

Provisional Annotated Agenda

The main objective of the meeting is to:

1. review the progress achieved during the current biennium of the implementation of the activities agreed by the 17th COP meeting, held in Paris, France, February 2012.
2. review and discuss a number of policy issues related to the implementation of LBS, Dumping, HW Protocols, Regional Plans and ECAP.
3. review the proposed Programmes of Work for the next biennium prepared by the Secretariat (MED POL), with a view to their finalisation for submission to and consideration by the MAP Focal points meeting in September 2013.

The following annotations to the proposed provisional agenda for the present meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Joint session MED POL and CP/RAC Focal points

Tuesday 18 June 2013	(14.00-18.00)
Wednesday 19 June 2013	(09.00-11.00)
Agenda items:	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5 a& b)

Agenda item 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened by the Deputy Coordinator and MED POL OiC and the Director of CP/RAC at 1400 h on 18 June 2013.

Agenda item 2. Election of Officers

The meeting will elect a Chairperson, four Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 3. Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

The Rules and Procedures for meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutandis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

Subject to the rules of procedure mentioned above, (Rule 14) the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.379/1 and annotated in the present document (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.379/2) will be proposed for adoption by the meeting, including the proposed timetable.

The meeting of MED POL Focal Points will have joint sessions with CP/RAC Focal Points and with the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence group on pollution and the marine litter cluster as indicated in the agenda.

Ad hoc discussion groups or drafting sub-committees may be formed, if necessary, by the meeting, in consultation with the Secretariat.

The annotated provisional agenda for the meeting (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.379/2) identifies issues for discussion and the documents that pertain to each agenda item.

Interpretation in English and French will be provided during the meeting. At the end, the delegates will be invited to review and adopt the meeting conclusions and recommendations, amended as appropriate, drafted by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4. Report on the progress achieved regarding the implementation of the Programme of work

- a) *Status of implementation of the 2012-2013*
- b) *Status of implementation of the five-year programme of work*

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/3 that summarizes the main achievements and describes the main activities carried out by MED POL during the current biennium and for the implementation of the five year programme of work.

Expected outcome: The meeting is expected to comment on the work carried out and endorse as appropriate

Working document (Documents for action by the Meeting)	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.379/3	Progress report on the implementation of MED POL activities
Information document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf.10	EU-SWIM project reports on desalination (English)
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf.11	H2020 initiative MIRA project report on pollution related research (English)
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf.12	Minutes of the H2020 initiative Steering group, 2011 (English and French)
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf.13	2012-2103 SEIS project document (English)
Reference Document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/13	Report of the 17 th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of Marine Environment and the Coastal regions of the Mediterranean and its Protocols, Paris, France, 8-10 February 2012
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/8	Report of the 16 th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of Marine Environment and the Coastal regions of the Mediterranean and its Protocols, Paris, Marrakesh, 3-5 November 2009

Agenda item 5. Specific issues

- a) *Status of the implementation of the technical aspects of the LBS, Dumping and Hazardous waste Protocols and the Regional Plans adopted in 2009 and 2013*

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.379/4 that addresses a number of issues related to the implementation of the Protocols with a particular focus on:

- General analysis of data gaps in the reports submitted by the Contracting Parties (on technical aspects) during 2008-2009 in the framework of Article 25 of the Barcelona Convention and 13 of the LBS Protocol
- Coordinated action to facilitate the implementation of the Regional Plans
- Review the draft guidelines on the mercury sites decontamination prepared, based on Article 5 of the Regional Plan on mercury

The focal points will be invited to share their experiences regarding the implementation of the protocols, the regional plans and provide guidance as appropriate.

Working document (Documents for action by the Meeting)	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/4	Implementation of the technical aspects of the LBS, Dumping and HW protocols and six Regional Plans
Information Document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 3	Report of the Meeting to review the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management, Barcelona, Spain, 17-18 May 2013 (English and French)
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 6	Report of the ELV/EQO(English)
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 7	Report of nutrient riverine inputs (English)
Reference document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.20/13	Report of the 17 th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of Marine Environment and the Coastal regions of the Mediterranean and its Protocols, Paris, France, 8-10 February 2012
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b) Draft Regional plan on Marine litter Management in the framework of Article 15 of the LBS protocol

The Secretariat will introduce the draft Regional Plan on marine litter management document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.379/5. The previous draft was reviewed and amended by the Expert meeting held in Barcelona, Spain, on 17-18 May, 2013 and is submitted to the present Meeting for final review and possible approval with a view at their submission to the Meeting of MAP Focal Points and subsequently to the Contracting Parties for adoption.

Working document (Documents for action by the Meeting)	
UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG. 379/5	Regional Plan for the Marine litter management in the Mediterranean
Information Document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 3	Report of the Meeting to review the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management, Barcelona, Spain, 17-18 May 2013 (English and French)
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 14	Issue Paper to the International Conference on Prevention and Management of Marine Litter in European Seas, Berlin 10-12 April 2013 (English)

Separate sessions (MED POL)

Wednesday 19 June 2013: (1130-1330); (1500-1800)
Agenda items: (5 c & d & e)

Thursday 20 June 2013: (930-1330); (1500-1800)
Agenda items: (5 f & g, and 6)

c) Mid-term evaluation of the implementation of SAP/NAPs,

The Secretariat will introduce the draft report on NAP/SAP implementation evaluation UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.379/6. This evaluation was carried out in conjunction with the on-going evaluation of the NAPs investment components and H2020 projects snapshot as mandated by the Barcelona Convention COP 17 and H2020 SC respectively. It is expected that the UfM and EIB will provide information at the meeting on the results achieved so far and future planning.

The Meeting is expected to review the major findings and or preliminary results and provide guidance to the Secretariat on the way forward.

d) Issue paper on implementing pollution reduction and prevention policies and measures in coherence with ecosystem approach

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.379/7. The purpose of the issue paper is to trigger the discussion of focal points on ways and means to further enhance the relevance of pollution reduction and prevention policies in the Mediterranean, measures and programmes carried out in the framework of UNEP/MAP MED POL, to ensure coherence with ECAP process and outcome as well as synergies with other relevant partners, initiatives, programmes and projects. The representatives of CP/RAC will present the recommendations of document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf.15, addressing the drivers of the Mediterranean ecosystem degradation and the SCP approach.

The meeting is expected to provide guidance to the Secretariat related to key priorities for MED POL and generally pollution reduction and prevention policies during the next biennium and beyond.

Working documents (Documents for action by the Meeting)	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/6	Med term evaluation of SAP/NAP implementation
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/7	Issue Paper on implementation of pollution reduction and prevention policies and measures in coherence with ecosystem approach
Information Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 9	Draft intermediary report on the evaluation of the NAP/SAP investment portfolio (English)
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 12	Minutes of the H2020 initiative Steering group, 2011
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 4	Report of the Meeting of the corresponding group on pollution and marine litter cluster, Sarajevo, BH, 29-30 October 2012 (English and French)
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 15	Addressing the drivers of the Mediterranean ecosystem degradation; the SCP approach in the application of ecosystem approach to the management of human activities in the Mediterranean

e) Mid-term evaluation of MEDPOL activities under the Medpartnership project

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.379/8 which contains the recommendations of the evaluation report concerning component II of the MedPartnership project that is led by MED POL in cooperation with CP/RAC.

The meeting is expected to provide guidance to the Secretariat on ways and means to ensure full successful implementation of this project.

Working document (Documents for action by the Meeting)	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/8	Mid Term evaluation regarding MED POL executed activities under the MedPartnership Project
Information Document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 5	Full Report of Mid-term evaluation of the MedPartnership project (English)

f) Draft Risk Assessment Framework for Carbon Sequestration in the Mediterranean

The representatives of Spain will introduce document UNEP (DEPI)/MED WG.379/9 containing a proposal for a risk assessment framework for carbon sequestration in the Mediterranean.

The meeting is expected to review the proposed risk assessment framework, provide comments and inputs and or approve it as appropriate and/or recommend follow up actions.

Working document (Documents for action by the Meeting)	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/9	Risk assessment for carbon sequestration in the Mediterranean

g) Cooperation with global and regional partners and initiatives

Under this agenda item, the key partner organizations attending the meeting will be invited to make presentations and inform the MED POL focal points on ongoing activities related to pollution assessment, control, reduction and prevention in the Mediterranean.

The meeting is expected to embark on a discussion regarding potential enhanced synergies, coordination and reach out at national and regional levels and provide guidance and recommendation as it may deem useful.

Agenda item 6. Proposed MED POL work plan 2014-2015

Under this Agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/10. The document lists and briefly describes the activities that MED POL is proposing to implement during the biennium 2014-2015. The activities reflect the five-year programme of MAP approved by the Contracting Parties at their Meeting held in Marrakech.

The Meeting will be invited to review and approve the draft Programme of work and to recommend its submission to MAP Focal Points and subsequently to Contracting Parties for adoption.

Working document (Documents for action by the Meeting)	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/10	Proposed MED POL Programme of Work
Information Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/3	Progress report on the implementation of MED POL activities
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/10	Proposed MED POL Programme of Work

Agenda item 7. Other business

Other issues relevant to the meeting or MED POL, which might be brought to the attention of the meeting, when adopting the agenda under Agenda item 2 (c) by the meeting or by the Secretariat, will be discussed under this agenda item.

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this item.

Joint session MEDPOL FP and COR-GEST on Pollution & Litter

Friday 21 June 2013

(09.00-14.00);

(1500-1800):

Agenda items: 5 h & i

Agenda item 8 and 9

Agenda item 5 Specific issues (continuation)

- h) Recommendations of the EcAp Coordination Group Meeting (24 April, 2013, Athens, Greece)*
- i) Proposed ECAP GES and targets regarding EOs of the pollution and litter cluster (with initial analysis of the Secretariat on available data and possible baselines).*

The Secretariat will brief the meeting on the process of implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) roadmap, of the outcome of the recent EcAp Coordination Group Meeting (held in Athens, 24 April 2013) and expected results up to COP18.

The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/11 containing a proposal that identifies which EO targets and GES are advanced enough to be in a position to be agreed on by December 2013, at COP18 and focus on these for the short-term work of the cluster.

The expected outcome of this Joint Session of EcAp pollution and litter COR GEST and MED POL FPs is an updated draft list of GES and targets, with identification of EO(s)/targets, indicators, where data is available and the work undertaken makes it realistic to have an agreement/adoption of the selected GES/targets at COP18. Once cleared by the EcAp Coordination Group in September, the outcome will be submitted to COP 18.

Working document (Documents for action by the Meeting)	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/11	Proposed GES and Targets regarding Ecological Objectives on pollution and litter
Information Document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 4	Report of the Meeting of the corresponding group on pollution and marine litter cluster, Sarajevo, BH, 29-30 October 2012 (English and French)
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 8	Reports of the ECAP coordination group, Athens May 2012 and April 2013 (English)
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 379/Inf. 14	Secretariat explanatory note on the link between the GES and targets of the specific EOs pollution and litter cluster

Agenda item 8. Conclusions and recommendations

Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend and adopt any possible conclusion and recommendation that will result from the discussions drafted by the rapporteur. The report of the meeting will be circulated for comments and adoption after the meeting.

Agenda item 9. Closure of the Meeting

The Chairperson will close the Meeting at 1830 hrs on 21 June 2013.