



Background Note and Provisional Agenda for the

Eleventh Meeting of Conference of Parties to the Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean Region

Contracting Parties

20, 21 and 22 August 2024

Background Information

The Eleventh Meeting of Conference of Parties to the Nairobi Convention (COP11) will be a platform to reflect on the progress made by Contracting Parties in protecting the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region since the last COP in 2021 and capitalize on opportunities to a) renew commitment for a multilateral process to take timely and effective action to protect, develop, and manage the WIO, and b) strengthen partnerships.

The COP11 meeting will be organized in two segments: Experts, Partners and national Focal Points meeting on 20-21 August 2024, and the Heads of Delegation meeting on 22 August 2024 in Antananarivo, Madagascar. At the Heads of Delegation meeting, Contracting Parties will review the status of implementation of the Convention's Programme of Work 2022–2024 and decisions, review and approve the proposed Work Programme for the period 2025–2028, budget and decisions.

Additionally, the COP11 agenda includes discussions and potential actions on several issues important to efforts to protect, develop, and manage the Western Indian Ocean, including:

- Ratification, accession, and implementation of the Amended Nairobi Convention and the Protocol for the Protection of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean from Land-based Sources and Activities.
- Regional water quality monitoring framework and establishing a Regional Task Force on water quality to enhance the management of marine litter and municipal wastewater in the Western Indian Ocean
- Implementation of the protocol on integrated coastal zone management
- Negotiations for amending the Protocol Concerning Protected Areas, Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region and its annexes
- Ocean Governance Strategy
- Implementation of projects and development of new projects
- Capacity building for the environmental management of oil and gas sector and activation of Regional Response Centre/s for response to oil spills
- Regional Marine Spatial Planning strategy for the blue and ocean economy



- Ecosystem Indicator Monitoring Framework for coastal and marine ecosystems
- Strengthening the Science-policy dialogue
- Partnership in the implementation of projects
- Strengthening the operational functioning of the Secretariat

Accreditation and representation

In accordance with Article 14 and 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Nairobi Convention, the credentials of representatives are to be submitted to the Executive Director before the opening of meeting which the representatives are to attend. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Contracting Party. Member States are invited to submit endorsed Accreditation forms by e-mail to chelangat@un.org and theuri.mwangi@un.org

The meetings will be convened in Antananarivo, Madagascar in two segments: a partners' meeting on 20 August 2024 and a national Focal Points meeting on 21 August 2024, followed by a high-level segment comprising of Heads of Delegation meeting on 22 August 2024

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Provisional Agenda

20 – 21 November: Experts Meeting (Partners & Focal Points)

- 1. Opening of the Meeting**
- 2. Organization of the Meeting**
 - 2.1 Rules of Procedure
 - 2.2 Organization of work
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda**
 - 3.1 Statements by Partners
- 4. Report of The Executive Director of UN Environment Programme on the Implementation of Programme of Work (2022-2024)**
- 5. Proposed Programme of Work and Budget for the Nairobi Convention for the 2025-2028 period**
- 6. Thematic Discussions**
 - 6.1 Programme of Work for 2025-2028
 - 6.2 Implementation of the Convention and protocols.
 - 6.3 Thematic strategies, frameworks, task forces and working groups of the Convention (ocean governance, water quality, ecosystems indicator monitoring frameworks, climate change, marine pollution, MSP)
 - 6.4 Collaboration, cooperation and partnerships for implementation and development of new projects and science-policy dialogues
 - 6.5 Strengthening the operational functioning of the secretariat and financial matters



22 August 2024: Heads of Delegation Meeting

7. Opening remarks by Heads of Delegation

7.1 Statements by Heads of Delegation

7.2 Election of Officers

8. Adoption of decisions of the eleventh Conference of Parties to the Nairobi Convention

9. Dates and Place of the Eleventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP12)

10. Any Other Business

11. Closure of the Meeting