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**Contracting Parties to the Amended Nairobi  
Convention for the Protection, Management and  
Development of the Marine and Coastal  
Environment of the Western Indian Ocean Region  
Ninth meeting**

Mombasa, Kenya, 30 and 31 August 2018

**Report of the Contracting Parties to the Amended Nairobi  
Convention for the Protection, Management and Development  
of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian  
Ocean Region on the work of their ninth meeting**

**I. Introduction**

1. In accordance with their rules of procedure, the Contracting Parties to the Amended Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean (Nairobi Convention) held their ninth meeting at English Point Marina, Mombasa, Kenya, on 30 and 31 August 2018.
2. The meeting was organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), which provides the secretariat for the Nairobi Convention, in collaboration with the host of the meeting, the Government of Kenya, and Seychelles, as outgoing Chair of the Bureau to the Convention.
3. The theme of the meeting was “Sustainable ocean economy for wealth creation”.

**II. Opening of the meeting**

4. The meeting was opened at 9.35 a.m. on Thursday, 30 August 2018, by Mr. Dixon Waruinge, Head of the Nairobi Convention secretariat, who welcomed participants and thanked the Government of Kenya for hosting the meeting.
5. Opening statements were made by Mr. Hamada Madi, Secretary-General, Indian Ocean Commission; Ms. Monika Gail MacDevette, Director, Ecosystems Division, UNEP, on behalf of the Nairobi Convention secretariat; Mr. Wallace Cosgrow, Minister for Environment, Energy and Climate Change of Seychelles, in his capacity as outgoing Chair of the Bureau of the Convention; and Mr. Keriako Tobiko, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Forestry of Kenya, in his capacity as representative of the host country.

**III. Organizational matters**

**A. Election of officers**

6. Pursuant to the election of officers at the eighth meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention,

7. In accordance with the rules of procedure for meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Convention, the Chair of the Bureau led the election of the new members of the Bureau. In accordance with their customary practice, the Contracting Parties elected the following members to serve during the intersessional period between the ninth and tenth meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Convention and at the tenth meeting of the Contracting Parties:

Chair:	Representative of Kenya
Vice-Chair (programme of work):	Representative of Madagascar
Vice-Chair (resource mobilization):	Representative of Mauritius
Vice-Chair (coordination):	Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania

The Government of Seychelles was elected to serve as rapporteur.

## **B. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

8. The representative of the secretariat introduced the agenda and programme of work, which had been circulated to participants in advance of the meeting, and the meeting proceeded on that basis. The agenda is set out in annex II to the present report, without formal editing.

## **C. Attendance**

9. The meeting was attended by representatives of all 10 Contracting Parties to the Convention. Representatives of partners, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations system organizations, non-governmental organizations and other groups also attended.

10. The list of participants is set out in annex III to the present report, without formal editing.

## **IV. Presentations**

11. At session 3 of the meeting, the Head of the secretariat presented a report by the Executive Director of UNEP, Mr. Erik Solheim, on the progress in the implementation of the Nairobi Convention through the programme of work for the period 2013–2017, focusing in particular on the period 2015–2017. At session 4, a representative of the secretariat gave three presentations: on the meeting of the technical experts, which had been held on 30 August; on proposed projects and projects under development; and on the meeting of the Project Steering Committee, which had been held at the same venue on 27 and 28 August.

12. At session 5 of the meeting, a representative of the secretariat gave a presentation on progress in the ratification 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; progress in the negotiation of the draft protocol on integrated coastal zone management; and the revision of the Protocol concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region.

13. At session 6, presentations were made by representatives of the following partners to the Convention: BirdLife International, Africa; Coastal Oceans Research and Development in the Indian Ocean; Consortium for the Conservation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems in the Western Indian Ocean; Indian Ocean Commission; Institute of Marine Sciences of the University of Dar es Salaam; Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; International Union for Conservation of Nature Global Marine and Polar Programme; Port Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa; Southern African Development Community; The Nature Conservancy; United Nations Development Programme; UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre; United Nations Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities; United Nations Human Settlements Programme; Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association; Wildlife Conservation Society; and World Wide Fund for Nature.

## **V. Launch of the publication *Western Indian Ocean – Marine Protected Areas Outlook: Towards Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals***

14. Mr. Lawrence Sisitka, editor and lead author of the publication *Western Indian Ocean – Marine Protected Areas Outlook: Towards Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals*, gave a presentation on the publication, following which several Contracting Parties expressed

concern that a number of French marine protected areas were overlapping or may have been double-counted in the coverage of the marine protected areas of other countries. The Contracting Parties therefore agreed that the launch of the publication would be postponed until a technical committee composed of representatives of the Comoros, France, Madagascar, Mauritius and the secretariat had been constituted and a meeting held to resolve the contentious issues.

## **VI. 2018–2022 programme of work of the Nairobi Convention**

15. The representative of Kenya, as the outgoing Vice-Chair in charge of the programme of work, gave a presentation on the draft programme of work for the period 2018–2022, outlining its mandate, principal activities and proposed budget.

## **VII. Plenary discussions**

16. During the plenary discussions on the Northern Mozambique Channel initiative, statements were made by the representative of the Comoros, to which a representative of the secretariat responded, and the representative of Mozambique. The secretariat made a statement on the forthcoming report entitled “Roadmap for the Conservation and Management of Sharks and Rays of the Western Indian Ocean”. The representative of Mozambique made a statement on the inclusion of water basin commissions and river basin authorities within the Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Protection of the Western Indian Ocean from Land-based Sources and Activities project.

## **VIII. Financial reporting**

### **Regional Seas Trust Fund for the Eastern African Region and Trust Fund in Support of the Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Eastern African Region**

17. A representative of UNEP gave a presentation on the financial management of the Convention, focusing on the following issues: the two trust funds managed by UNEP on behalf of the Contracting Parties; internal controls and the financial regulations and rules of the United Nations; and audit recommendations relevant to the Convention.

## **IX. Plenary discussions**

18. In the discussions following the presentation on financial reporting, statements were made by the representatives of France, Madagascar and Mauritius.

## **X. Adoption of decisions**

19. At session 13, the Contracting Parties adopted the following draft decisions: CP.9/1 on the work programme for 2018–2022; CP.9/2 on 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; CP.9/3 on management of marine litter and municipal wastewater in the Western Indian Ocean; CP.9/4 on development of a protocol on integrated coastal zone management; CP.9/5 on amendment of the Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region; CP.9/6 on ocean governance; CP.9/7 on developing and supporting implementation of projects; CP.9/8 on environmental management for oil and gas development; CP.9/9 on climate change adaptation and mitigation; CP.9/10 on marine spatial planning for the blue and ocean economy; CP.9/11 on development of marine protected areas and critical habitats outlooks; CP.9/12 on science-policy dialogue; CP.9/13 on enhancing cooperation, collaboration and support with partners; CP.9/14 on strengthening the operational functioning of the secretariat; and CP.9/15 on financial matters.

20. The decisions are set out in annex I to the present report.

## **XI. Venue for the tenth meeting of the Contracting Parties**

21. The Contracting Parties accepted the offer of the Government of Madagascar to host their tenth meeting in October 2020.

## **XII. Administrative matters, any other business and closing remarks**

22. The representative of Seychelles, as outgoing Chair of the Bureau, handed over to Kenya, the incoming Chair of the Bureau.
23. Closing remarks were made by the incoming Chair of the Bureau, Mr. Keriako Tobiko, and the Head of the Convention secretariat.
24. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Nairobi Convention was declared closed at 1.25 p.m. on Friday, 31 August 2018.

## Annex I

# Decisions adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Amended Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean Region at their ninth session

Mombasa, Kenya, 31 August 2018

## Preamble

*The Contracting Parties to the Amended Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean Region (hereinafter the Nairobi Convention),*

*Concerned* about growing evidence of coastal and marine environmental pollution, degradation and stress on critical ecosystems and functions in the Western Indian Ocean region, manifested by climate change, increasing sea temperatures, ocean acidification, coral bleaching and anthropogenic activities such as ocean noise and ship strikes, urbanization and infrastructure developments, overfishing, marine litter and mass tourism,

*Aware of* and appreciating the critical role of science and the scientific community in providing research and evidence-based understanding of the problems and development opportunities in the coastal and marine environment of the Western Indian Ocean region, and in that regard reaffirming decision CP.4/9 on the establishment of the Forum for Academic and Research Institutions in the Western Indian Ocean and decision CP.5/5 on the establishment of the Consortium for the Conservation of the Western Indian Ocean Coastal and Marine Ecosystems,

*Taking note of* new and innovative approaches and concepts in the protection of the coastal and marine environment, including the blue economy, blue/ocean carbon, mitigation options to minimize biodiversity loss and marine spatial planning,

*Recalling* global responses and commitments, including the Sustainable Development Goals, Aichi Biodiversity Targets, the blue economy, the Agenda 2063 strategic framework of the African Union, and ocean governance negotiations and processes, including in areas beyond national jurisdiction,

*Noting* the regional commitments made during the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development in June 2017,

*Noting also* the review process of the Protocol concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region,

*Determined* to intensify policy and management responses, both as a region and as individual countries, so as to combat coastal and marine environmental pollution and degradation in the Western Indian Ocean region,

*Appreciating* the collaboration between the secretariat of the Nairobi Convention and the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission in ocean governance and fisheries management in the Western Indian Ocean region,

*Taking note of* the report on the status of coral reefs in the Western Indian Ocean and the threat of reef decline from ocean warming and acidification, fishing pressure, human population growth and development in the coastal zone,

*Noting* the progress made towards the development of marine protected areas outlook,

*Acknowledging* the partnership between the Nairobi Convention and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to address the environmental challenges and opportunities posed by rapid urbanization, especially of coastal cities in the Western Indian Ocean region as articulated in “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, held in New York from 25 to 27 September 2015; Sustainable Development Goal 11; and the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016, entitled the “New Urban Agenda”,

*Noting* the progress made by the secretariat in establishing a partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme Global Programme of Action on matters of marine litter, waste and wastewater for the Western Indian Ocean, including the development of a regional action plan on the management of marine litter in the Western Indian Ocean region,

*Noting also* the progress made towards the finalization of the report on sharks and rays pursuant to decision CP.8/9, and commending the efforts of the partners responsible in that regard,

*Acknowledging* the potential threat to marine life arising from the impact of anthropogenic ocean noise and shipping activities in the Western Indian Ocean region,

*Decide:*

### **Decision CP.9/1. Work programme for 2018–2022**

1. *To adopt* the work programme for 2018–2022 and advocate its implementation by the Contracting Parties;

2. *To request* the secretariat to develop and support the implementation of priority areas, including the management of marine protected areas, taking into account marine and coastal biodiversity conservation and connectivity in the exclusive economic zones and adjacent areas, ocean governance, pollution from land-based sources and activities, climate change, including ocean acidification, environmental management for the oil and gas industry, growth of the blue economy, scientific research, fisheries management, marine spatial planning, integrated coastal management and the sustainable development of ports and harbours, and, in that regard, to invite partners, including the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund, the Indian Ocean Commission, the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association, the Forum for Academic and Research Institutions of the Western Indian Ocean region, the Consortium for the Conservation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems in the Western Indian Ocean, the International Maritime Organization, the Port Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa, the Global Resource Information Database Centre in Arendal, the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Coastal Oceans Research and Development – Indian Ocean, the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission, BirdLife International, Future Earth Coasts, the World Wide Fund for Nature, the East African Wild Life Society and the World Conservation Society to support their implementation;

3. *To request* the secretariat to develop a regional integrated programme for the full implementation of the strategic action programmes developed under the WIO-LaB project, the Agulhas and Somali Current Large Marine Ecosystems Project, the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission and the Climate Change Strategy for the Nairobi Convention area and their extension beyond the lifespan of the Strategic Action Programme for the protection of the Western Indian Ocean from Land-based Sources and Activities and the Western Indian Ocean Large Marine Ecosystems Strategic Action Programme Policy Harmonization and Institutional Reforms project, for the efficient and harmonized delivery of project outputs and outcomes, and to report on progress to the Contracting Parties at their tenth meeting;

4. *To request* the secretariat to report on progress on the implementation of the 2018–2022 programme of work at the tenth meeting of the Contracting Parties;

### **Decision CP.9/2. 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**

1. *To urge* the Contracting Parties that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Amended Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean and the Protocol for the Protection of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean from Land-based Sources and Activities to do so and, where necessary with the support of the secretariat, to initiate and expedite the process of ratification or accession;

2. *To encourage* the Contracting Parties to develop, strengthen and harmonize policies, laws, regulations, standards and institutional capacity, and to further enhance implementation of action programmes to tackle pollution from land-based sources and activities;

### **Decision CP.9/3. Management of marine litter and municipal wastewater in the Western Indian Ocean**

1. *To request* the secretariat, in collaboration and cooperation with partners, to develop a regional strategy or action plan or both on the management of marine litter and microplastics and the establishment of a marine litter regional technical working group in the Western Indian Ocean region;
2. *To request* the secretariat, in collaboration with partners, to develop capacity-building programmes on marine litter and microplastics, including microbeads, for a harmonized approach to data generation, monitoring and reporting;
3. *To encourage* the Contracting Parties to implement action programmes on municipal wastewater and to conduct outreach and public awareness activities on the impact of municipal waste and marine litter on marine species and their habitats;
4. *To encourage* the Contracting Parties to affirm their will to discourage plastic microbeads, take measures within their national capacities to consider phasing out their use in the region and promote the exchange of expertise, best practice and lessons learned;

### **Decision CP.9/4. Development of a protocol on integrated coastal zone management**

1. *To expedite* the finalization of the negotiations on the draft protocol on integrated coastal zone management;
2. *To request* the secretariat to organize negotiations to finalize the text of the protocol on integrated coastal zone management and to convene a Conference of Plenipotentiaries before the tenth meeting of the Contracting Parties to adopt the protocol;

### **Decision CP.9/5. Amendment of the Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region**

1. *To agree* to initiate the process of amending the Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region and the annexes thereto in line with the provisions of the Convention;
2. *To request* the secretariat, in collaboration with partners, to organize consultations and support the process of amending the Protocol Concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region and the annexes thereto, and to report thereon to the tenth meeting of the Contracting Parties;
3. *To request* the secretariat and the partners responsible to expedite the process of finalization and validation of the status report on sharks and rays, including the regional roadmap, and to report thereon before the tenth meeting of the Contracting Parties;
4. *To request* the secretariat and partners to develop a concept paper on mitigation options to minimize the impact of developments on biodiversity and the natural environment, with recommendations for consideration at the tenth meeting of the Contracting Parties;

### **Decision CP.9/6. Ocean governance**

1. *To urge* the Contracting Parties to work with regional economic communities, regional fisheries management organizations and other appropriate regional initiatives to implement the Cairo Declaration on Managing Africa's Natural Capital for Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication, adopted by the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment at its fifteenth session in March 2015; the 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union at its twenty-second session, held in Addis Ababa in January 2014, in its decision Assembly/AU/Dec.496(XXII); and the provisions of Agenda 2063 of the African Union on ecosystem-based management approaches for marine resources in the exclusive economic zones and adjacent waters; and to report on progress at the tenth meeting of the Contracting Parties;
2. *To request* the secretariat, in collaboration with the secretariats of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, the Convention for Cooperation in the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Atlantic Coast of the West, Central and Southern Africa Region and the Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment, with the support of the United Nations Environment Programme, to participate in and contribute to the

development of an African strategy on ocean governance in the context of Sustainable Development Goal 14 on conserving and sustainably using the oceans, seas and maritime resources and the 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy and Agenda 2063;

3. *To urge* the secretariat to work with partners to develop an ocean governance strategy for the Western Indian Ocean region that will contribute to the African ocean governance strategy;

4. *To urge* the secretariat and the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission to complete the formulation, validation and implementation of the project on "A partnership for ocean governance and fisheries management in the Western Indian Ocean region" and report on progress at the next meeting of the Contracting Parties;

5. *To urge* the Contracting Parties and the secretariat to move forward on the delivery of the voluntary commitments for implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 by considering the efforts made to date in that regard, such as the draft regional voluntary commitments action plan developed in Maputo in November 2017 by government representatives and stakeholders from the region;

### **Decision CP.9/7. Developing and supporting implementation of projects**

1. *To request* the Contracting Parties, the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund and other partners, as appropriate, to further support implementation of ongoing projects and agree to develop new projects or studies, subject to the approval of all Contracting Parties concerned, on the following:

- (a) The transboundary marine protected area between Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania;
- (b) The Northern Mozambique Channel integrated ocean management approach;
- (c) Sustainable fisheries management and biodiversity conservation of deep-sea living marine resources and ecosystems in the areas beyond national jurisdiction by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Environment Programme;
- (d) The conservation and sustainable exploitation of seamount and hydrothermal vent ecosystems of the South-West Indian Ocean in areas beyond national jurisdiction and collaboration in the management of activities in their adjacent waters by the International Union for Conservation of Nature;
- (e) Environmental management in the context of a rapidly developing oil and gas industry in the Western Indian Ocean region;
- (f) A collaborative partnership project to promote responsible ocean governance and fisheries management for sustainable blue growth in the Western Indian Ocean region;
- (g) The Climate Change Strategy for the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Nairobi Convention area;
- (h) The impact of anthropogenic underwater noise and shipping activities on marine animals and the prioritization of projects relating thereto;

2. *To urge* the Contracting Parties, in partnership with stakeholders, to develop and implement new transboundary initiatives for the management of shared resources;

3. *To request* implementing partners to provide progress reports on projects and initiatives at the next meeting of the Contracting Parties;

### **Decision CP.9/8. Environmental management for oil and gas development**

1. *To request* the Contracting Parties to support partnerships and resource mobilization in the regional capacity-building programme on environmental management of oil and gas;

2. *To request* the secretariat, in collaboration with partners, to implement the regional oil and gas capacity-building programme, with specific reference to resource and data management, environmental and social safeguards and management, safety management, revenue management, and technology development and research;

3. *To request* the United Nations Environment Programme and other partners to support the Contracting Parties in their efforts to enhance partnerships in developing and harmonizing regional mechanisms for compliance, monitoring and response in oil and gas activities;



4. *To invite* the Contracting Parties to take note of and consider for implementation, as appropriate, the reactivation of the subregional centre on combating marine pollution from oil spills and hydrocarbons, based in Madagascar, as was recommended by the Ministerial Conference on Maritime Security in the Western Indian Ocean, held in Balaclava, Mauritius, on 28 and 29 April 2018, and invite partners to support that initiative;

### **Decision CP.9/9. Climate change adaptation and mitigation**

1. *To urge* the Contracting Parties to take note of and support the Climate Change Strategy for the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Nairobi Convention area;

2. *To urge* the Contracting Parties to address the impact of ocean acidification, including through capacity development and the enhancement of scientific cooperation in partnership with research and academic institutions, regional monitoring and adaptation activities;

3. *To request* the secretariat to develop programmes and projects on the resilient blue economy and blue growth in the context of climate change adaptation and mitigation to support implementation of the Climate Change Strategy for the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Nairobi Convention area;

4. *To urge* the Contracting Parties to consider undertaking climate change vulnerability assessments of their urban coastal areas, including urban spatial planning processes, and consider working towards integrating marine natural capital;

5. *To also urge* the Contracting Parties to collaborate to establish contingency emergency framework plans for disaster risk management;

### **Decision CP.9/10. Marine spatial planning for the blue and ocean economy**

1. *To urge* the Contracting Parties to continue to advance blue and ocean economy approaches in the context of Sustainable Development Goal 14 as pathways for sustained incomes and economic benefits from natural blue capital, including fisheries, tourism, oil and gas development, offshore renewable energy and other maritime activities;

2. *To also urge* the Contracting Parties, within the framework of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, to cooperate with existing regional institutions on ocean governance and the conservation of marine biodiversity in adjacent areas beyond national jurisdiction, to build and develop area-based management tools, such as marine spatial planning, to promote blue economy pathways in the Western Indian Ocean region;

3. *To request* the secretariat, in collaboration with partners, to develop capacity-building programmes on marine spatial planning as a tool for sustainable economic growth;

4. *To also request* the secretariat, in collaboration with partners, to prepare a report on the feasibility, options and scenarios for the establishment of marine protected areas in areas beyond national jurisdiction and to report thereon at the tenth meeting of the Contracting Parties;

### **Decision CP.9/11. Development of marine protected areas and critical habitats outlooks**

1. *To urge* the Contracting Parties to support and promote blue ocean carbon schemes in the management and protection of critical marine and coastal ecosystems and habitats, including mangroves, sea grasses and salt marshes;

2. *To also urge* the Contracting Parties to promote and support monitoring of coral reefs for signs of stress or recovery and make appropriate management responses;

3. *To request* the secretariat, in collaboration with partners, to revitalize and strengthen coral reef networks and other critical habitat networks, including other collaborative arrangements across the Western Indian Ocean region;

4. *To request* the secretariat, working jointly with the Contracting Parties, to periodically prepare thematic outlooks on the state of the marine and coastal environment, including marine protected areas, and critical habitats such as coral reefs, seagrass and mangroves;

## Decision CP.9/12. Science-policy dialogue

1. *To urge* the Contracting Parties to promote a science-policy interface by holding regular dialogues between scientists and policymakers to exchange science-based information and to support the development of appropriate policies and innovative solutions to address current and emerging threats to the coastal and marine environment in the Western Indian Ocean;
2. *To request* the secretariat to enhance support for the science-to-policy platforms, including the Forum for Academic and Research Institutions in the Western Indian Ocean, and to review and expand the structure and scope of the Forum to include planning authorities and other relevant sectors;
3. *To also request* the secretariat and partners to convene regular science-policy dialogues;

## Decision CP.9/13. Enhancing cooperation, collaboration and support with partners

1. *To request* the secretariat to build broad-based strategic partnerships by enhancing existing partnerships and establishing additional partnerships for the development and implementation of the decisions of the Contracting Parties and the work programme of the Nairobi Convention, including the following:
  - (a) Shared programmes with one or more partners to support joint implementation of programmes;
  - (b) Partnerships with organizations that have a track record in providing solutions;
  - (c) Partnerships with organizations that will leverage funding and guidance to implement the work programme and with those that will invest in, support and implement the work programme;
  - (d) Partnerships with Governments, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations agencies;
2. *To agree* to establish additional partnerships, including with regional economic communities, such as the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, the East African Community, the Indian Ocean Commission and the Southern African Development Community; with the United Nations regional commissions; with regional fisheries management organizations, such as the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission and the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission, on sustainable fisheries management; with the Western Indian Ocean Coastal Challenge on matters of environmental assessment; with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, on the conservation of and trade in sharks and rays; with those responsible for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas; and also with the sustainable ocean initiative and capacity-building processes of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity;
3. *To invite* all the Contracting Parties and to request the secretariat to collaborate with the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association and other partners in the areas of capacity-building, implementation and sharing of experiences in integrated marine spatial planning in support of the blue economy;
4. *To encourage* the secretariat to continue its partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities in dealing with matters of marine litter, waste and wastewater for the West Indian Ocean region, and to report thereon to the tenth meeting of the Contracting Parties;
5. *To encourage* collaboration and communication between Contracting Parties and civil society, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, local government and municipal authorities in the implementation of the work programme of the Nairobi Convention to ensure its increased impact and commitment, with a view to harnessing the benefits of synergies and collaboration;
6. *To agree* to promote joint programming between the Contracting Parties, the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Economic Commission for Africa, partners, civil society and the private sector for the implementation of priority areas and mobilization of resources;

7. *To request* the Contracting Parties to form partnerships with the International Maritime Organization to identify and designate as “particularly sensitive sea areas” marine areas which are of significance in terms of ecological, social, economic or scientific criteria and are vulnerable to damage by international shipping activities;

8. *To request* the secretariat to collaborate with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and other partners to develop a regional action plan and road map to assist Contracting Parties to integrate the New Urban Agenda into coastal cities in the Western Indian Ocean region for the protection of the marine and coastal environment;

9. *To request* the secretariat, in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization, the Port Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa and other partners, to undertake a baseline study and scenario analysis, and develop a toolkit for green port development and expansion in the Western Indian Ocean region and report on progress thereon at the tenth meeting of the Contracting Parties;

10. *To request* the Contracting Parties to partner with the Consortium for the Conservation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems in the Western Indian Ocean to strengthen linkage between the Consortium and implementation of the strategic action programmes and the work programme of the Nairobi Convention;

#### **Decision CP.9/14. Strengthening the operational functioning of the secretariat**

*To take note* of the progress in the development of the analysis report on optimizing the secretariat functions, coordination and delivery of the Nairobi Convention, its protocols, action plans and programme of work, and to request the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, to consider and implement the recommended options and report thereon to the tenth meeting of the Contracting Parties;

#### **Decision CP.9/15. Financial matters**

1. *To commend* those Contracting Parties which have made their voluntary contributions to the Regional Seas Trust Fund for the Eastern African Region, including those that make regular contributions and those that have settled or reduced their arrears;

2. *To urge* all Contracting Parties to continue to make their assessed voluntary contributions in a regular and predictable fashion and to encourage those that are able to pay more than their assessed contributions to the Trust Fund, including partners, to make additional voluntary contributions to support the effective implementation of the work programme to enable the secretariat to scale up its activities;

3. *To request* the secretariat to explore various options to ensure sustainable financing for the Trust Fund, including considering investing \$2 million of the principal of the Trust Fund as an absolute minimum investment, based on continued efforts to recover arrears without increasing assessed voluntary contributions;

4. *To agree* that the Trust Fund should continue to be managed by the United Nations Environment Programme as long as the secretariat of the Convention remains with that organization;

5. *To urge* the Contracting Parties in arrears to communicate to the secretariat their preferred settlement plan, either by payment in full or by instalment to the Trust Fund;

6. *To request* the secretariat to invoice Contracting Parties annually for the current year’s contributions;

7. *To request* the secretariat to continue reporting on the status and use of the Trust Fund at the meetings of the Contracting Parties;

8. *To extend* the appreciation of the Contracting Parties to the United Nations Environment Programme and to request the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to provide support to the Nairobi Convention.

## Annex II

### Agenda and organization of work

Day one	Thursday 30 August 2018	
8.30 a.m.– 9 a.m.	<b>Registration of participants</b>	
9 a.m.–9.20 a.m.	<b>Session 1:</b> Welcoming address, opening remarks and organizational matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNEP</li> <li>• Indian Ocean Commission</li> <li>• Representative of host Government</li> </ul>	Secretariat
9.20 a.m.–9.40 a.m.	<b>Session 2:</b> Election of officers	Chair of the Bureau
9.40 a.m.–10 a.m.	<b>Session 3:</b> Report by the Executive Director, UNEP	UNEP
10.30 a.m.–11 a.m.	<b>Session 4:</b> Presentation on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the technical experts' meeting</li> <li>• Proposed projects and projects under development</li> <li>• Report of the Project Steering Committee meeting</li> </ul>	Chair of the Bureau
11 a.m.–11.45 a.m.	<b>Session 5:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress in ratification of the Amended Nairobi Convention and the Protocol on Land-based Sources and Activities</li> <li>• Progress in negotiation of the draft protocol on integrated coastal zone management</li> <li>• Revision of the Protocol concerning Protected Areas and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region</li> </ul>	Secretariat and Contracting Parties
11.45 a.m.– 12.15 p.m.	<b>Session 6:</b> Presentations by Partners	Partners
12.15 p.m.– 12.45 p.m.	<b>Session 7:</b> Launch of the <i>Western Indian Ocean – Marine Protected Areas Outlook: Towards Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals</i>	Nairobi Convention/Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association
2 p.m.–3 p.m.	<b>Session 8:</b> The 2018–2022 programme of work of the Nairobi Convention	Secretariat
3 p.m.–3.30 p.m.	Session 9: Plenary discussion	
Day two	Friday 31 August 2018	
9 a.m.–9.20 a.m.	<b>Session 10:</b> Recap of day 1	Chair of the Bureau
9.20 a.m.–10 a.m.	<b>Session 11:</b> Financial reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern African Trust Fund</li> <li>• Reserve Fund</li> </ul>	Secretariat
10 a.m.–10.15 a.m.	<b>Session 12:</b> Plenary discussions	
10.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	<b>Session 13:</b> Adoption of decisions	Chair of the Bureau
2 p.m.–2.30 p.m.	<b>Session 14:</b> Venue for the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties	Chair of the Bureau
2.30 p.m.–3 p.m.	<b>Session 15:</b> Administrative matters, any other business and closing remarks	Secretariat

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