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**First Bureau Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the
Convention on Cooperation for the Protection,
Management and Development of the Marine Environment and
Coastal Areas of the Atlantic Coast of the
West, Central and Southern African Region (Abidjan Convention)**

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 1st July 2019

**(IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABIDJAN CONVENTION COP12
DECISIONS)**

STATUS OF 2017-2019 ACTIVITIES

SECRETARIAT OF THE ABIDJAN CONVENTION

Abidjan Convention Secretariat

Report of 2017–2019 activities of the Secretariat of the Abidjan Convention

(Implementation of the Abidjan Convention COP12 Decisions)

Decision-/CP.12/1. 2013-2015 Programme of Work	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of goods and services • Management (projects) • Coordination of legal aspects • Information and Education • Cross-cutting and emerging issues <p><i>To support the process of developing the monitoring-evaluation system of the Abidjan Convention</i></p>	Secretariat and partners GRID-Arendal, USAID - WABICC, the MAVA Foundation, GEF, World Bank, IDDRI-IASS Potsdam, IUCN, PRCM, OSPAR Commission, Convention on Biological Diversity (CDB), BirdLife International, DOALOS, US-AFRICOM, etc.				
Decision CP. 12/2. Financial matters	Responsible party	Partner(s)			
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
Projects development and resources mobilization Preparing and distributing the 2017, 2018 and 2019 invoices Organizing field missions for debts collection Encouraging voluntary contributions from CPs Opening of a bank account in Abidjan to facilitate the operation of the Secretariat	Convention secretariat		U	U	U
Decision CP.12/3. Modification of the text of the Abidjan Convention	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
Governments to request the Secretariat to hold as soon as possible the meeting of plenipotentiaries for the adoption and signature of the aforesaid text. To circulate at least 6 months before COP13	Convention secretariat	Contracting Parties and other Regional Seas Conventions	D	D	D
Decision CP.12/4. The work of the Convention on the interface between freshwater, marine and coastal ecosystems	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
To encourage Governments to expressly request the secretariat to hold as soon as possible the meeting of plenipotentiaries for the adoption and signature of the ICZM protocol	Convention secretariat	Contracting Parties, PRCM, WACA-BAR, USAID-WABICC	Q3	Q1	

Decision-/CP.12/5. Sustainable management of mangrove ecosystems in the geographical zone of the Abidjan Convention	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
To encourage Governments to expressly request the secretariat to hold as soon as possible the meeting of plenipotentiaries for the adoption and signature of the protocol on sustainable development of mangrove ecosystems.	Convention secretariat	Contracting Parties, PRCM, WACA-BAR, USAID-WABICC, GEF-CFI	D	D	D
Decision CP.12/6: Environmental standards for oil and gas exploration and exploitation activities off the coasts of the States Parties	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
To encourage governments to expressly ask the secretariat to hold as soon as possible the meeting of plenipotentiaries for the adoption and signature of the protocol on norms and standards for offshore oil and gas activities.	Convention secretariat	Contracting Parties, MAVVA, IDDRI, WACA-BAR	D	D	D
Decision-/CP.12/7. Integrated coastal and ocean management policy	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
To request the secretariat, considering available resources, to organize vast regional consultations, to agree on a final version of the integrated coastal and ocean management policy to be presented for review and adoption at COP 13.	Convention secretariat	Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Grid-Arendal	X	X	U

Decision-/CP.12/8. Creation of the Guinea Current Commission by a protocol to the Abidjan Convention	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
To request the secretariat to prepare the draft additional protocol as soon as possible between 2017 and 2020, in order to create the Guinea Current Commission.	Convention secretariat	UNEP, GEF, UNIDO, FAO and UNDP	X	X	U
Decision CP. 12/9. Revitalization of the Action plan for the protection and development of the marine environment and coastal zones of the South-Eastern Atlantic	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
To urge the Secretariat to present the final updated version of the Action Plan at COP 13	Convention secretariat	USAID-WABICC, WACA-BAR, PRCM	X	X	NIY
Decision CP.12/10. Coastal erosion in the context of climate change	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
To ask the secretariat to engage in the implementation of the WACA programme and to exhort the Secretariat to undertake discussions with the World Bank Group to extend this programme to the other regions confronted with problems of coastal erosion.	Convention secretariat	World Bank, IUCN, UEMOA, AfDB, GEF, GCF	D	D	U
Decision CP.12/11. Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
1. To take note of the need to promote the search for additional follow-up, in accordance with international and domestic law, to enhance the ecological or biological information in areas under the jurisdiction of the Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention in order to facilitate the future description of marine areas of ecological or biological importance, based on scientific criteria or other relevant criteria; 2. To invite the Convention on Biological Diversity, Governments and other partner agencies and institutions to provide the secretariat with the financial and human resources necessary to strengthen the capacity of countries to achieve their regional priorities under Aichi Biodiversity Targets 6 and 11, in particular small island developing States, through the organization of regional or sub regional workshops on capacity-building for the identification of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas;	Convention secretariat	Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Grid-Arendal, CBD	U	U	U

Decision-/CP.12/12. Conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity for areas beyond national jurisdictions	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
			A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT		
To exhort contracting Parties to take part in and contribute to the process underway within the framework of the United Nations and, particularly, the proceedings of the ad hoc open-ended informal working group, in order to study issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdictions.	Convention secretariat	GRID Arendal, UNEP, IASS, IOI, DOALOS	X	X	U

Decision-/CP.12/13. Combat invading marine and coastal species	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
To urgently request States to cooperate with one another in exchanging information on fighting invasive marine and coastal species and to facilitate the rapid provision of assistance, such as a regional response on Sargasso invasions, comprising information and measures.	Convention secretariat	USAID-WABICC, UNEP, ECOWAS	U	U	U
Decision-/CP.12/14. Illegal trade, illicit trafficking, consumption and other uses of protected, endangered and/or vulnerable marine and coastal fauna and flora	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
To ask the Secretariat, taking into account the available resources, to organize vast regional consultations in order to agree on a final version of the action plan to combat illegal trade, illicit trafficking, consumption and other uses of protected, endangered and/or vulnerable marine and coastal fauna and flora, to be presented for review and adoption at the Thirteenth Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention.	Convention secretariat	USAID-WABICC, OCEANCARE, CMS, CITES, Grid-Arendal, Swedish Gvt	U	U	U
Decision-/CP.12/15. Sustainable management of lagoons	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
To request the secretariat to work out an action plan for the protocol on Land-based sources and activities (LBSA) that cause marine and coastal pollution, and to encourage it to establish close cooperation links with the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities for a synergy of action in the implementation of the LBSA protocol and of this decision.	Convention secretariat	UNEP/GPA/PRIVATE SECTOR	U	U	U
Decision-/CP.12/16. Marine waste	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
To ask the Secretariat and the partners to establish a programme to build awareness on the harmful effects of marine waste and the importance of confronting it, targeting relevant agencies and organizations of the region.	Convention secretariat and CPs	African Marine Waste Network, UNEP-GPA, IFC, UNEP, Env. Educ and Training Unit	U	U	U
Decision CP.12/17. Management of coastal cities	Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
			2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT					
To ask the Secretariat to develop and implement a regional initiative to improve the living conditions of coastal populations and report on it to the Thirteenth Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention.	Convention secretariat	World Bank, UN HABITAT and Adaptation Fund	X	X	U

Decision CP.12/18. Ocean energy			Timeframe			
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT			2017	2018	2019	
To ask the secretariat, taking the available resources into account, to organize regional consultations in order to agree on a final version of the action plan for the production and distribution of clean energy from the marine and coastal ecosystems, which will be presented for review and adoption at the Thirteenth Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention.	Convention secretariat	GPA, UNEP, IDDRI and CST	NIY	NIY	NIY	
Decision CP.12/19. Alliance of Parliamentarians and Local Elected Officials in support of the Abidjan Convention			Timeframe			
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT			2017	2018	2019	
To request the secretariat, in partnership with international organizations dedicated to the sustainable management of marine and coastal resources, to support the development of strategic documents establishing the alliance of parliamentarians, which will be presented for review and adoption at the Thirteenth Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention.	Convention secretariat	WABICC, IUCN, Network of Parliamentarian	U	U	U	
Decision-/CP.12/20. Transatlantic co-operation		Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
				2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT						
To request the secretariat to undertake consultations in order to study ways and means of setting up an ad hoc framework for environmental co-operation bringing together regions that share the Atlantic Ocean;	Convention secretariat	GRID, UNEP, IASS, DOALOS	X	X	U	
Decision-/CP.12/21. African forum on oceans		Responsible party	Partner(s)	Timeframe		
				2017	2018	2019
A) ACTIVITIES BY THE CONVENTION'S SECRETARIAT						
To ask the secretariat of the Convention to lead the brainstorming on this issue, involving the main players of the debate on active oceans on the continent and to report on this to the Thirteenth Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention;	Convention secretariat	GRID, UNEP, IASS, DOALOS	X	X	U	

ABBREVIATIONS: **D = Done** **U = Underway** **NIY = Not Implemented Yet**