

Provisional Agenda

First Meeting of the Bureau of COP11 of the Nairobi Convention

30-31 January 2025

Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania

1. Background

The Nairobi Convention serves as a critical framework for the protection, management, and development of the marine and coastal environment in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region. The Nairobi Convention's work is supported by a Bureau composed of representatives from member states, the terms of Reference of the Bureau of the Nairobi Convention were developed at the [first COP of the Convention](#). The Bureau assists in the general conduct of the business of the Conference of Parties and serves in that capacity at any intervening extraordinary meeting or Conference of Parties. The Bureau reviews and evaluates the progress of implementation of the Nairobi Convention between ordinary meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Nairobi Convention. As the Convention's scope and complexity expand, there is a need to equip bureau members with an understanding of the mandates, roles, protocols, and ongoing and emerging issues related to sustainable ocean governance.

In accordance with the rules of procedure for meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Convention and their customary practice, the Contracting Parties elected the following members to serve as the Bureau of the Nairobi Convention during the intersessional period between the eleventh and twelve meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Convention:

President: United Republic of Tanzania

Vice President (Programme of Work): Mauritius

Vice President (Resource Mobilisation): Republic of South Africa

Vice President (Coordination): Somalia

Rapporteur: Madagascar

The first meeting of COP11 Bureau will also be attended by National Focal Points to the Nairobi Convention to familiarize them with the Convention's operational processes, governance structures, and strategic priorities. This initiative aligns with recent decisions adopted during COP11 in Antananarivo in August 2024, particularly in addressing the strengthening of governance frameworks and capacity building.

2. Objectives of the meeting

The meeting of COP11 Bureau is designed to:

- Equip Bureau members with tools for effective decision-making and engagement processes.
- Familiarise the Bureau members to their mandates under the Convention.
- Provide an overview of recent trends of COP decisions.
- Foster a shared understanding of the strategic priorities of the Convention.

- Strengthen the Bureau members ability to engage in and foster communicate between their national governments, regional partners, and other stakeholders.

3. Expected Outcomes

- a comprehensive understanding of the Nairobi Convention's structure, operational framework, and the integrated regional strategy 2025-2035 and the 2025-2028.
- roles and responsibilities as Bureau members well understood.
- the Conventions work and implement of decisions of COP11 and other previous decisions effectively guided.
- networking opportunities amongst the bureau members and key stakeholders within the WIO region enhanced.

5. Next Steps

Following the induction, bureau members will be encouraged to participate in follow-up workshops, regional dialogues, and sessions to reinforce knowledge and address any further questions related to their roles.

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Venue: Fourpoints by Sheraton New Africa Hotel, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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30.01.2025	Opening of the Meeting	
09.00 – 9:30	Welcoming Address and Opening Remarks	Nairobi Convention Secretariat
	Introductions	All
	Opening remarks	United Republic of Tanzania
	Adoption of Agenda	Chair of Bureau
Session I: Orientation and Governance Framework		
9:30 – 10:00	• Overview of the Nairobi Convention (history, mandate, and structure of the Convention)	Robert Wabunoha
10:00– 10:20	• Decision making processes, roles and responsibilities of the Bureau	Akunga Momanyi
10:20 – 10:30	• Plenary discussions	All
10:30 – 11:00	Health Break	
Session II: Implementation of the Convention and Its Protocols		
11:00 – 11:30	• Trend analysis on COP Decisions and Work Programmes	Theuri
11:30 – 12:00	• Plenary discussions	all
12:00 – 12:30	• Implementation arrangements of the Regional integrated programme 2025-2035, Programme Work 2025-2028, COP11 Decisions	Tim Andrew
12:30 – 13:00	• Plenary discussions	all
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	

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Session III: Linkages to global and continental processes		
14:00– 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global, continental, regional processes relevant to the Nairobi Convention 	Jared Bosire
14:30 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenary discussions 	all
15:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNEP support to Regional Seas Programme 	Clara Makenya
15:30 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenary discussions 	all
16:30 – 17:00	Health Break	
31.01.2025	Session IV: Workplan for Bureau members	
9:00 – 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder Engagement and Communication (effective engagement with national and regional partners, key stakeholders, science-policy interface) 	Jared Bosire
9:30 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan for Bureau members based on mandates 	Jared Bosire
10:30 – 11:00	Health Break	
Session V: Perspectives from Bureau members and Focal Points		
11:00 – 12:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tanzania Mauritius South Africa Comoros Mozambique 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Somalia Madagascar Kenya Seychelles France
12:45 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Step and closure of meeting 	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	