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**First Meeting of the Bureau of the
Fourteenth Conference of Parties of
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)**

On-line, 30 July 2026

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

**MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE FOURTEENTH OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
(COP14)**

30 July 2026 (Online)

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

EXPERT SEGMENT (10:00–12:00 GMT)

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the President of the Conference of the Parties.

The Bureau will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat.

2. Programme of Work 2025–2027

2.1. Implementation of the Programme of Work and COP14 Decisions

The Secretariat will present a progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Work (2025–2027) and decisions adopted at COP14. The presentation will highlight key achievements, challenges encountered and priorities for the coming months.

Particular attention will be given to:

- implementation of COP14 decisions;
- regional efforts supporting ratification and implementation of the Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ);
- progress in the ratification and implementation of the Additional Protocols to the Abidjan Convention; and
- progress towards finalising the Additional Protocol on Marine Protected Areas.

The Bureau is invited to review progress, provide strategic guidance and identify priorities for the remainder of the biennium.

2.2. Preparations for Upcoming Global Conferences and Regional Events

The Secretariat will brief the Bureau on major international meetings scheduled between August 2026 and June 2027 and identify opportunities to strengthen the visibility and influence of the Abidjan Convention in global ocean, biodiversity and climate processes.

Briefings will be provided on:

- the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD COP17);
- the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP17);
- the thirty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP31);

- the first Conference of the Parties to the BBNJ Agreement; and
- the Sixth International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC6).

The Bureau is invited to provide guidance on regional priorities and political engagement in these processes.

2.3. Preparations for the Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15)

The Secretariat will present an update on preparations for COP15, including consultations with the Government of Namibia regarding the proposed timing of the meeting and the draft roadmap for its preparation.

The Bureau is invited to review the proposed roadmap and provide strategic guidance on the organisation and political preparation of COP15.

3. Financial Matters

3.1. Status of the Trust Fund and Financial Situation of the Convention

The Secretariat will present an update on the financial status of the Trust Fund, including contributions received since COP14, outstanding arrears, expenditure, and the overall financial outlook of the Convention.

The Bureau is invited to take note of the financial situation and provide guidance on measures to strengthen the financial sustainability of the Convention.

3.2. Measures to Improve the Collection of Contributions

The Secretariat will present proposals aimed at improving the collection of assessed contributions and reducing arrears, including enhanced follow-up mechanisms, bilateral engagement with Contracting Parties and possible repayment arrangements for countries with significant outstanding contributions.

The Bureau is invited to consider the proposed measures and provide recommendations for their implementation.

4. Report to the Ministerial Segment

The Bureau will review the conclusions and recommendations emerging from the Expert Segment for transmission to the Ministerial Segment.

5. Any Other Business

The Bureau may consider any additional matters raised by members, including the proposed date of the next Bureau meeting.

6. Closure of the Expert Segment

The President will close the Expert Segment.

MINISTERIAL SEGMENT (14:00–16:00 GMT)

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Ministerial Segment will be opened by the President of the Conference of the Parties.

The agenda will be adopted.

The President of the Expert Segment will present the report and recommendations of the Expert Segment for consideration by Ministers.

2. Programme of Work 2025–2027

2.1. Implementation of the Programme of Work and COP14 Decisions

Ministers will consider the progress made in implementing the Programme of Work and the decisions adopted at COP14 and provide political guidance on priorities for the remainder of the biennium.

2.2. Preparations for Upcoming Global Conferences and Regional Events

Ministers will consider the strategic priorities of the Abidjan Convention in upcoming global environmental and ocean-related meetings and provide political guidance on regional engagement.

2.3. Preparations for COP15

Ministers will review progress in preparations for COP15 and provide strategic guidance on the organisation of the Conference and its political priorities.

3. Financial Matters

3.1. Status of the Trust Fund

The Secretariat will present the financial situation of the Convention and the status of contributions.

3.2. Financial Sustainability of the Convention

Ministers will consider recommendations from the Expert Segment on improving the collection of assessed contributions and strengthening the long-term financial sustainability of the Convention.

4. Adoption of the Report of the Bureau Meeting

The Ministerial Segment will consider and adopt the conclusions and recommendations of the Bureau meeting.

5. Any Other Business

The meeting may consider any other urgent matters raised by members of the Bureau.

6. Closure of the Meeting

The President will close the meeting.