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Brazzaville, Congo
Ministerial Segment
14 February 2020

Scenario Note for the High-level segment

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This scenario note describes arrangements for the conduct of, and thereby aims at assisting participants in preparing for, and participating in the High-Level Segment.

II. GENERAL OBJECTIVE

2. The general objective of the High-Level Segment is to provide an interactive, dynamic and inclusive platform for ministers and other high-level delegates to exchange experiences, and to provide political leadership for renewed commitment towards the full and effective implementation of the Bamako convention. In doing so, the High-Level Segment aims to raise political awareness of, and support for the Convention, as well as promote a dialogue among ministers, and between ministers and other high-level delegates.

III. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

3. The objectives of the high-level segment are:
 - (a) To provide overall policy guidance and political leadership for renewed commitment to the implementation of the Bamako convention;
 - (b) To raise political awareness of and support for the implementation of the convention;
 - (c) To provide an interactive and dynamic platform for ministers and other high-level delegates to exchange experiences, lessons learned and good practices.

IV. ORGANISATION OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

4. The high-level segment will take place at the Kintele Conference Centre on Friday 14 February 2020, from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm. In addition, a ministerial dinner will take place on the evening of 14 February starting from 9:00 pm (UNEP/BC/COP.3/INF/5).
5. The High-level segment will comprise of plenary sessions open to all participants, and closed ministerial roundtables for ministers and their experts, deputy ministers, ambassadors and other high-level delegates (UNEP/BC/COP.3/INF/5).

6. The Secretariat has prepared a background document (UNEP/BC/COP.3/15) including guiding questions to provide relevant materials to participating ministers, deputy ministers, ambassadors and other high-level delegates. This document will be posted on the Bamako Convention' webpage, <https://www.unenvironment.org/events/conference/third-conference-parties-bamako-convention>

V. SCHEDULE OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT (UNEP/BC/COP.3/INF/4)

7. **From 08:45 to 09:00** - CURTAIN RAISING (Plenary room). Delegates will be welcomed by the Master of Ceremony and enjoy performance of music and dances by Congolese artists.
8. **From 9:00 to 9:45** - SESSION 1 – OPENING OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT (Plenary room) – Opening remarks will be made by representatives of the host country and other dignitaries.
9. **From 09:45 to 10:10** – Ministerial photo (tearoom) - Ministers, deputy ministers, ambassadors and other high-level delegates will take a group photo during the tea break.
10. **From 10:10 to 12:30** - SESSION 2 – REVIEW OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE EXPERT SEGMENT (Plenary room). The session will start with National Statements made by the Parties to the Bamako convention. Ministers may wish to use the opportunity of the High-Level Segment to announce any relevant national pledges or commitments. After this sequence the outcomes of the Experts segment will be presented by the Chair of this segment. The ministers from the Parties to the Bamako will review, discuss and adopt the draft decisions emanating from the Experts segment.
11. **From 12:30 to 13:30** – Lunch break
12. **From 13:30 to 15:15** - SESSION 3 – MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLES (breakout sessions) -

Two round-table discussions will take place simultaneously and will be organized according to language preference as no interpretation will be provided. Ministers, deputy ministers and ambassadors will focus their discussions on the following themes:

- (i) Preventing unwanted export to Africa of hazardous chemicals and waste from outside the continent.
- (ii) Promoting sound management of waste produced within the continent.

The round-table discussions are intended to encourage an open exchange of views and experiences between participants and will not involve negotiations or decision-making on any of the items on the agendas of the COP 3 meeting.

For each roundtable, the ministers will designate between themselves a Moderator to facilitate the discussion and Secretariat staff members will be present to assist the proceedings. In order to prepare the summary of key messages from each roundtable, the secretariat staff assisting the roundtable, under the authority of its respective Moderator, will take notes and capture key messages emerging from the round-table discussions. The key messages will be presented by the Moderator during the plenary session at 15:30.

13. **From 15:15 to 15:30** – Tea break
14. **From 15:30 to 17:00** – SESSION 4 – REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLES (Plenary room)

The moderators of the respective ministerial roundtables will give the summary of key messages emerging from their discussions. A general discussion will follow and all interested participants in the Plenary will be invited to take the floor. The Secretariat will take notes and produce a consolidated summary report of the discussions, under the authority of the President of the COP.

15. **From 17:00 to 17:30** SESSION 5 – CLOSING CEREMONY (Plenary room) - It is expected that the meeting will be closed by H.E. The Prime Minister of Congo by 17:30.
16. **From 21:00** -MINISTERIAL DINNER – The Government of Congo is kindly hosting a ministerial dinner in the evening. Invitations to the dinner will be distributed during the meetings.