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## *African Ministerial Conference on the Environment*

### **African Ministerial Conference on the Environment**

#### **Nineteenth session**

Expert group meeting

Addis Ababa, 14–16 August 2023

## **Annotated provisional agenda\***

### **I. Introduction**

1. The African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) holds its ordinary sessions once every two or three years. An offer by the Government of Ethiopia to host the nineteenth ordinary session was accepted by the Conference at its resumed eighteenth session, held in Dakar, Senegal, from 12 to 16 September 2022.
2. Pursuant to the above, the nineteenth session will be held from 14 to 18 August 2023 at the Ethiopian Skylight Hotel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The expert group meeting will be held from 14 to 16 August 2023.
3. The Bureau of the Conference considered and adopted a provisional agenda for the expert group meeting of the nineteenth ordinary session, which is set out in document AMCEN/19/EGM/1.
4. The secretariat has distributed an information note on the nineteenth ordinary session (document AMCEN/19/INF/1). A list of the documents prepared for the session is provided in annex I to the present document and the programme of work is set out in annex II.

### **II. Objectives and overview of the nineteenth session**

5. The recent policy direction of the Conference is that a large focus of its work should support implementation. Hence, the focus of the nineteenth ordinary session is to strengthen collaboration among the various institutions and enhance implementation of regional and global environmental frameworks in order to address the environmental challenges facing the continent.
6. The session will therefore be held under the theme: “*Seizing opportunities and enhancing collaboration to address environmental challenges in Africa*”. The theme envisages scaling up of existing initiatives, taking advantage of new opportunities as well as enhancing collaboration and strengthening the role of those institutions that support implementation of regional and global outcomes.
7. The session will provide a platform for strengthening Africa’s collective engagement in the global environmental agenda, including in the various conferences of the parties of environmental agreements, the United Nations Environment Assembly and other multilateral processes related to combating climate change, desertification, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution, among others, and ensure that the region is not only able to address the challenges in these areas but also seizes emerging opportunities for sustainable development of the continent.
8. The nineteenth ordinary session will be an opportunity for ministers to provide policy guidance for upcoming key environmental events, including the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the

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Africa Climate Summit; the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme; Africa's participation in the development of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution; Africa's preparations for the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; preparations for the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management; and how Africa will respond to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

9. The session will also aim to further strengthen the work of the Conference in its contribution to the region's environment and sustainable development agenda. This includes addressing emerging environmental issues, enhancing collaborative efforts with partners and stakeholders, beefing up its financial base (Trust Fund of the Conference), and review of proposals to strengthen its rules of procedure, as was decided by the resumed eighteenth ordinary session, among other matters.

10. The expert group will bring the above matters to the attention of ministers, providing drafts of the declaration, decisions and key messages to ministers for their consideration during the ministerial meeting.

### **III. Items of the provisional agenda**

#### **Item 1**

##### **Opening of the meeting**

11. The representative of the President of the Conference, Senegal, will deliver a welcoming statement. A representative of the government of Ethiopia, the Chair of the Technical Committee, Africa Diplomatic Corps in Nairobi and Chair of the Bureau of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Economic Planning and Development will make brief remarks.

12. The representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme, as secretariat of the Conference, and of the African Union Commission will also make opening statements.

#### **Item 2**

##### **Organizational matters**

13. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Conference and its rules of procedure, the expert group meeting will be conducted under the auspices of the Bureau of the eighteenth session. Accordingly, the representative of the President of the Conference, the Minister for Environment, Sustainable Development and Ecological Transition of Senegal, will chair the expert group meeting.

14. The Bureau of the Conference currently comprises the following members:

(a) President: Senegal

(b) Vice-Presidents: Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mauritania and Sudan.

##### **(a) Adoption of the agenda**

15. The experts may wish to adopt the agenda based on the provisional agenda (document AMCEN/19/EGM/1).

##### **(b) Organization of work**

16. The experts may wish to adopt 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 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 an introduction, an overview of the objectives of the meeting and information on the working groups.

**Item 3****Consideration of the report of the secretariat of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment**

19. The secretariat will introduce a report on the activities of the Conference during the 2022–2023 inter-sessional period (document AMCEN/19/EGM/2). The aim of the report is to provide information to participants at the nineteenth ordinary session of the Conference on the status of implementation of decisions adopted by the Conference at its resumed eighteenth ordinary session, and of other activities during the reporting period.

**Item 4****Progress in the implementation of decisions of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment and consideration of emerging environmental issues:****(a) Africa Green Stimulus Programme**

20. The Africa green stimulus programme was developed and adopted by the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment as an innovative, African-led initiative to support the continent's recovery from the devastating socioeconomic and environmental impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The programme was adopted by the African Heads of State and Government at the thirty-fifth ordinary session of the Assembly of the African Union, which took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 5 and 6 February 2022.

21. The implementation of the programme has not been fully realized with the operational aspects of the programme still to be fully institutionalized within the African Union Development Agency, including the integration of the initiatives that have expressed their interest to join the stimulus programme.

22. A representative from South Africa will give a brief presentation on the status of the programme and proposals to revitalize the programme.

**(b) African Forum of Environment Protection Agencies**

23. The resumed eighteenth ordinary session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, in Decision 18/1, agreed to establish a forum that brings together heads of environment protection agencies in Africa.

24. The Africa Office of the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the Rwanda Environment Management Authority, hosted the first formal roundtable meeting for the Africa Forum of Environment Protection Agencies in Kigali, Rwanda, 7 to 8 March 2023.

25. The objective of the meeting was to discuss and agree on the nature, structure and operational modalities of the forum of environment protection agencies in Africa and establish a common framework for scaling up science-policy interface, to address environmental challenges in Africa.

26. A representative of Gabon will deliver a brief presentation on the matter. The secretariat has also prepared a background note on the subject, document AMCEN/19/EGM/3.

**(c) Critical minerals and their role in energy transitions in Africa**

27. Critical minerals, also known as strategic minerals or rare earth elements, are essential raw materials used in various industries, including renewable energy technologies. They play a crucial role in enabling the transition to a cleaner and more sustainable energy system.

28. Africa is already a major producer of several critical minerals, including cobalt, copper, lithium, and rare earth elements. The growth of the clean energy sector in Africa is expected to drive demand for critical minerals. This presents a major opportunity for Africa, which is well-positioned to become a major supplier of these essential minerals.

29. The growing demand for critical minerals and metals due to global trends in population growth, urbanization, and low-carbon energy poses both challenges and opportunities for sustainable development in Africa. This calls for an understanding of the continent's resource availability for evidence-based policy formulation, planning, and implementation.

30. A representative of the secretariat will deliver a brief presentation on the matter. The secretariat has also prepared a background note on the subject, document AMCEN/19/EGM/4.

**(d) Phasing out of open burning of waste in Africa**

31. During the resumed eighteenth ordinary session of the Conference, member states, through decision 18/1(b) committed to reducing open dumping and burning of waste in Africa and to promote the use of waste as a resource for value and job creation so as to build more inclusive and sustainable economies. The decision included key actions that need to be taken by African countries and development partners. It also called for the establishment of a multistakeholder partnership for elimination of open burning of waste in Africa.

32. The multi-stakeholder partnership for the elimination of open burning of waste in Africa that would serve as a key implementation vehicle for the decision was officially launched at the twenty-seventh conference of the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Sharm el Sheikh in November 2022. The overall objective of the multi stakeholder partnership on open burning of waste is to galvanize collective action for sixty per cent reduction of open burning of waste by 2030 and full elimination of open burning of waste in Africa by 2040.

33. A representative of the Urban Cities and Local Governments of Africa will give a short presentation on the progress made in implementing the decision of the Conference.

**(e) Africa Environment Partnership Platform**

34. The seventeenth ordinary session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment held in Durban in November 2019 welcomed the establishment of the Africa Environment Partnership Platform portal as a mechanism to support decision-making on, monitor implementation of and track progress in Africa's sustainable use of its environmental resources.

35. The session also requested member States and regional institutions to work closely with the African Union Development Agency and the African Union Commission and provide the needed technical and financial support for, and participate in, the multi-stakeholder Africa Environment Partnership Platform and provide the requisite data to enrich the geospatial portal.

36. A representative of the African Union Development Agency will give a short presentation on the progress made in implementing this initiative.

**(f) Collaboration with African ministers of finance and economic planning**

37. At its resumed eighteenth ordinary session, the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment agreed to engage with the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development with a view to accelerating sustainable, long-term formal collaboration that would ensure impactful and innovative socio-economic and environmental transformation in Africa.

38. The session requested the secretariat to engage with the secretariat of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the African Development Bank and the African Union Commission on collaboration with the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment.

39. Subsequently, the Conference of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development at its fifty-fifth session held in Addis Ababa in March 2023, committed to collaborate with the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment in forging collective efforts and actions to accelerate socio-economic and environmental development and green investments in Africa and the mobilisation of climate finance.

40. A representative of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa will provide a brief update on the efforts undertaken to operationalize the above decisions.

**(g) Circular economy**

41. The seventeenth ordinary session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, through decision 17/1(III) agreed to develop a regional programme to promote and scale up the circular economy and, in that regard, requested the African Union Commission, the United Nations Environment Programme, the regional economic communities and other partners to support that programme.

42. The decision also highlighted the need to promote circular economy through an integrated approach, which involves stakeholders, the development of policies, and research and development, and encourages and incentivizes private-public-and community-sector-driven green initiatives.

43. It also worth noting that the African Circular Economy Alliance has been established as a government-led coalition of African nations with a mission to spur Africa's transformation to a circular economy that delivers economic growth, jobs, and positive environmental outcomes.
44. A representative of the African Union Commission will provide a brief presentation on this matter.

## **Item 5**

### **Climate Change**

#### **(a) Africa Climate Summit**

45. The Africa Climate Summit co-hosted by Kenya and the African Union Commission will take place from 4 to 6 September 2023 in Nairobi.
46. The summit will bring together leaders from Africa and beyond: development partners, intergovernmental organisations, private sector, academia, civil society organisations, women and youth, to design and catalyse actions and solutions for climate change in Africa by providing a platform to deliberate on the nexus between climate change, Africa's development reality, and the need to push for increased investment in climate action globally, and specifically in Africa.
47. The summit aims to consolidate Africa's voice and craft a sustainable green growth blueprint for the continent. The outcome of the summit will be the "African Leaders Nairobi Declaration on Climate Change and Call to Action", guiding Africa's climate agenda and preparations for the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
48. A representative of Kenya will make a short presentation highlighting the progress of preparations, objectives and expected outcomes of the summit.

#### **(b) Preparations for the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

49. The twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will take place from 30 November to 12 December 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. It will be a milestone moment when the world will take stock of its progress on the Paris Agreement.
50. The first Global Stocktake will provide a comprehensive assessment of progress since the adoption of the Paris Agreement. This will help align efforts on climate action, including measures that need to be put in place to bridge the gaps in progress.
51. The Chair of the African Group of Negotiators on climate change will provide a summary of the outcomes of the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties and then give an overview, analysis and progress on climate change negotiations and update on matters outstanding in the preparations for the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties.

## **Item 6**

### **Africa's participation in the development of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.**

52. The United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme through resolution 5/14 on "End plastic pollution: towards an international legally binding instrument" called for international action by developing an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. The resolution requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to convene an intergovernmental negotiating committee.
53. The first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, took place in Uruguay from 28 November to 2 December 2022.
54. The second session which took place from 29 May to 2 June 2023 in Paris, France, concluded with a mandate for the Chair of the intergovernmental negotiating committee, with the support of the Secretariat, to prepare a zero draft of the agreement ahead of the next session which will be held from 13 to 17 November 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya.

55. The Chair of the African Group of Negotiators on plastic pollution will provide an overview of Africa's engagement and outcomes of the two sessions of the intergovernmental negotiating committee and then give an analysis and update on Africa's priorities, and the next steps in the preparations for the third session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee. The secretariat has also prepared a background note on the subject, document AMCEN/19/2.

### **Item 7**

#### **Preparations for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme**

56. The sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme will be held from 26 February to 1 March 2024, at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi, Kenya

57. The theme of the sixth session of the Assembly is "Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution".

58. A brief presentation will be made by a representative of the Africa Diplomatic Corps technical team based in Nairobi on the preparations by the Africa Group for its engagement at the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.

59. A representative from the Governance Affairs Office of UNEP will make a presentation on the roadmap towards the sixth session of the Environment Assembly.

60. The secretariat has also prepared a background note on the subject, document AMCEN/19/3.

### **Item 8**

#### **Preparations for the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management**

61. The fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management is expected to convene from 25 to 29 September 2023 in Bonn, Germany. It will be preceded by the resumed fourth session of the intersessional process for considering the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste Beyond 2020, which will convene from 23 to 24 September 2023.

62. The International Conference on Chemicals Management undertakes periodic reviews of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, which is a policy framework to promote chemical safety around the world.

63. A representative of Angola will deliver a brief presentation on the matter. The secretariat has also prepared a background note on the subject, document AMCEN/19/EGM/5.

### **Item 9**

#### **Implications for Africa of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.**

64. The conclusion of the fifteenth Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity saw the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The framework consists of global targets to be achieved by 2030 and beyond to safeguard and sustainably use biodiversity.

65. With the adoption of the framework, accelerating action across sectors and society towards the realization of the goals and targets of the framework is urgent to address the key drivers of biodiversity loss and lift the nature agenda.

66. The Chair of the African Group of Negotiators on biodiversity will provide an overview of what the framework means for Africa as there is need for a better understanding of the implications of the framework for Africa. The secretariat has also prepared a background note on the subject, document AMCEN/19/EGM/6.

**Item 10****Africa's preparations for the sixteenth session 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.**

67. The sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and meetings of its subsidiary bodies will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 2 to 13 December 2024.
68. It will be recalled that the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties adopted 38 decisions, including on tenure, migration and gender, that highlight the role of land in addressing multiple crises. The Conference of the Parties called for accelerating the restoration of one billion hectares of degraded land by 2030 and to boost drought resilience.
69. The Chair of the Africa Group of Negotiators on desertification will introduce this agenda item highlighting progress in the implementation of the decisions of the fifteenth session and the expected steps in preparation for the sixteenth session from an African perspective.

**Item 11****Matters related to the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment****(a) Status of the general trust fund of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment**

70. The general trust fund of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment was established to provide financial support, wholly or partially, for the functioning of the organs of the Conference and the implementation of its activities and to ensure a sustainable financial base for the Conference.
71. The Conference has, on several occasions, underlined the importance of all member States making their contributions in line with the decisions of the Conference. At the resumed eighteenth ordinary session of the Conference held in Dakar in September 2022, member states committed to make every effort to pay their contributions to the general trust fund. Despite this commitment, not much improvement was recorded during the reporting period.
72. A representative of the secretariat will report on the status of the general trust fund as set out in document AMCEN/19/4.
73. A representative of the secretariat will make a short presentation on the Environment Fund for the United Nations Environment Programme.

**(b) Review of the rules of procedure of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment**

74. The African Ministerial Conference on the Environment at its resumed eighteenth ordinary session that took place from 12 to 16 September 2022 in Dakar, Senegal, noted that the Constitution and rules of procedure of the Conference have not been reviewed since their adoption, yet there have been several changes in the policy, legal and institutional arrangements of the environment sector at national, continental, and global levels.
75. The Conference through decision 18/1(f) agreed that the rules of procedure of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment should be reviewed to identify areas that require revision in line with the Constitution of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment.
76. A representative of the secretariat will make a brief presentation on the progress made in the review the rules of procedure of the Conference.

**Item 12****Briefing on the seventh Assembly of the Global Environment Facility**

77. The Seventh Assembly of the Global Environment Facility will be held from 22 to 26 August 2023 in Vancouver, Canada. The Assembly is the governing body of the Global Environment Facility that includes representatives of all 185 member countries and is responsible for reviewing and evaluating the Facility's general policies, operations, and membership.
78. The seventh Assembly will be a critical stocktaking for 2030 goals to end pollution and nature loss, combat climate change, and propel inclusive, locally led conservation. It is expected to include

the launch of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, a new source of funding for protecting endangered species and their ecosystems globally.

79. A representative of the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility will deliver a brief presentation on the matter.

### **Item 13**

#### **Consideration of the draft declaration, decisions and key messages**

80. A representative of the secretariat will present an overview of the draft declaration, draft decisions and key messages to be forwarded to the ministerial meeting and will request that they be considered for endorsement under the guidance of the Chair of the expert group meeting.

### **Item 14**

#### **Other matters**

81. Other key matters of interest not included in the agenda will be discussed. 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.

### **Item 15**

#### **Closure of the meeting**

82. The Chair will invite the Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Office for Africa and the Director of the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment 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>  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Working documents</b>     |  |
| AMCEN/19/EGM/1               | Provisional agenda for the expert group segment  |
| AMCEN/19/EGM/1/Add.1         | Annotated provisional agenda for the expert group segment  |
| AMCEN/19/1                   | Provisional agenda for the ministerial segment   |
| AMCEN/19/1/Add.1             | Annotated provisional agenda for the ministerial segment   |
| AMCEN/19/EGM/2               | Report of the secretariat for the period 2022–2023   |
| AMCEN/19/EGM/3               | African Forum of the Environment Protection Agencies   |
| AMCEN/19/EGM/4               | Critical minerals and their role in energy transitions in Africa   |
| AMCEN/19/2                   | Africa's participation in the development of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment   |
| AMCEN/19/3                   | Preparations for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme  |
| AMCEN/19/EGM/5               | Preparations for the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management   |
| AMCEN/19/EGM/6               | Implications for Africa of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Fostering sustainable soil governance in Africa  |
| AMCEN/19/4                   | Status of the general trust fund of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment  |
| <b>Information documents</b> |  |
| AMCEN/19/INF/1               | Information note on the nineteenth session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment  |
| AMCEN/19/INF/2               | AMCEN Bureaux 1985 - 2023  |
| <b>Reference documents</b>   |  |
| AMCEN/18(II)/15              | Report of the ministerial segment of the resumed eighteenth session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment   |
| SAICM/ICCM.4/15              | Report of the fourth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management   |
| AMCEN/18(II)/5               | Collaboration between the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment and African Ministers of Finance and Economic Planning   |
| AMCEN/18(II)/6               | Phasing out of open burning of waste in Africa   |
| AMCEN/18(II)/12              | Outcomes of the fifteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification   |
| UNEP/PP/INC.1/14             | Report of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, on the work of its first session   |
| CBD/COP/DEC/15/4             | Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<br>African Union Commission Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2022–2032<br>Rules of procedure of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment<br>Constitution of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment<br>Report of Africa Regional Consultation on the Inter-governmental Negotiating Committee Process, May 2023, Accra, Ghana |

## Annex II

### Programme of work for the expert group segment on 14 to 16 August 2023

Monday, 14 August 2023

| <i>Time</i>                | <i>Description</i>   |
|----------------------------|--|
| 8.30 a.m.–9.00 a.m.        | <b>Item 1</b><br>Opening of the meeting  |
| 9.00 a.m.–9.15 a.m.        | <b>Item 2</b><br>Organizational matters:<br>(a) Adoption of the agenda<br>(b) Organization of work   |
| 9.15 a.m.–9.45 a.m.        | <b>Item 3</b><br>Consideration of the report of the secretariat of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment   |
| 9.45 a.m.–11.30 a.m.       | <b>Item 4</b><br>Progress in the implementation of decisions of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment and consideration of emerging environmental issues:<br>(a) Africa Green Stimulus Programme<br>(b) African Forum of Environment Protection Agencies<br>(c) Critical minerals and their role in energy transitions in Africa<br>(d) Phasing out open burning of waste in Africa<br>(e) Africa Environment Partnership Platform<br>(f) Collaboration with African ministers of finance and economic planning<br>(g) Circular economy. |
| 11.30 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.    | <b>Item 5</b><br>Climate change:<br>(a) Africa Climate Summit<br>(b) Twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change   |
| 12.15 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.     | <b>Item 6</b><br>Africa's participation in the development of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment  |
| <b>1.00 p.m.–2.30 p.m.</b> | <b>Lunch break</b>   |
| 2.30 p.m.–3.15 p.m.        | <b>Item 7</b><br>Preparations for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme   |
| 3.15 p.m.–4.00 p.m.        | <b>Item 8</b><br>Preparations for the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management  |
| 4.00 p.m.–4.30 p.m.        | <b>Item 9</b><br>Implications for Africa of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework   |
| 4.30 p.m.–5.00 p.m.        | <b>Item 10</b><br>Africa's preparations for the sixteenth session 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   |
| 5.00 p.m.–5.45 p.m.        | <b>Item 11</b><br>Matters related to the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment:<br>(a) Status of the general trust fund of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment<br>(b) Environment Fund for the United Nations Environment Programme  |

| <i>Time</i>         | <i>Description</i>  |
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|                     | (c) Review of the rules of procedure of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment                       |
|                     | (d) Consideration of the membership of the incoming Bureau of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment |
| 5.45 p.m.–6.00 p.m. | <b>Item 12</b><br>Briefing on the Seventh Assembly of the Global Environment Facility                               |

### **Tuesday, 15 August 2023**

| <i>Time</i>                | <i>Description</i>          |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 9 a.m.–1.00 p.m.           | Breakout sessions           |
| <b>1.00 p.m.–2.30 p.m.</b> | <b>Lunch break</b>          |
| 2.30 p.m.–6.00 p.m.        | Breakout sessions continued |

### **Wednesday, 16 August 2023**

| <i>Time</i>                | <i>Description</i>   |
|----------------------------|--|
| 9 a.m.–11.30 a.m.          | Outcomes of the working group sessions (plenary)   |
| 11.30 a.m.–1.00 p.m.       | <b>Item 13</b><br>Consideration of the draft declaration, decisions and key messages         |
| <b>1.00 p.m.–2.30 p.m.</b> | <b>Break</b>   |
| 2.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m.        | <b>Item 13 (cont.)</b><br>Consideration of the draft declaration, decisions and key messages |
| 4.30 p.m.–5.00 p.m.        | <b>Item 14</b><br>Other matters  |
| 5.00 p.m.                  | <b>Item 15</b><br>Closure of the meeting   |