 5: Chairs summary**

11. The Rapporteur of the meeting will present a chair's summary. The meeting participants will be requested to note the summary.

**Item 5: Closure of the meeting**

12. The Chair is expected to close the Meeting upon completion of the agenda items.

Provisional programme:

<b>Thursday, 29 November 2018</b>	
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9:00-09:30</b>	<b>Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting</b>
<b>Welcoming remarks</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of UN Environment Programme</li> <li>• Representative of the AMCEN President</li> <li>• Representative of the African Union Commission</li> </ul>	
<b>09:30-09:45</b>	<b>Agenda Item 2: Organisation matters</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of officers</li> <li>• Meeting objectives and introduction of documents</li> <li>• Adoption of agenda</li> </ul>	
<b>09:45-10:00</b>	Presentation of the outcome of the Zanzibar Scoping workshop
<b>10:00-10:20</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>
<b>10:20-12:30</b>	<b>Agenda item 3: Possible elements for the African Strategy for Ocean Governance</b> <b>(a) Institutional and capacity strengthening of the existing governance mechanisms;</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by the secretariat</li> <li>• discussion</li> <li>• Brief summary by Chair</li> </ul>	
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>13:30-15:40</b>	<b>Agenda item 3: Possible elements for the African Strategy for Ocean Governance</b> <b>(b) Cross-sectoral institutional cooperation and policy coherence;</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by the secretariat</li> <li>• discussion</li> <li>• Brief summary by Chair</li> </ul>	
<b>15:40-16:00</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>
<b>16:00-17:20</b>	<b>Agenda item 3: Possible elements for the African Strategy for Ocean Governance</b>

	<b>(c) Science for regional ocean governance;</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by the secretariat</li> <li>• discussion</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>17:20-17:30</b>	<b>Wrap-up of Day 1</b>

<b>Friday, 30 November 2018</b>	
<b>9:00-10:20</b>	<b>Agenda item 3: Possible elements for the African Strategy for Ocean Governance</b> <b>(c) Science for regional ocean governance</b> <b>(Continued)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion</li> <li>• Summary by Chair</li> </ul>	
<b>10:20-10:40</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>
<b>10:40-12:40</b>	<b>Agenda item 3: Possible elements for the African Strategy for Ocean Governance</b> <b>(d) Stakeholder engagement in Ocean governance</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by the secretariat</li> <li>• discussion</li> <li>• Summary by Chair</li> </ul>	
<b>12:40-14:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14:30-15:30</b>	<b>Agenda item 4: Next steps</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by the secretariat</li> <li>• Discussion</li> <li>• Brief summary by Chair</li> </ul>	
<b>15:30-15:50</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>
<b>15:50-17:20</b>	<b>Agenda item 5: Chair's summary</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the Chair's summary by Rapporteur</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>	
<b>17:20-17:30</b>	<b>Agenda item 6: Closure of the Meeting</b>