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### PROGRAMME FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (2012-13)



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**Introduction**

The MCSD terms of reference are provided for in the Governance paper – Decision IG 17/4 (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.339). In addition, at their 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting in Marrakech (3-6 November 2009) the Contracting Parties adopted the draft decision on the Five-Year Strategic Programme of Work and indicative budget (2010-14) calling on its full implementation (UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG. 19/8). It is noted further that, “*the Five-Year Programme should be instrumental in implementing the MSSD...*”.

The MCSD Programme of Work (PoW) is in principle a direct function of its perceived role and related modalities. On the basis of the Governance paper it is envisaged that MCSD’s work is oriented (in summary form) towards:

- Assisting countries and stakeholders in the region in the adoption and implementation of sustainable development policies
- Ensure the follow-up of MSSD implementation through appropriate tools, mechanisms and criteria
- Promote the exchange of experience and good practices
- Support regional and sub –regional cooperation for implementation of sustainable development principle
- Reporting coordination
- Comment on integrating sustainability considerations in MAP Work Programme

In the approved MSSD Implementation Plan (UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG 17/17) it is provided that actions are undertaken at country and regional/sub regional level in six complementary strategic orientations. These should be reflected in the multi-year implementation plan and the biannual work programme of interventions. These considerations are already reflected in the current biennium Programme (UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG. 19/8 Annex III).

This broad framework is likely to guide the Programme of Work in the future incorporating eventual adaptations deriving from global/regional emerging issues and priorities in conjunction with regional capabilities.

Therefore, it is evident that the choice of activities envisaged for the next period is guided by:

- The necessity to pursue further the goals and priorities of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) as outlined in the MSSD Assessment and in particular the need to prepare for a review and revision of the Strategy in 2015
- The need to include new themes in the international agenda such as green economy and climate change adaptation.
- The evolving priorities and available (financial and organizational) resources and capabilities of MAP.
- Streamlining and adapting the MCSD Programme of Work to the newly developing context of five-year cycles in MAP.

### Orientations for the Programme of MCSD 2012-13

MSSD Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integrate MSSD objectives and orientations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NSSD support (targeting)</li> <li>- Capacity building</li> </ul>
MSSD enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Climate change adaptation</li> <li>- Green economy including SCP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional framework</li> <li>- Innovative Tools</li> <li>- CCA pilot activities</li> <li>- Introducing SCP in NSSDs</li> <li>- Action Plans for SCP</li> <li>- SCP pilot activities</li> </ul>
MSSD revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic framework</li> <li>- Monitoring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Study on future perspectives in the Med</li> <li>- Indicator development, review and assessment</li> <li>- Implementation Assessment (10-years)</li> </ul>
Information /communication		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of web platform</li> <li>- Publications</li> <li>- Reporting on Development/Environment</li> </ul>
Stakeholder involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coordination to develop complementarities with regional initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional with key actors/initiatives, international agencies</li> <li>- Regional level Conference with major stakeholders</li> </ul>

It is proposed that two major considerations may guide the future programme of work of MCSD in this respect:

- a. MAP functional modalities which affect the type of activities in which MCSD will be called to be engaged in.
- b. MAP priorities and activities (and related Programme of Work) to which MCSD is called to contribute and in particular the priorities which are set by the outcome of the Rio+20 Summit.