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**Second Conference of Plenipotentiaries 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, 2 to 3 July 2019

## **PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

## A. MINISTERIAL/HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

TUESDAY, 2 JULY 2019

### 09:00 – 13:00 PLENARY SESSION

#### 1. Official opening of the Conference

The following annotations to the draft agenda were prepared by the Secretariat in order to facilitate the deliberations at the Conference. The meeting shall be held at La maison de l'Entreprise, Abidjan – Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. Prior to the official opening, UNDSS-Côte d'Ivoire shall make a presentation on security conditions and measures to be taken to ensure a secure Conference of plenipotentiaries. This presentation shall be followed by address of the Executive Secretary of the Abidjan Convention, Mr. Abou BAMBA. The opening address shall then be delivered by the Honorable Prof. Joseph SEKA SEKA, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Côte d'Ivoire.

#### 2. Organizational matters

##### (a) Election of officers of the meeting

In accordance with article 21 of the UN Environment (Ecosystems Division) Rules of Procedures ABC-WACAF/Conf.Plenip.2/Ref.3 the Conference shall elect its Bureau based on proposals made by delegations.

##### (b) Admission of observers

In accordance with the Rules of Procedures, the Executive Secretary of the Abidjan Convention shall invite international bodies, national governmental and non-governmental organizations to attend the Plenipotentiaries Conference as observers (a list of registered observers shall be proposed at the Conference).

##### (c) Appointment of officers to examine the credentials

In accordance with article 20 of UN Environment (Ecosystems Division) Rules of procedures/ ABC-WACAF/Conf.Plenip.2/Ref.3, the conference shall designate members of the Bureau to verify accreditations.

##### (d) Adoption of the rules of procedure of the meeting

The Conference shall examine the document titled UN Environment (Ecosystems Division) / ABC-WACAF/Conf.Plenip.2/Ref.3 Rules of Procedures for meetings and conferences of Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention, and shall adopt it as the Rules of Procedures of the second Conference of plenipotentiaries of Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention.

##### (e) Adoption of the agenda of the Conference

The draft agenda jointly prepared and finalized by the Secretariat and the Bureau of the Contracting Parties has been produced as UN Environment (Ecosystems Division) Document/ ABC-WACAF/Conf.Plenip.2/1. Subject to article 15 of the rules of procedures referred, the meeting may wish, if necessary, to adopt the agenda and the timetable in the Appendix to the present document, modified where necessary.

#### 3. Presentation of the protocols

- (a) **Dr Adrien COLY**, member of the Expert Group on Integrated Coastal Zone Management, will give a short presentation of the ICZM Protocol. His communication will focus on the issue related to coastal zone management with regard to climate change context.
- (b) **Dr Mamadou SOW**, member of the mangrove Expert Group, will present the Protocol on the Sustainable Management of Mangroves. He will focus on recalling the process and issues addressed within the protocol.
- (c) **Dr Jacques ABE**, Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology of the Abidjan Convention, will recall of the LBSA Protocol provisions and action for its signature.
- (d) **Mr Kojo Agbenor EFUNAM**, member of the oil and gas expert group, outlines the protocol and the action plan under development.

#### **4. Signature of the protocols**

##### **(a) Report of the credential committee**

The report of those who examined the accreditations shall be presented to the Ministers and their representatives. These officers shall have to ensure that the credentials of the delegates representing the Contracting Parties are presented in English, French, Portuguese or Spanish and, in accordance with the rules of procedure, that they are issued by the Head of State or Government, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, or by an official authorized by the State to accredit representatives to international meetings.

##### **(b) Signature of the protocols by the plenipotentiaries**

Plenipotentiaries whose accreditations are accepted by the Committee on Credentials will sign the various Protocols and the Final Acts of the Conference. This will end the Plenipotentiary Conference. Ministers and other representatives of the organizations will be invited to a press conference.