Twelfth Conference 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, 27 to 31 March 2017

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
A. **EXPERTS SEGMENT**

**MONDAY, 27 MARCH, 2017**

**08:30 – 13:00 Plenary Session**

1. Opening of the experts segment
   a) Statement by the President of the Bureau
   b) Statement by the representative of the UN Environment Secretariat
   c) Statement by the representative of the Cote d’Ivoire Government

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 meeting

3. Workshop on Integrated Ocean Management Policies in Africa

   3.1 Mr Abou BAMBA, Executive Secretary Abidjan Convention: Introduction of the theme of the COP 12: “Integrated Ocean Management Policies in Africa”,

   3.2. Expert presentations
   (a) Mr. Tibor Vegh, Policy Associate, Environmental Economics Program, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University, USA
   (b) Mr. Lawrence P. Hildebrand, Head, Ocean Sustainability, Governance & Management Specialization, World Maritime University, Sweden.
   (c) Mr. Justin Ahanhanzo, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, Head, Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section, France.
   (d) Mr. Pierre Failler, Reader in Economics, University of Portsmouth, UK.
   (e) M. Sheck Abdul Sherif, Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia: ocean acidification in Africa and networking within Regional Seas Conventions.

13:00 – 15:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary Session**

3. Workshop on Integrated Ocean Management Policies in Africa (*Cont’d*)

   (f) Mr André Share, Head; oceans Economy secretariat and government’s Operation Phakisa. South Africa.
   (g) Mr. Louis-Léandre Eboba-Tsiba, Government of Gabon, Gabon.
   (h) Mr. Hazel Thornton, Assistant Programme Officer, Marine Programme, UNEP-WCMC, UK.
   (i) Mr Cisse Yacouba, International Law Commission of the UN, Abidjan.
   (j) Mr. Jeff Andrews, Environment Security Program, US-AFRICOM : (TBC)

3.3. Workshop conclusions and recommendations
3.4. Review and consideration of the Abidjan Declaration on Integrated Ocean Management Policies in Africa
3.5. Closure of the workshop

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2017

EXPERTS SEGMENT

DISCUSSIONS ON KEY ISSUES, REVIEW OF DRAFT DECISIONS AND RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

9:00 – 13:00 PLENARY SESSION

4. Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) on progress made in the implementation of the COP11 decisions.
5. Report of the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Science and Technology
6. Consideration by the Parties of the COP 12 draft decisions.
   a) Draft decision on the implementation of COP11 decisions
   b) Draft decision on the Programme of Work 2017-2020
   c) Draft decision on financial matters
   d) Draft amendments of the text of the Abidjan Convention
   e) Draft protocol on integrated coastal zones management

13:00 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00 – 18:00 PLENARY SESSION

6. Consideration by the Parties of the COP 12 draft decisions (Con’d)
   f) and Marine Integrated Management Policy (South Africa, Gabon, GRID Arendal & ABC Secretariat)
   g) Regional strategy Draft protocol on sustainable management of mangroves ecosystem
   h) Draft protocol on environmental norms and standards for offshore oil and gas exploration and exploitation
   i) Regional Coastal on marine and coastal invasive species
   j) Combating trade, illegal logging, direct consumption and other uses of endangered, threatened or protected coastal and marine species

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2017

10:00 – 13:00 PLENARY SESSION

6. Consideration by the Parties of the COP 12 draft decisions (Con’d)
   k) Coastal erosion and climate change
   l) Transatlantic environmental cooperation
   m) Establishment of a Network of Parliamentarians and local governments for the Abidjan Convention area
   n) African forum on oceans
   o) State of the lagoons and development issues
   p) Marine litter
   q) Marine and coastal urban planning
   r) Ocean energy potential of the Abidjan Convention area

13:00 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK
15:00 – 18:00 PLENARY SESSION

7. Consideration by the Parties of the COP 12 draft decisions (Con’d)
   a) Draft decision on the thanks to the government of Cote d’Ivoire
   t) Discussion and finalization of the Abidjan Declaration
   u) Adoption of the report and recommendations of the experts segment
   v) Any other business
   w) Closure of the experts segment

B. MINISTERIAL/HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 2017

10:00 – 13:00 PLENARY SESSION

8. Opening of the Meeting
   (a) Statement by the representative of the UN Environment Secretariat
   (b) Statement by the President of the Bureau
   (c) Statement by the representative of the Cote d’Ivoire Government
   (d) Statement by the guest of honour

9. Report of the Executive Director of UN Environment

10. Report of the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Science and Technology

13:00 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00 – 18:00 PLENARY SESSION

11. Consideration of draft decisions

12. Report on credentials and full powers

FRIDAY, 31 MARCH 2017

10:00 – 13:00 PLENARY SESSION

13. Adoption of decisions

14. Date and venue of the next ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties

15. Any other business

13:00 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00 – 18:00 PLENARY SESSION

16. Adoption of the Abidjan Declaration

17. Adoption of the report of the 12th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Abidjan Convention.

18. Closure of the Meeting.