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**Third Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention
on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of
Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes
within Africa**

Brazzaville, Congo
12-14 February 2020

**Scenario note for the meeting of the Expert Segment of the
Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention (12-13
February 2020)**

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The present scenario note sets out a proposal for arrangements for the conduct of, and thereby aims to assist participants in preparing for expert segment of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention.

2. The present scenario note was prepared in consultation with the president of the Conference of the Parties and is intended to be read together with the programme of the expert segment, the provisional agenda and annotation to the provisional agenda (UNEP/BC/COP.3/INF/1, UNEP/BC/COP.3/1 and UNEP/BC/COP.3/1/Add/.1). If agreed to by the Conference of the Parties, the meeting will take place as described below.

II. Organization of work

3. The two-days meeting will comprise 10 sessions for the expert segment (Wednesday 12 February to Thursday 13 February 2020). Please note this expert segment will be followed by a ministerial segment 5 sessions (Friday 14 February 2020). Please refer to document UNEP/BC/COP.3/INF/4 and UNEP/BC/COP.3/INF/5.

4. Each morning from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., the bureau may meet to, among other things, agree on the order of business for the day. The Secretariat will post the order of business of the day on the intranet site for the meeting.

5. The meeting will be paperless, and pre-session documents will be available on the website for the meeting.¹ In addition, all documents, including in-session documents, will be available on an intranet site created for the meetings. Participants are expected to bring their own laptop computers or other devices to access the documents. Technical support will be available on site.

¹ <https://www.unenvironment.org/events/conference/third-conference-parties-bamako-convention>

Wednesday, 12 April (start of the morning session): 10:00 – 13:00

A. Opening of the meetings

6. On the morning of Wednesday, 12 February, the President will open the meeting of the Conference of the Parties at 10:00am. Dignitaries from the host country and other high-level representatives will be invited to deliver their welcoming remarks. The Conference of the Parties will officially be opened by His Excellency the Prime Minister of Congo.

B. Conduct of Business of the Conference of the Parties

7. The Conference of the Parties will then adopt the agenda for its meeting (UNEP/BC/COP.3/1) and consider organizational matters and organization of work of the meeting (agenda item 3 (b) of the provisional agendas) on the basis of the tentative schedule of work (UNEP/BC/COP.3/INF/1) and the present scenario note.

8. The Secretariat will then introduce item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda, the election of officers (UNEP/BC/COP.3/2), providing information on all the elections expected to take place during the meetings. The elections are expected to take place during this session.

9. The Conference of the Parties will next consider the credentials of representatives (item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda).

10. Following the introduction on the matter of credentials, the Conference of the Parties will consider agenda item 5(b) on legal, scientific and technical. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will consider item 5(b)(i) on the new list of hazardous substances to be considered as hazardous waste and recommendations to review Article 2 of the Bamako Convention (UNEP/BC/COP.3/7). The Conference of the Parties will discuss these matters and may wish to establish a contact group to further discuss them and prepare draft decisions.

11. Following legal, scientific and technical matters-related issues, the discussion in plenary will focus on matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 5). This will cover (a): Strategic matters; (i) Status of ratification and/or accession of the Convention since the second Conference of the Parties (UNEP/BC/COP.3/3); (ii) implementation of decisions of the second Conference of the Parties (including transfer of the Secretariat to Mali and other decisions)(NEP/BC/COP.3/4).

12. The Conference of the Parties will consider: Agenda Item 5 (c) Financial matters (i) proposed scale of contributions of parties (UNEP/BC/COP.3/10), (ii) strengthening implementation and resource mobilization for the Bamako Convention (UNEP/BC/COP.3/12). It will also consider Agenda Item 5 (b) Legal scientific and technical matters (iv) technical assistance and capacity building activities.

13. The Conference of the Parties will then consider agenda item 6 on programme of work and budget (UNEP/BC/COP.3/11). Moreover, the Conference of the Parties will also consider agenda item 7: on venue and date of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/BC/COP.3/13).

14. The Conference of the Parties will discuss these matters and may wish to establish a contact group to further discuss them and prepare draft decisions.

15. There will be three side-events at lunch time.

16. The afternoon will resume with agenda item 4 on report by the Secretariat on the implementation of the Bamako Convention.

17. Following the report by the Secretariat, the Conference of the Parties will consider agenda item 5 on matters related to the implementation of the Convention: (a) strategic matters; (iii) Update on preparations for the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA); (iv) Identifying opportunities for enhancing the cooperation, collaboration and synergies with the Basel and other relevant conventions and frameworks (UNEP/BC/COP.3/5); (v) Identifying opportunities for collaboration with the Secretariat of the Strategic Approach for International Chemicals Management (SAICM) to promote the agenda of SAICM beyond 2020 in Africa (UNEP/BC/COP.3/6).

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18. The Conference of the Parties will further consider agenda item 5 (b) on legal, scientific and technical matters: review of the status of waste management in Africa (UNEP/BC/COP.3/9).
 19. Reception will be offered by the Government of the Republic of the Congo to the delegates.
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