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**FIRST INTER-MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH AND  
ENVIRONMENT IN AFRICA**

**Provisional Agenda**

Technical Segment

1. Opening of the session
2. Organization of the session:
  - (a) Election of officers;
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Key note presentations
  - a) Environmental threats to human health in Africa: evidence base and health impacts
  - b) Existing mechanisms & opportunities to address the health and environmental challenges
4. Key thematic issues in health and environmental linkages:
  - a) Current risks (traditional: indoor air pollution, water sanitation; vectors; modern: industrial waste, chemical safety, etc.)
  - b) Climate change
  - c) Other emerging issues (Persistent Organic Pollutants, GMOs, nanotechnology, e-waste, radiation, occupational risks in specific sectors, re-emerging diseases)
  - d) Contribution of ecosystem services to human health well-being
  - e) Economic and development dimensions (economic burden, agriculture, transport, energy, etc.)
  - f) Technical tools (tools and methods for environmental management including public health interventions)
  - g) Policy tools (environmental health policies, international policy frameworks, Agenda 21, WSSD-Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, MDGs, NEPAD, etc.)
  - h) Legislative frameworks (national legislation, international agreements binding and non-binding including the International Health Regulations)
  - i) Health and environment information management systems (generation and quality of the evidence base: surveillance systems and impact evaluation; national and international

- arrangements/systems, monitoring and evaluation of protection and mitigation interventions)
5. Prospects for action (addressing the obstacles and challenges, gaps in policies, institutions and investments)
  6. Draft Declaration and its Plan of Action
  7. Other matters
  8. Summary of discussions and main recommendations of the meeting of health and environment experts
  9. Closure of the meeting

#### Ministerial Segment

1. Opening of the high-level ministerial session
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Election of officers;
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (c) Organization of work
3. Keynote addresses
4. Consideration of the report of the meeting of health and environment experts
5. Consideration of the Draft Declaration and its Draft Plan of Action
6. Other matters
7. Adoption of the Declaration and its Plan of Action
8. Adoption of the report of the high-level ministerial session
9. Closure of the session