



MEDIA ADVISORY

Conference of the Parties (COP-3) to the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Trans-boundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa

12 to 14 February 2020, Centre International Conférence de Kintélé, Brazzaville, Congo Republic

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the secretariat of the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Trans-boundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa is organizing the third Conference of the Parties (COP-3) to the Bamako Convention from **12 February to 14 February 2020** in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo under the theme: ***From Decisions to Action: Working for Africa with a Safe Chemicals and Waste Future.***

The Bamako Convention was negotiated by twelve nations of the Organization of African Unity at Bamako, Mali in January 1991, and came into force in 1998. The objective of the Bamako Convention is to protect the health of populations and the environment of African countries through the ban on the import of all-hazardous and radioactive wastes, the dumping or incineration of hazardous wastes in oceans and inland waters, and through the minimization and control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes within the African continent.

The convention also aims to improve and ensure ecologically rational management and handling of hazardous waste within Africa, as well as the cooperation of the African countries.

While pursuing the objectives of the Convention, COP-3 will be a platform to discuss ways and means of ensuring that the continent moves from making decisions and acting on them, to rid itself of hazardous wastes and contribute to the achievement of a pollution-free planet. The Conference is also expected to discuss a roadmap for the transfer of the Secretariat of the Convention to the Republic of Mali.

For more information on the conference, please visit:

<https://www.unenvironment.org/events/conference/third-conference-parties-bamako-convention>

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