Thirteenth Conference of the Contracting Parties (CoP13) 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)

Virtual Meeting, 13th to 15th December, 2021

OCEAN GOVERNANCE
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

DRAFT AGENDA
A. EXPERT SEGMENT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021
08:30 - 13:00: Plenary Session

1. Opening Session of the Experts segment
   a) Statement by the President of the Bureau
   b) Statement by the Representative of UN Environment
   c) Statement by the Representative of the Government of Congo

2. Organizational issues
   a) Election of the Bureau of the meeting
   b) Onboarding of observers
   c) Appointment of the Credentials verification Committee
   d) Adoption of the rules of procedure of the meeting
   e) Adoption of the meeting agenda

EXPERT SEGMENT: DISCUSSION ON KEY ISSUES, REVIEW OF DRAFT DECISIONS AND RELEVANT DOCUMENTS


4. Report of the Abidjan Convention Secretariat) on the progress made in the implementation of the COP12 decisions (Abou BAMBA, Executive Secretary of the Convention)

5. Report of the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Science and Technology (Committee Chair)

13:00 - 15:00: LUNCH BREAK

15:00 - 18:00: Plenary Session

6. Review of draft COP13 Decisions by Parties
   a) Draft Decision CP13/1 on the implementation of COP12 decisions
   b) Draft Decision CP13/2 on the 2022-2024 Work Programme
   c) Draft Decision CP13/3 on Financial Issues
   d) Draft Decision CP13/4 on the amendment of the legal instruments of the Abidjan Convention
   e) Draft Decision CP13/5 on the development of an Additional Protocol on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)
   f) Draft Decision CP13/6 on the implementation of SDG14 in the countries of the Abidjan Convention
   g) Draft Decision CP13/7 on Ocean Acidification
h) Draft Decision CP13/8 on the Governance of marine and coastal areas within the Abidjan Convention

i) Draft decision CP13/9 for the adoption of a regulation or a Community law implementing regulation for the transposition of the Additional Protocols into national law

j) Draft Decision CP13/10 on the preparation of a report on the State of the marine and coastal environment in the Abidjan Convention area

k) Draft Decision CP13/11 on the collaboration with other regional seas conventions in Africa

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

09:00 - 13:00: Plenary Session

Review of draft COP13 Decisions by Parties (Continuation)

l) Draft Decision CP13/12 on the Blue Economy in the context of poverty reduction in Africa

m) Draft Decision CP13/13 on Marine Areas beyond National Jurisdictions (ABNJ)

n) Draft Decision CP13/14 on the creation of the Abidjan Convention Excellence Award on Sustainable Management of Marine and Coastal areas

o) Draft Decision CP13/15 on Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)

p) Draft Decision CP13/16 on Plastic Wastes

q) Draft Decision CP13/17 on the Youth Ocean Ambassadors Network

r) Draft Decision CP13/18 on the action plans for the implementation of the Additional Protocols to the Abidjan Convention

s) Draft decision CP13/19 on the collection, management and sharing of data and information (linkage with the Resource Center and the monitoring and evaluation System)

t) Draft decision CP13/20 on the proliferation of sargassum algae

u) Draft Decision CP13/21 on Vote of Thanks to the Government of Congo

7. Discussions and finalization of the Pointe Noire Declaration

13:00 - 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

8. Adoption of the report and recommendations from the Experts segment

9. A.O.B

10. Closing Session of the Experts segment
B. HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL SEGMENT

09:00 - 13:00: Plenary Session

11. Opening of the meeting
   a) Statement by the Executive Secretary of the Abidjan Convention
   b) Statement by the Representative of UN Environment
   c) Statement by the President of the Bureau
   d) Statement by the Representative of the Government of Congo
   e) Projection of the film on the Convention’s 40th anniversary

12. Organizational matters and adoption of the agenda


14. Report of the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Science and Technology

15. Report on credentials and full powers

16. Adoption of decisions

13:00 - 15:00: LUNCH BREAK

15:00 - 18:00: Plenary Session

17. Composition of the new Abidjan Convention Bureau

18. Date and venue of the forthcoming ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties

19. Adoption of the Declaration of Pointe Noire

20. Adoption of the Report of the Thirteenth Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention

21. A.O.B

22. Closing of the Meeting