

INPUTS FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP ON THE PROPOSED AHEG INTERSESSIONAL ROADMAP

- While the road-map has taken into account the existing situation it is important to note that we may live with the virus for a long time and online meetings will have its limitations. Online meetings should not be for decision making and hence we should start thinking about ‘restricted’ face-to face meetings. These meetings should comply with WHO/Health regulations.
- For the purpose of ensuring effective participation of all stakeholders in online meetings we propose that consideration should be given to:
 - Provide translation services to at least French language to allow delegates from North and West African countries to follow the discussions and contribute effectively to the meetings.
 - 3 time zones i.e. 3 similar meetings to accommodate the different time zones.
 - Use of a combination of platforms e.g. zoom, GoToMeeting, GoToWebinar and others
 - Restrict each meeting to one topic to allow for in-depth discussions. Where possible minimum duration should be half a day
 - Send a reminder to all registered participants at least 30 minutes before start of the meeting
 - Organization of separate Regional and Major Groups online meetings whose outcomes can feed into the Global Meetings
 - Make the sessions more interactive to allow participants to directly engage with UNEP secretariat on the various topics during the meetings/webinars in order to be more effective