

AEWA AFRICAN PRE-MOP8 // PRÉ-MOP8 AFRICAINNE DE L'AEWA

4-7 JULY 2022, VIRTUAL MEETING
4-7 JUILLET 2022, RÉUNION VIRTUELLE



RULES OF PROCEDURE : THE MEETING ETIQUETTE

- The objective of the RoP is to ensure a fair participation and a constructive meeting by organizing the way the meeting is conducted
- They are adopted at the beginning of each MOP, on the basis of a proposal and can be amended.
- 57 rules in “chapters”

CHAPTERS 1

- Purpose
- Definitions
- Place of meetings
- Dates of meetings
- Observers
- Agenda
- **Representation and credentials**
- **Officers**
- **The Meeting Committee, other Committees and Working Groups**
- Secretariat

CHAPTERS 2

- **Conduct of Business**
- **Voting**
- Languages
- Documents
- Sound Recordings of the Meeting
- Entering into Force and Amendments to the Rules of Procedure
- Overriding authority of the Agreement

REPRESENTATION AND CREDENTIALS (RULES 16 TO 20)

- For each Party : Head of delegation + other accredited representatives (max 4 in the plenary) listed through the credential
- Credentials Committee : at least **two Parties of the African region** and two of the Eurasian region

OFFICERS (RULES 21 TO 25)

- A president and vice-presidents are elected
- Presidency usually exercised by the host country (Hungary)
- President is no longer a representative of its Party
- Power and duties :
 - ensure the observance of the RoP,
 - accord the right to speak,
 - put questions to the vote,
 - announce decisions.

MEETING COMMITTEE, OTHER COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS (RULE 26)

- Composition of the meeting committee : Past president, current president and Vice-President, Chair of the Standing Committee and chair of the Technical Committee.
 - review the progress of the meeting, including the draft of the report of the previous day prepared by the Secretariat, and to
 - provide advice to the President in order to ensure the smooth development of the meeting
- The Meeting of the Parties may establish other committees and working groups, in particular related to Finances and Technical Matters
- For each of these groups a President is elected.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS (RULES 29 TO 38)

- Plenaries in public, working group can be private
- President gives the floor and can limit the time allowed to each speaker
- President accords the right of reply to any representative
- A Party may at any time raise a point of order
- Motions to:
 - suspend a session;
 - adjourn a session;
 - adjourn the debate on the question under discussion; and
 - For the closure of the debate on the question under discussion.

VOTING (RULES 39 TO 51)

- Each Party has one vote
- Regional economic integration organisations (e.g., EU) have a number of votes equal to the number of their Member States which are also Parties
- Agreement by consensus
- If a vote is needed : a two-thirds majority of the Parties present and voting
- EXCEPTION : for the budget, where unanimity is required
- An amendment shall be voted on before the proposal to which it relates is put to the vote



THANK YOU!

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