

*African Ministerial Conference on the Environment*

African Ministerial Conference on the Environment
Seventeenth session
 Expert segment
 Durban, South Africa, 11–13 November 2019

Annotated provisional agenda**I. Introduction**

1. In accordance with paragraph 1 of article 9 of its Constitution, the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) holds its ordinary sessions once every two or three years. An offer by the Government of South Africa to host the seventeenth session was accepted by the Conference at its sixteenth session, held in Libreville from 12 to 16 June 2017.
2. Pursuant to that offer, it was agreed that the seventeenth session would be held in Durban, South Africa from 11 to 15 November 2019. The session will consist of an expert segment, to be held from 11 to 13 November, and a ministerial segment, to be held on 14 and 15 November.
3. The Bureau of the Conference considered and adopted a provisional agenda for the expert segment of the seventeenth session, which is set out in document AMCEN/17/EGM/1. The Bureau also endorsed “Taking Action for Environmental Sustainability and Prosperity in Africa” as the theme for the session.
4. The secretariat has distributed an information note on the seventeenth session (AMCEN/17/INF/1). A complete list of the documents prepared for the session is provided in annex I to the present document.

II. Objectives and overview of the seventeenth session

5. The main objective of the seventeenth session is to provide a platform for African ministers of the environment to deliberate on practical strategies, plans and actions required to implement national policies and regional and global frameworks in order to achieve environmental sustainability and prosperity across the continent. The discussions at the seventeenth session will build on the focus of the Conference at its seventh special and sixteenth ordinary sessions, turning environmental policies into action and investing in innovative environmental solutions to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 of the African Union.
6. The seventeenth session of the Conference will address matters related to promoting the circular economy in Africa; the role of African ministers and policymakers as it pertains to policy implications and financing opportunities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in Africa; promoting the biodiversity economy and natural capital accounting in Africa; and advancing the blue or ocean economy in Africa.
7. Other matters to be addressed at the seventeenth session will include the preparations for the twenty-fifth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, due to be held in Madrid from 2 to 13 December 2019; matters related to the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); outcomes of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa; outcomes of the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; preparations for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity; and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and Pan-African Action Agenda on Ecosystem Restoration for Increased Resilience.

8. The Conference will be briefed on clean air, health and climate change in the context of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants; matters relating to science, research and observation, by the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology; the African Environment Partnership Platform; implementation of the Revised African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (Maputo Convention); and the preparations for the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa.
9. The session will also address matters related to the Conference, especially contributions by member States to its trust fund, engagement with other sectors and the implementation of decisions adopted at previous sessions of the Conference.
10. The expert group will bring the above matters to the attention of ministers, including by providing drafts of the declaration, decisions and key messages for consideration by the ministers.

III. Items of the provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the session

11. The representative of the President of the Conference, the Minister for Forests, Sea and Environment in charge of the Climate Plan of Gabon, will chair the expert group segment, while the representative of the Vice-President of the Conference will serve as Rapporteur. In the absence of either of those Bureau members, a Bureau meeting will be convened on the eve of the opening of the seventeenth session to take stock of the management of the Conference and decide which Bureau members present will be assigned responsibilities during the session, in accordance with the constitution of the Conference.
12. The Bureau of the Conference currently comprises the following members:
 - (a) President: Gabon;
 - (b) Vice-Presidents: Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia and Morocco;
 - (c) Vice-President and Rapporteur: South Africa.
13. The representative of the Vice-President of the Conference, South Africa, will deliver a welcoming statement, and a select number of partners will also briefly address the Conference. Representatives of UNEP, as secretariat of the Conference, and of the African Union Commission will also make opening statements, followed by the representative from Gabon, the President of the Conference, who will deliver opening remarks.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Election of officers

14. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Conference and its rules of procedure, the expert group segment will be conducted under the auspices of the Bureau of the sixteenth session. Accordingly, Gabon will serve as Chair, while South Africa will act as Rapporteur.
15. Subregional consultations will be encouraged for the election of the office-bearers for the biennium 2019–2021 to fill the posts of Vice-Presidents and Rapporteur representing North, West, North, East and Central Africa on the Bureau of the Conference. A breakdown of the office-bearers since 1985 (AMCEN/17/INF/2) will be circulated for use during consideration of this sub-item.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

16. The experts may wish to adopt the agenda and programme of work based on the provisional agenda (AMCEN/17/EGM/1) and the programme of work contained in annex II to the present document.
17. The expert group may wish to establish such working groups as it may deem necessary. The Chair will invite experts to join any such groups and to make their choices known to the secretariat by close of business on the first day of the meeting.
18. A representative of the secretariat will present the introduction, an overview of the objectives of the meeting and information on the working groups.

Item 3**Consideration of the report of the secretariat**

19. The secretariat will introduce a report on the activities of the Conference during the 2017–2019 inter-sessional period (AMCEN/17/EGM/3).

Item 4**Taking action for environmental sustainability and prosperity in Africa**

20. Recent AMCEN decisions and proclamations have been made to inspire individual and collective action by member States, stakeholders and other partners. In keeping with the strategic thrust of enhanced implementation, notable progress continues to be made at both the policy and operational levels. However, there is a need to scale up the implementation of the decisions of AMCEN and other relevant frameworks to enhance their beneficial impact and to ensure the environmental sustainability of the continent.

21. The seventeenth session of the Conference represents an opportunity for AMCEN to bridge the divide between decisions made and their impactful implementation. It is imperative to shift the focus of AMCEN to prioritize the impact of its decisions and pronouncements in driving socioeconomic transformation in order to achieve environmental sustainability and prosperity.

22. To introduce agenda item 4, a representative of the secretariat will make a presentation that will inform the context in which the related sub-items will be discussed. The secretariat has also prepared a discussion paper on the subject (AMCEN/17/3).

(a) Promoting a circular economy in Africa

23. In recent years, the concept of a circular economy has gained traction in the global arena. The circular economy represents an opportunity to promote higher levels of resource efficiency and to add value during the processing of Africa's natural resources.

24. The session is expected to deliberate on how to promote the scaling up of circular economy practices in the region to contribute to environmental sustainability across the continent. A short presentation on this agenda item will be made by the secretariat, which has also prepared a paper to elicit discussions on the subject (AMCEN/17/4).

(b) Promoting the biodiversity economy and natural capital accounting in Africa

25. Africa's extraordinary richness in biodiversity and ecosystem services and its wealth of indigenous and local knowledge comprise a strategic asset for sustainable development in the region. Africa has opportunities to fully realize the benefits of its rich biodiversity and to explore ways of using it sustainably to contribute to continental economic and technological development.

26. To make the case for the biodiversity economy, it is important to quantify nature's contributions to gross domestic product. The valuation of ecosystems and ecosystem services and the mainstreaming of natural capital into national accounts is critical.

27. The expert segment will be expected to come up with key messages on how Africa can foster the coordinated development of the biodiversity economy. A representative of the secretariat will make a brief presentation on this sub-item. The experts will have before them document AMCEN/17/5 to facilitate their discussions.

(c) Advancing the blue or ocean economy in Africa

28. The blue or ocean economy encompasses economic activities from marine and aquatic space in the oceans, coasts, seas, rivers, lakes, groundwater, wetlands, floodplains and associated water resources. Africa is endowed with a vast network of aquatic resources and an extensive and connected ocean. For three-quarters of Africa, the blue or ocean economy can be the engine of economic growth, if well utilized.

29. Despite the recognition that Africa's oceans are one of the richest environmental resources in the world, their importance as a source of income to steer the growth of the economies of African countries remains underappreciated. The experts will have the opportunity to engage in detailed discussions and to develop key messages on the steps required to advance the blue or ocean economy in Africa. A representative of the secretariat will make a brief presentation on this sub-item and the secretariat has also prepared a background paper on the subject (AMCEN/17/6).

Item 5

Climate change

30. Brief presentations will be given on the following climate change-related topics. The presentations are intended to introduce the topics, enabling a more detailed discussion during the working group sessions.

(a) **Outcomes of Climate Action Summit 2019 and preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

31. The 2019 Climate Action Summit convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations was held at United Nations Headquarters in New York City on 23 September. Major announcements by government and private sector leaders at the Summit boosted climate action momentum and demonstrated a growing recognition that the pace of climate action must be rapidly accelerated.

32. The twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will be held from 2-13 December 2019 in Santiago, Chile. The twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties is known as the “Time for Action” Conference of the Parties due to the need for all countries to expand their commitments to limit global warming.

33. Representatives of the African Group of Negotiators will provide a summary of the outcomes of the 2019 Climate Action Summit, and then provide an overview, analysis and progress update on climate change negotiations and on matters outstanding in the preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties.

(b) **Briefing on the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: clean air, health and climate change**

34. Short-lived climate pollutants, including black carbon, methane, tropospheric ozone and hydrofluorocarbons, are climate forcers whose impacts are many times more powerful than those of carbon dioxide in warming the climate and causing global or regional climate impacts, including harmful effects on the health and productivity of people, ecosystems and agriculture.

35. A representative of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition will make a short presentation on the African Integrated Assessment on Air Pollution and Climate Change, a programme aimed at addressing growing air pollution and its associated climate threats while promoting capacity enhancement and action to reduce air pollution, with a focus on short-lived climate pollutants. The secretariat of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition has prepared a briefing note on the subject (AMCEN/17/REF/4).

(c) **Briefing on scientific, research and observation issues by the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology**

36. The African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology is currently working with the World Meteorological Organization to improve the joint creation of sector-specific climate risk and impact indicators at the national and regional levels. This initiative will support the African Group of Negotiators on climate change, the 2023 global stock-taking processes and adaptation planning.

37. A representative of the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology will make a short presentation on this sub-item and its secretariat has prepared a briefing note on the subject (AMCEN/17/REF/2).

(d) **Policy implications and financing opportunities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in Africa: the role of African ministers and policymakers**

38. Since the adoption of the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in December 2015, African countries have made significant progress in the implementation of their nationally determined contributions. Despite the progress made, the creation of enabling policy environments to harness opportunities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions remains a challenge.

39. The session will engage in a constructive discussion to improve knowledge on appropriate policy requirements and financing opportunities, including in development finance, climate and green finance, private investment, and domestic resources for implementing nationally determined contributions across the continent. A representative of the Africa Development Bank will give a brief presentation on this sub-item. Information on this agenda item is set out in document AMCEN/17/7.

Item 6

United Nations Environment Assembly

40. Brief presentations will be made by a representative of the Africa Diplomatic Corps technical team based in Nairobi on the report of the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly; the status of the implementation of resolutions sponsored by the Africa Group and its engagement; and lessons learned and the way forward. A representative from the Governance Affairs Office of UNEP will make a presentation on the roadmap towards the fifth Environment Assembly. The related information is set out in document AMCEN/17/REF/1. The presentations are intended to introduce the issues to enable a more detailed discussion during the working group sessions.

(a) **Report of the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the status of the implementation of the resolutions sponsored by the African Group**

41. The fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly took place from 11 to 15 March 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya, organized under the theme of “Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production.” The Africa Group sponsored several resolutions that were adopted by the Assembly, including on addressing environmental challenges through sustainable business practices; innovations in sustainable rangelands and pastoralism; innovations on biodiversity and land degradation; the poverty-environment nexus; and the implementation and follow-up of resolutions and related activities of the Assembly.

(b) **Engagement of the African Group, lessons learned and the way forward**

42. The participation of Africa in the Assembly was led by the President of AMCEN, Gabon, and the AMCEN Bureau, in collaboration with permanent representatives based in Addis Ababa, Geneva, Nairobi and New York City and with the support of the AMCEN secretariat, which coordinated the work of the African Group of Negotiators. Burkina Faso and South Africa were elected as members of the Bureau of the Assembly representing Africa.

(c) **Position of the African Group on possible themes for the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly**

43. In its decision 4/2, entitled “Provisional agenda, date and venue of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly”, the Assembly requested its Bureau to define a theme for the fifth session in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives by no later than 31 December 2019.

Item 7

Other issues related to sustainable development in Africa

44. Brief presentations will be given on other issues related to sustainable development in Africa. The presentations are intended to introduce the topics in order to enable more in-depth discussion during working group sessions.

(a) **Outcomes of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, and their implications for Africa**

45. The fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, took place from 2 to 13 September 2019 in New Delhi under the theme “Restore land, sustain future” with a focus on achieving land degradation neutrality globally, in line with target 15.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals. The fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties provided an opportunity for countries affected by drought and desertification in each region to exchange views and experiences on activities to combat desertification, and to strengthen their cooperation on issues best dealt with at the regional level. A representative of the Africa Group will make a brief presentation on this sub-item.

(b) **Outcomes of the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and their implications for Africa**

46. The eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was held in Geneva from 17 to 26 August 2019. The Conference of the Parties adopted the CITES Strategic Vision post-2020, in which the Parties confirmed their collective view that CITES should be a leader in promoting transformative

change in wildlife conservation and management. A representative of the Africa Group will make a brief presentation on this sub-item.

(c) **Preparations for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the Pan-African Action Agenda on Ecosystem Restoration for Increased Resilience**

47. The fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will take place in October 2020 in Kunming, China. It is expected that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be adopted at the fifteenth meeting, marking a significant milestone in the history of international biodiversity governance. A representative of Egypt will make a brief presentation on this sub-item.

(d) **African Environment Partnership Platform**

48. The first meeting of the Africa Environment Partnership Platform of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency was held at the United Nations Office at Nairobi on 20 and 21 September 2018, back-to-back with the seventh special session of AMCEN. At the end of the meeting, the Partnership Platform adopted the official communiqué by acclamation, in which ministers made various agreements, including agreeing to support the African Environment Partnership Platform as a vehicle to promote the sharing of innovative solutions for environmental challenges in Africa. A representative of NEPAD (since 29 July 2019, the African Union Agency for Development) will make a brief presentation on progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the meeting.

(e) **Implementation of the Revised African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (Maputo Convention)**

49. The Maputo Convention came into force in 2016 after its ratification by the required 15 member States. The Convention needs to become fully operational in order to ensure its effective implementation. To that end, it is important to convene the first meeting of its Conference of the Parties as soon as possible. A representative of Burkina Faso will make a brief presentation on this sub-item.

(f) **Preparations for the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa**

50. The third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention is scheduled to be held from 12 to 14 February 2020 in Brazzaville under the theme "From decisions to action: working for Africa with a safe chemicals and waste future". A representative of the secretariat will make a brief presentation on this sub-item.

Item 8

Trust fund of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment

51. Contributions to the trust fund, and the interest that it generates, are in decline, rendering its situation unsustainable. The AMCEN Bureau has underlined the importance of all member States making their contributions as a way of demonstrating regional ownership and commitment. The secretariat of the Conference has continued to encourage member States to submit their contributions to the trust fund; however, very limited improvement has been observed in that regard.

52. A representative of the secretariat will report on the status of the general trust fund as set out in document AMCEN/17/8.

Item 9

Breakout sessions

53. The expert segment is expected to establish four working groups. The experts will be invited to join any such groups and make their choices known to the secretariat by close of business on Monday, 11 November 2019.

54. The first working group will deliberate on the contribution of AMCEN to action for environmental sustainability and prosperity in Africa; enhancing the circular economy in Africa; advancing the blue or ocean economy in Africa; enhancing the implementation of AMCEN decisions, including its draft work programme for 2019–2021; and the status of the general trust fund of

AMCEN. The first working group is also expected to work on the key messages, relevant decisions and elements of the proposed Durban declaration.

55. The second working group will mainly be composed of the African Group of Negotiators on climate change, and will work on updating the African common negotiation position and key messages in preparation for the twenty-fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The group will also look at policy implications and financing opportunities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in Africa and for the reduction of short-lived climate pollutants. The second working group is also expected to work on relevant decisions, key messages for the Conference and elements of the proposed Durban declaration.

56. The third group will deliberate on the biodiversity economy and natural capital accounting in Africa; the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity; the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; and the Pan-African Action Agenda on Ecosystem Restoration for Increased Resilience. The third working group is also expected to work on relevant decisions, key messages for the Conference and elements of the proposed Durban declaration.

57. The fourth and last working group will deal with issues related to the United Nations Environment Assembly. The group will consider other issues related to sustainable development in Africa, such as desertification, wildlife conservation and management; the Africa Environment Partnership Platform; the Maputo Convention; and the Bamako Convention. The working group is also expected to work on relevant decisions and key messages for the Conference and elements of the proposed Durban declaration.

58. The working groups will report to the plenary on their outcomes.

Item 10

Consideration of the draft declaration, decisions and key messages

59. A representative of the secretariat will present an overview of the draft declaration, draft decisions and key messages of AMCEN and will request that they be considered for amendment and adoption under the guidance of the Chair of the expert group segment.

Item 11

Adoption of the report of the expert segment

60. A representative of the secretariat will present an overview of the report of the expert group segment and will request that the report be considered for amendment and adoption under the guidance of the Chair of the expert group segment.

61. The Chair will invite experts to make comments, paragraph by paragraph. Only comments of substance will be considered and these must be submitted to the secretariat in writing.

62. The Chair will request that the report be adopted in principle on the understanding that comments by experts will be integrated by the secretariat into the final report, which will be produced in English and French.

Item 12

Other matters

63. Major matters of interest not included on the agenda will be discussed.

64. It is proposed that any Government that introduces any other matter should provide the secretariat with a copy of a background document for circulation during the session. An English version of any such text must be made available. Any draft decisions submitted by Governments should also be made available in English.

Item 13

Closure of the session

65. The Chair will invite the Director of the UNEP Africa Office of and the Director of the Department for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission to make their concluding remarks before declaring the meeting closed.

Annex I

List of documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Document</i>
Working documents	
AMCEN/17/EGM/1	Provisional agenda for the expert group segment
AMCEN/17/EGM/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda for the expert group segment
AMCEN/17/EGM/3	Report of the secretariat (2017–2019)
AMCEN/17/EGM/5	Africa's perspectives in the post-2020 biodiversity framework
AMCEN/17/1	Provisional agenda for the ministerial segment
AMCEN/17/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda for the ministerial segment
AMCEN/17/3	Action for environmental sustainability and prosperity in Africa: contribution of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment
AMCEN/17/4	Enhancing the circular economy in Africa
AMCEN/17/5	Biodiversity economy and natural capital accounting in Africa
AMCEN/17/6	Advancing the sustainable blue/ocean economy in Africa
AMCEN/17/7	Policy implications and financing opportunities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in Africa: the role of African policymakers
AMCEN/17/8	Status of the general trust fund of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment
Information documents	
AMCEN/16/INF/1	Information note on the seventeenth session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment
AMCEN/17/INF/2	AMCEN Bureaux 1985–2019
Reference documents	
AMCEN/16/8	Report of the ministerial segment of the sixteenth session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment
AMCEN/SS.VII/2	Report of the ministerial segment of the seventh special session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment
AMCEN/17/REF/1	Briefing note on the fourth and fifth United Nations Environment Assemblies
AMCEN/17/REF/2	Briefing on scientific, research and observation issues by the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology
AMCEN/17/REF/3	Briefing note on the Revised African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (the Maputo Convention)
AMCEN/17/REF/4	Briefing note on clean air, health, environment and climate
K1803172	Report of the Africa Environment Partnership Platform on the work of its first meeting
UNEP/BC/COP.2/11	Report of the Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa on the work of its second meeting
	Africa's Blue Economy: A policy handbook

Annex II

Programme of work for the expert group segment from 11 to 13 November 2019

Monday, 11 November 2019

<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
9 a.m.–9.30 a.m.	Item 1 Opening of the session
9.30 a.m.–9.45 a.m.	Item 2 Organizational matters (a) Election of officers; (b) Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
9.45 a.m.–10.15 a.m.	Item 3 Consideration of the report of the secretariat
10.15 a.m.–12 noon	Item 4 Taking action for environmental sustainability and prosperity in Africa: (a) Promoting a circular economy, green businesses and green financing; (b) Promoting the biodiversity economy and natural capital accounting in Africa; (c) Advancing the blue/ocean economy in Africa; (d) Enhancing the implementation of the decisions of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment.
12 noon–1.00 p.m.	Item 5 Climate Change: (a) Outcomes of Climate Action Summit 2019 and preparations for the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; (b) Briefing on the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants: clean air, health and climate change; (c) Briefing on scientific, research and observation issues by the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology; (d) Policy implications and financing opportunities for the implementation of nationally determined contributions in Africa.
1.00 p.m.–2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m.	Item 6 United Nations Environment Assembly: (a) Report of the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the status of implementation of resolutions sponsored by the African Group; (b) Engagement of the African Group, lessons learned and way forward; (c) Position of the African Group on possible themes for the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.
3.30 p.m.–5.00 p.m.	Item 7 Other issues related to sustainable development in Africa: (a) Outcomes of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, and their implications for Africa; (b) Outcomes of the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and their implications for Africa; (c) Preparations for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the Pan-African Action Agenda on Ecosystem Restoration for Increased Resilience; (d) African Environment Partnership Platform; (e) Implementation of the Revised African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (Maputo Convention);

<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
	(f) Preparations for the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa.
5.00 p.m.–5.45 p.m.	Item 8 Trust Fund of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment
5.45 p.m.–6.00 p.m.	Introduction of breakout sessions
Tuesday, 12 November 2019	
9 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Item 9 Breakout sessions
1.00–2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30 p.m.–6.00 p.m.	Item 9 Breakout sessions (continued)
Wednesday, 13 November 2019	
9 a.m.–11.30 a.m.	Item 10 Outcomes of the working group sessions (plenary)
11.30 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Item 10 Consideration of the draft declaration, decisions and key messages
1.00 p.m.–2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30 p.m.–5.00 p.m.	Item 10 Consideration of draft declaration, draft decisions and key messages (continued)
5.00 p.m.–5.30 p.m.	Item 11 Adoption of the report of the expert segment
5.30 p.m.–5.45 p.m.	Item 12 Other matters
5.45 p.m.–6.00 p.m.	Item 13 Closure of the expert segment