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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 AGENDA

A. MINISTERIAL/HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

TUESDAY, 2 JULY 2019

09:00 – 13:00 PLENARY SESSION

1. Official opening of the Conference

- (a) Statement of UNEP
- (b) Statement by the Secretariat of the Abidjan Convention
- (c) Statement of the Guest of Honor
- (d) Statement by the President of the Bureau

2. Organizational matters

- (a) Election of officers of the meeting
- (b) Admission of observers
- (c) Appointment of officers to examine the credentials
- (d) Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the meeting
- (e) Adoption of the agenda of the Conference

3. Presentation of the protocols

- (a) ICZM Protocol presentation
- (b) Sustainable mangrove management protocol presentation
- (c) pollution from land-based sources and activities protocol presentation
- (d) environmental norms and standards for offshore oil and gas exploration and exploitation activities protocol presentation

11 : 00 – 11 :30 Coffee break

4. Signature of the protocols

- (a) Report of the credential committee
- (b) Adoption of the ICZM Protocol final act
- (c) Adoption of the Sustainable mangrove management protocol
- (d) Adoption of the environmental norms and standards for offshore oil and gas exploration and exploitation activities protocol
- (e) Signature of the protocols by the Plenipotentiaries

5. Closure of the Plenipotentiaries and Conference Press Conference

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

B. High Level Panel on Ocean Governance

14:30 – 16:00

- 1. Panel on Ocean Governance

- HE Mrs. Arlette NONAULT SOUDAN, Minister of Tourism and Environment, Republic of Congo
- Abou BAMBA: Executive Secretary of the Abidjan Convention / UN Environment
- Commander Ali Kamal DEEN: Executive Director of the Center for Maritime Law and Security Africa
- Christian NEUMANN: Ecosystems Program Leader, Economics and Sustainable Development

Moderator: Angele LUH, Head of the UN Environment West Africa Sub-regional Office

16:30 – 18:00

2. Panel 2: Challenges of Marine and Coastal Resource Conservation to Climate Challenges and Oil and Gas Exploitation and Exploitation

- HE. Mme Paula Francisco COELHO, Minister of the Environment of Angola
- Dr. Johnson BOANUH, Director of Environment, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- Ahmed SENHOURY, Director, Regional Partnership for the Conservation of Coastal and Marine Area in West Africa (PRCM)
- Adewale ADELEKE, Senior Policy Specialist, West Africa Biodiversity and Climate Change (WA BICC)
- Romain SCHUMM, Researcher, Ocean and offshore oil and gas activities, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

Moderator: Dr. Abdoulaye Diagana, Senior Specialist for Partnership and Communication of the Abidjan Convention Secretariat

18:00: Closure of the high level Panel

WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2019

VENUE 1

C. MEETING OF THE ABIDJAN CONVENTION PARTNERS

09:00 – 13:00

1. 08h 30 - Registration
2. 09h 00 - 09h 30: Opening ceremony
3. 09h 30 - 10h 00: Presentation of the Abidjan Convention Secretariat Action Plan and Budget
4. 10h 00 - 10h 30: Discussion
5. 10h 30 - 11h 00: Coffee break
6. 11h 00 – 13h 00: Working session and brainstorming on synergies

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 17:00

6. 14h 00 - Restitution of the working groups session
7. 15h 30 - Way forward
8. 16h 30 - Closure of the Meeting

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VENUE 2

7. MEETING OF THE ABIDJAN CONVENTION FOCAL POINTS

9:00 – 13:00

- 1) Registration and Opening ceremony
- 2) Open discussions on the working relations
- 3) Payment of dues and arrears
- 4) Amendment process of the Abidjan Convention text
- 5) Establishment of a working group for the revision of the WACAF action plan

14:00 – 17:00

- 6) Roadmap for the revision of the WACAF action plan
- 7) Upcoming national consultation process for action plans development
- 8) Closure of the Meeting.