

Draft Agenda

Day 1: 1 April 2025		
Time	Session Title	Moderator
08:00-09:00	Registration	
09:00-10:00	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Remarks- Africa Union Commission Statement by Nairobi Convention Statement by UNEP Reg ional Office for Africa Official Opening – TBC (Tanzania Host)	Moderator
10:00-10:30	Overview of the AOGS Journey <i>Objective: Present the consultative process, outcomes and milestones and an overview presentation of the Strategy and its constitutive chapters</i>	Norah Mugita UNEP





10:30 -11:00	Tea break and group photo	
Part 1: Rationale and Analysis of Ocean Governance in Africa		
11:00 -13:00	<p>Session 1: Existing frameworks, gaps and opportunities in Ocean Governance in Africa</p> <p><i>Objective:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To analyse the existing mechanisms and frameworks in the oceans space and analyse their relevance in coordination and cooperation of governance of oceans and their sectoral priorities. To review governance gaps, and the possible pathways and opportunities present to tackle these gaps <p>Discussions</p>	Robert Wabunoha UNEP
13:00–14:00	Lunch Break	
Part 2: Strategic Framing of the Strategy		
14:00–16:00	<p>Session 2: Key elements of the Strategy</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> to discuss mandate, scope, vision, goal, objectives, principles and strategic elements that underpin the strategy and how it aligns with regional and continental frameworks, including African Union initiatives and global commitments.</p> <p>Discussions</p>	Georges Mba Asseko AUC
16:00	End of day	
Day 2: 2 April 2025		
9:00-9:15	Introduction to the strategic intervention pathways	Yvonne Waweru Oceans Expert
9:15-10:30	<p>Session 3: Strategic Intervention Pathway 1: Enhancing Means of Implementation</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> how the Strategy will be effectively implemented in terms of finance and resource mobilization; science and knowledge, and enhanced capacity</p> <p>Discussions</p>	Yvonne Waweru Oceans Expert
10:30–11:00	Tea Break	
11:00-12:45	<p>Session 4: Strategic Intervention Pathway 2: Coordination, Cooperation and Stakeholder Engagement</p>	Koboto Oduetse AUC





	<p><i>Objective: explore how the strategy will provide a coordination mechanism and enhance stakeholder participation in the governance of the oceans space</i></p> <p>Discussions</p>	
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch break	
13:30 – 15:30	<p>Session 5: Panel Discussions - Institutional Framework for Ocean Governance Strategy</p> <p>Introductory presentation Panel Discussion: Panellists: AU-IBAR, EAC, SADC, ECOWAS, ECCAS, Nairobi Convention, Abidjan Convention</p> <p><i>Objective: To identify and refine the institutional mechanisms required to coordinate, oversee, and drive the implementation of the AOGS</i></p> <p>Discussions</p>	Linda Etta AUC
15:30-16:00	<p>Session 6: Monitoring and Reporting Mechanisms</p> <p><i>Objective: to analyse the monitoring mechanism for the implementation of the strategy.</i></p>	Joyce Nyagah UNEP
Day 3: 3 April 2025		
Part 3: Implementation Plan of the Strategy		
9:00 -12:30	<p>Session 7: Implementation Matrix and Operationalization</p> <p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide opportunity for member States to refine the detailed roadmap for implementing the AOGS across continental, regional, and national levels. To explore financial mechanisms for implementation To explore alignment of the AOGs with WIO-ROGs, AU Blue Economy Strategy, SDG 14 and other strategies 	Robert Wabunoha UNEP AfDB - TBC
12:30-13:00	Session 8: Summary of the validation workshop	
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 -16:00	Session 9: Africa's Common position at UNOC 3 - Aligning Regional Priorities with Global Commitments	Moustapha Kebe and Seraphin Dedi Ocean Experts





	<i>Objective: To engage African stakeholders in shaping a regional position and action plan ahead of UNOC3</i>	
16:00	End of day and networking Dinner	
DAY 4: 4 April 2024 – Moving the BBNJ Agreement in Africa		
09:00-9:30	Objective of the Meeting	Robert Wabunoha UNEP
09:30–10:45	Session 1: Introduction to the BBNJ Agreement: Key provisions, Ratification and Domestication processes Discussions <i>Objective: to provide an overview of the BBNJ Agreement and its key provisions.</i> <i>Discussions</i>	Yvonne Waweru Ocean Expert
10:45 -11:00	Tea break	
11:00–12:30	Session 2: Discussions on implications and readiness in Africa for the BBNJ Treaty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Obligations to Parties</i> • <i>Institutional capacity needs</i> • <i>Coordination and synergies</i> <i>Objective: to examine the readiness of national and regional institutions for implementation and actionable steps to enhance Africa’s preparedness for effective participation in the BBNJ framework.</i> <i>Discussions</i>	Jared Bosire Nairobi Convention
12:30- 13:30	Road towards the Preparatory Commission and the first Conference of the Parties to BBNJ Agreement <i>Objective: To discuss Africa’s level of preparedness and common Africa position</i> Discussions	Marie-May (CEO SeyCCAT)
13:30-14:00	Closure of the Meetings Remarks by UNEP Remarks by Nairobi Convention Remarks by AUC Remarks by Host	
14:00	Lunch	
	End	

