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Rome, Italy, 10-12 July 2018

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019 adopted by the 20th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (Tirana, Albania, 17-21 December 2017) and in line with the objectives of the EU funded EcAp-MED II Project, the Secretariat is organizing a Regional Meeting on IMAP¹ Implementation Best Practices, Gaps and Common Challenges.

2. The main objectives of the Meeting are to:

- (i) Review of the state of play of the IMAP implementation;
- (ii) Exchange best practices on national implementation of IMAP and address identified challenges;
- (iii) Discuss and provide guidance on the development of the IMAP compatible information and data sharing system
- (iv) Initiate a discussion on several cross cutting issues of regional importance for IMAP implementation.

3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 09.30 on 10 July 2018 by the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention Secretariat and the representative of the host country, Italy.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

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- a) *Rules of Procedure for the Meeting on IMAP Implementation: Best Practices, Gaps and Common Challenges*

5. The rules of procedure 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 mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

- b) *Election of Officers*

6. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect a President, three Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

¹ Decision IG.22/7 on the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.450/1/Rev.1 and annotated in the present document will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the Meeting including the timetable contained in the Annex to the present document.

d) Organization of Work

8. The discussions will be held in plenary sessions, subject to decision by the meeting during the adoption of the provisional agenda.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the Meeting. Documentation will be in English and French. 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 session.

10. Sessions are scheduled every day from 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30.

11. It is expected that the Meeting will address all items of the Agenda during the three-day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 17:30 on 12 July 2018 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3: State of Play of IMAP Implementation and Way Forward

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12. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will provide an overview on IMAP national implementation, highlighting progress, challenges and next steps. The Secretariat will bring to the attention of the participants its analysis on options and methodologies on several horizontal, cross-cutting issues to be addressed in the initial phase of IMAP (2016-2019), such as integrated GES assessment and approaches on scale of assessment, assessment criteria and thresholds.

13. The Meeting is expected to provide comments and contribute to the discussions on the proposed cross cutting issues as well as recommend key priority actions to be undertaken in the near future to ensure timely implementation of IMAP.

Agenda item 4: Proposed IMAP Common Indicators Data Standards and Data Dictionaries

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- (a) Pollution and Marine Litter;
- (b) Biodiversity and Fisheries;
- (c) Coast and Hydrography;
- (d) Demonstration of the pilot IMAP Information System

14. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (INFO/RAC) will introduce documents UNEP/MED WG.450/4, UNEP/MED WG.450/5 and UNEP/MED WG.450/6, consisting of Data Standards and Data Dictionaries Proposals for 10 selected pollution and marine litter; biodiversity and fisheries; and coast and

hydrography related IMAP Common Indicators. In addition, the Secretariat (INFO/RAC) will provide a live presentation of the pilot IMAP Information System.

15. The Meeting is expected to review and take note of the IMAP Data Standards and Data Dictionaries and provide guidance to the Secretariat for their future developments timely submission to the respective Correspondence Groups on Monitoring.

Agenda item 5: Promotion of IMAP Implementation at National Level

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- (a) Pollution and Marine Litter;
- (b) Biodiversity and Fisheries;
- (c) Coast and Hydrography;
- (d) Cross-cutting and Horizontal Issues

16. Under this agenda item, the Contracting Parties and Partners are invited to present the different aspects of their national IMAP preparation, update and/or implementation efforts and share their best practices and challenges.

17. The Meeting is expected to review the implementation of IMAP at the national level, discuss possible ways forward and agree on a list of priority actions necessary to strengthen the national implementation of IMAP, considering country specific needs.

Agenda item 6: Supporting Resource Mobilization for IMAP Implementation

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18. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present a summary of the recommendations of the “Funding Strategy for the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach in the Mediterranean, with a special emphasis on the implementation needs of the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme in the Southern Mediterranean “(UNEP/MED WG.450/Inf.3). It will also present the main elements of two concept notes prepared to support the implementation of Ecosystem Approach Roadmap, including science-policy interface strengthening. The Secretariat will invite donors to present their priorities, strategies and programmes relevant to the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap, as well as the relevant Contracting Parties to present their experiences in relation to resource mobilization.

19. The Meeting is expected to provide feedback on the proposed concept notes and give recommendations on specific fund-raising needs and approaches as appropriate.

Agenda item 7: Any Other Business

20. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

Agenda item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations

21. The Meeting will be invited to review and adopt the draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting

22. The President is expected to close the Meeting at 17:30 on Thursday, 12 July 2018.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 10 July 2018		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45– 10:00	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.450/1/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.450/2 UNEP/MED WG.450/Inf.1/Rev.1
10:00 – 12:30	Agenda item 3: State of play of IMAP implementation and way forward	UNEP/MED WG.450/3
<i>12:30 – 14:30</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30-17:30	Agenda item 4: Proposed IMAP Common Indicators Data Standards and Data Dictionaries	UNEP/MED WG.450/4 UNEP/MED WG.450/5 UNEP/MED WG.450/6
Wednesday, 11 July 2018		
09:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 5: Promotion of IMAP Implementation at National Level	UNEP/MED WG.450/3
<i>12:30 – 14:30</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30-17:30	Agenda item 5: Promotion of IMAP Implementation at National Level	UNEP/MED WG.450/3
Thursday, 12 July 2018		
09:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 6: Supporting Resource Mobilization for IMAP Implementation	UNEP/MED WG.450/7
<i>12:30 – 14:30</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30-15:00	Agenda item 7: Any Other Business	
15.00-17.30	Agenda item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations	
17.30	Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting	