

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

1. During its First meeting held in Rabat on 16-18 December 1996, the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) established a Bureau consisting of eight members, presided by H.E. Mr. Nourdine Benomar Alami, Minister of the Environment of Morocco.
2. The Commission also decided to convene the First meeting of the Bureau during February 1997 to review progress achieved and give guidance to the various thematic working groups.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 09.30 on Thursday, 20 February 1997, at the MAP premises, by H.E. Mr. Nourdine Benomar Alami, Minister of the Environment of Morocco and Mr. L. Chabason, MAP Coordinator.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the provisional Agenda

4. The provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat was distributed as document UNEP/MCSD/BUR/1/1 and annotated in the present document. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed provisional Agenda. Simultaneous English and French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

Agenda item 3: Rules of procedure

5. The Rules of procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties shall apply mutatis mutandis to this meeting (UNEP/IG. 43/6, Annex IX).

Agenda item 4: Progress report by the Secretariat and general discussion

6. The Secretariat will present an oral progress report on the steps taken since the last meeting of the Commission (Rabat, 16-18 December 1996).
7. It is expected that a brief general discussion will take place.

Agenda item 5: Thematic Working group review - Organization of work - participation

- a. preliminary report on "Sustainable Management of Coastal Regions"
8. The Task manager of this theme will present a preliminary report on action taken relevant to the future workplan and timetable for the Thematic Working Group on Sustainable Management of Coastal Zones.
- b. preliminary report on "Management of Water Demand"
9. The Task Manager of this theme will present a preliminary report on action taken relevant to the future workplan and timetable for the Thematic Working Group on management of water demand.
10. General discussion will take place on the preliminary reports of the task managers.

Agenda item 6: Draft Rules of procedure of the MCSD

11. The Secretariat will present the draft Rules of procedure of the Commission contained in document UNEP/MCSD/BUR/1/4
12. The meeting will initiate preliminary discussion on this document and give its comments and amendments as necessary

Agenda item 7: Draft report of the MCSD to the UNCSD and Special Session of the General Assembly

13. The Secretariat will present the draft report to be submitted to the next meeting of the UNCSD (New York, April 1997) and the Special Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations (New York, June 1997), as agreed upon during the Rabat meeting of the MCSD. The draft report is contained in document UNEP/MCSD/BUR/1/3.
14. The meeting is expected to make the necessary comments and amendments to the draft report before sending it to the United Nations.

Agenda item 8: Provisional Agenda for the Second Meeting of the MCSD (Spain, May 1997)

15. The meeting will have before it document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.124/1, containing the provisional Agenda of the Second Meeting of the Commission, scheduled to be convened in Spain on the first half of May 1997.
16. The meeting is expected to give its comments on the provisional Agenda.

Agenda item 9: Provisional Agenda, dates and venue of the Second meeting of the Bureau of the MCSD

17. The meeting is expected to discuss and take a decision on the exact dates, venue and Agenda of its Second meeting.

Agenda item 10: Any other matters

18. The meeting will consider any other issues which might be raised during the meeting.

Agenda item 11: Adoption of the report of the meeting

19. A draft report of the meeting will be submitted in English and French to the participants for adoption.

Agenda item 12: Closure of the meeting

20. The meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairman at 13.00 hrs on Friday 21 February 1997.

ANNEX

Suggested time schedule

Date	Session	Agenda item
Thursday, 20 February	Morning (09.30 - 12.30)	1,2,3,4,and 5
	Afternoon(14.30-18.30)	6,7,8,9 and 10
Friday, 21 February	Morning (09.30-13.00)	11 and 12

**Coffee Breaks: 11.00 hrs
16.00 hrs**