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Fourteenth Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP14)
to the Convention on Cooperation for 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)

Nouakchott, Mauritania, 21st to 23rd May 2025

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21		SCHEDULE
Experts' Segment		
I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS 1. Opening of the COP 2. Organization of the meeting 2.1 Election of the COP14 Bureau 2.2 Admission of observers 2.3 Report of the Credentials Committee 2.4 Rules and procedures 2.5 Adoption of the agenda		8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Coffee Break		10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
II. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS 3. Report of the UNEP Executive Director on the implementation of the programme of work 2025-2027. 4. Report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on the administration and budget of the Convention's trust funds. 5. Proposal for the 2025–2027 Programme of Work and Budget of the Abidjan Convention		11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Lunch		12:30 PM - 02:30 PM
III. THEMATIC AND STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS 6. Ratification and implementation of the Additional Protocols to the Abidjan Convention 7. Ratification and implementation of the High Seas Treaty - BBNJ 8. Global Biodiversity Framework Implementation Strategies – GBF 9. National Strategy and Action Plan for Biodiversity 10. Improving the cash-flow of the Abidjan Convention (closed session)		02:30 PM - 6:00 PM
THURSDAY, MAY 22		
Experts Segment (continuation 2/2)		
THEMATIC AND STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS		

11. Protocol on Marine Protected Areas 12. UNOC 3 13. Cooperation and partnerships with international and regional organizations 14. Presentations of the Abidjan Convention Regional Guidelines.	08:30 AM -10:30 AM
Working Group on the Functioning of the Convention 15. Financial matters and strengthening the functioning of the Secretariat (TBC)	
Coffee Break	10:30 AM – 10:50 AM
16. Plastic waste pollution	10:50 AM – 12:30 PM
Lunch	12:30 PM – 02:30 PM
IV. REVIEW OF DECISIONS 17. Consideration of draft decisions 18. Consideration of the draft declaration	02:30 PM - 04:00 PM
V. FINAL QUESTIONS 19. Miscellaneous questions. 20. Adoption of the report. 21. Closing of the Expert Meeting	04:00 PM -06:00 PM
FRIDAY 23 MAY 2025	
VI. MINISTERIAL SEGMENT 22. Opening Ceremony Ministerial Segment 22.1 Statement of the Executive Director 22.2 Statement by the President of COP14 (opening statement) 22.3 Declaration by Heads of Delegation 23. Adoption of the agenda	09:00 AM – 10:15 AM
Coffee Break	10:15 AM - 10:45 AM
24. Functioning of the Secretariat 25. Adoption of COP 14 decisions	10:45 AM – 01:00 PM
Lunch break	01:00 PM - 02:30 PM

26. Adoption of the Nouakchott Declaration 27. Date and venue of the next COP 28. Other business 29. Adoption of the COP 14 report 30. Closing of the meeting	02:30 PM – 05:30 PM
31. Dinner	08:00 PM