

MESSAGE TO PARTIES and OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification Conference 2022

Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire

Arrangements for the Heads of states and Governments Summit

Monday, 9 May 2022

1. Introduction

The President of the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire, His Excellency Mr. Alassane Ouattara, has invited several Heads of State and Government to participate in the Abidjan Summit which will take place on Monday, 9 May 2022.

The invitation signifies the importance for leaders to deliver concrete actions and credible plans aimed at achieving successful COP goals and coordinated action to tackle desertification, land degradation and drought with a view to achieving sustainable developments goals, in particular goal 15.3...

Following the opening ceremony of the Heads of States and Governments Summit, led by the President of Cote D'Ivoire, a Presidential Dialogue will begin with the delivery of statements by Heads of State and Government.

The Opening Ceremony and the Presidential Roundtable will be open to a limited number of representatives from Parties and observers on a limited basis due to COVID measures.

2. Schedule of events

The events on 9 May will be held according to the following schedule:

The Heads of States and Governments are expected to arrive in Abidjan on either Sunday evening or Monday morning.

09:30 – 9:45 Arrival of Heads of State and Government at Conference venue (VIP Lounge - Blue Zone)

9:45: Family Photo

10:00 – 10:45 Opening ceremony (– MET02 Blue Zone)

10:45 – 12:45 Presidential Dialogue (- MET02 Blue Zone)

3. Access to the Events for Parties and Observer Organizations

The Opening of the Summit and the Presidential Roundtable will take place at the Sofitel Ivoire Hotel in conference room MET02, from 10 am. Both events are opened to a limited number of representatives from Parties and observers Special secondary badges will be required to attend these events. The Heads of state and Heads of government may be accompanied by two (2) advisers from their delegations who will be provided with specific secondary badges which will restrict access to the summit. These should be clearly identified to Host Country Chief of Protocol in advance.

Each Party and observer will be able to collect 1 (one) secondary badge. Observer states will be able to collect 1 (one) secondary badge. Equally, United Nations organizations and intergovernmental organizations represented at the principal level will also be able collect 1

(one) secondary badge. These badges will be made available for collection from the registration desk starting **Sunday 8 May from 03:00 pm**. The representative collecting the badge will have to sign and provide an email and a phone number. Two (2) special badges will be available for CSOs representatives

Distribution to civil society organizations will be coordinated by Mr. Marcos Montoiro at the UNCCD secretariat.

4. Overflow room

In order to allow all Parties and observer organizations to follow live the proceedings of the Abidjan Summit and in the light of access restrictions to the MET02, arrangements are made to enable live streaming in the Plenary Hall. Normal seating arrangements will be in place to accommodate all Parties whose delegates cannot access MET02.

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