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Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

Draft Provisional Annotated Agenda

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**16th Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development
9-11 June 2015
Marrakesh, Morocco**

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Introduction

1. The 16th Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) will be held on 9 – 11 June 2015 in Marrakesh, hosted by the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco in collaboration with the Secretariat to Barcelona Convention/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) and Plan Bleu.
2. The main objectives of the meeting are:
 - To review and endorse the draft Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) document before it is submitted for endorsement by the MAP Focal Points meeting and for the consideration and adoption by the 19th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP 19), as per the Decision IG.21/11;
 - To discuss and agree on the way forward in the reform process of the MCSD, as per the Decision IG.21/12;
 - To review and provide recommendations on the Draft Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Action Plan for the Mediterranean, including the corresponding Roadmap, as per Decision IG.21/10;
 - To review and provide recommendations on the Draft Regional Framework on Climate Change Adaptation for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas, as per Decision IG.21/17; and
3. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the plenary sessions. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the Meeting.
4. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Day 1 - 9 June 2015

08:30–09:30 Registration

09:30–11:00 Agenda item 1: Opening

5. The meeting will be opened by Dr. Marguerite Camilleri, the current President of the MCSD Steering Committee, elected at its 15th session held in Floriana, Malta in 2013.
6. Welcome addresses will be delivered by the representative of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, and Mr. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator of the UNEP/MAP.
7. Keynote speeches will be delivered by invited experts.
8. In conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the MCSD, at the commencement of the first sitting of each meeting, the Commission shall elect the Steering Committee which shall be composed of a President, five Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. The Steering Committee shall include four members representing the Contracting Parties, including ex-officio the President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, and one representative from each one of the local authorities, socio-economic actors and NGOs.

11:00-11:15 Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

9. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat is contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.416/1. The meeting will review and adopt the Agenda. It is expected that the MCSD will address all items of the Agenda during its three-day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 18:00 on 11 June 2015 after adopting its conclusions and recommendations.

11:15-11:45 Agenda item 3: Progress in the Implementation of Recommendations of 15th Meeting of the MCSD

10. Mr. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator of UNEP/MAP, will present the progress in the implementation of the recommendations agreed at the 15th Meeting of the MCSD.
11. MCSD members are expected to comment on and take note of the progress achieved on the implementation of the recommendations and advise the Secretariat.

11:45–12:30 Agenda item 4: The Revised Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development

12. The working document for this agenda item UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.416/3 “The Draft Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025” will be presented by Mr. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator of UNEP/MAP.

12:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-17:30 Agenda item 4: The Revised Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (cont'd)

13. The discussions on the Draft Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 will be held in the plenary and structured along the chapters of the draft MSSD:
- i. Introduction and Background (20 minutes)
 - ii. Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development: Objectives, Strategic Directions and Actions (120 minutes)
 - Ensuring sustainable development in marine and coastal areas
 - Promoting resource management, food production and food security through sustainable forms of rural development
 - Planning and managing sustainable Mediterranean cities
 - Addressing climate change as a priority issue for the Mediterranean
 - Transition towards a green and blue economy
 - Governance in support of sustainable development
 - iii. Ensure the implementation and monitoring of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (40 minutes)
 - Institutional structures and processes for implementation
 - Financing the implementation of the Strategy
 - Monitoring system and indicators for the Strategy

14. MCSD members are expected to comment on and provide recommendations and endorse the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 to be annexed to a decision to be submitted to COP 19 for adoption.

Day 2 - 10 June 2015

9:30-12:30 Agenda item 5: Reform of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development

15. The working document for this agenda item UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.416/4 “Discussion Paper on the Reform of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development” will be presented by Mr. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator of UNEP/MAP.
16. MCSD members are expected to comment on and provide recommendations and endorse the proposal on MCSD reform, to be prepared as a decision to be submitted to COP 19 for adoption.
17. The working document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.416/5 “Proposal by the Secretariat on Peer Review Process” will be presented by Mr. Hugues Ravenel, Director of Plan Bleu.
18. MCSD members are expected to comment on and provide recommendations on the peer review process.

12:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-15:30 Agenda item 6: Global Process on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

19. Mrs. Maryam Niamir-Fuller, Special Advisor to the UNEP Executive Director on SDGs and Post-2015 Agenda will deliver a presentation on the global process for setting the Sustainable Development Goals, which will be followed by a short question and answer session.

15:30-18:30 Agenda item 7: Good Practices: Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean

20. •Reaching sustainable development requires innovative approaches and learning from the experiences and solutions emerging around the Mediterranean. With a view to inspire and disseminate good practices on sustainable development, this session will focus on learning from implementation experiences including legal and policy approaches, processes and specific solutions.
21. 6-8 presentations of good practices at the regional, national and local level will be delivered, followed by a questions and answer session.
22. MCSD members are expected to comment on and provide recommendations on the presented best practices.

Day 3 - 11 June 2015

09:30-11:00 Agenda item 8: Regional Framework on Climate Change Adaptation

23. The working document for this agenda item UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.416/6 “Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas” will be presented by Mr. Lorenzo Galbiati, MedPartnership Project Manager.
24. MCSD members are expected to comment on and provide recommendations and endorse the framework for submission to COP 19.

11:00-12:30 Agenda item 9: Sustainable Consumption and Production Action Plan for the Mediterranean

25. The working document for this agenda item UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.416/7 “Regional Action Plan for Sustainable Consumption and Production” will be presented by Enrique De Villamore Martin, Director of the Regional Activity Center on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP/RAC).
26. MCSD members are expected to comment on and provide recommendations and endorse the Action Plan to be prepared as a decision to be submitted to COP 19 for adoption.

12.30-15.00 Lunch Break

15:00-15:30 Agenda item 10: Next MCSD Meeting and Other Matters

27. The Secretariat will inform the members of the Commission about the preparations for the next meeting of the MCSD. The meeting will also consider other matters which the members of the Commission may wish to raise.

15:30-17:30 Agenda item 11: Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations

28. Conclusions and recommendations will be adopted by the members of the MCSD.

17:30-18:00 Agenda item 12: Closure of the Meeting

29. The meeting will be closed at 18:00 by the President of the MCSD.

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