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Teleconference, 20 June 2018

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

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) and in consultation with the President and Members of the MCSD Steering Committee, the 19th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee will be held on 20 June 2018 via teleconference.
2. The purpose of this meeting is to review the progress and perspectives in MCSD and MSSD related developments after the 17th Meeting of the MCSD (Athens, Greece, 5-7 July 2017), as well as the work plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the biennium 2018-2019, with a specific focus on issues related to the implementation of Decision IG.23/4 “Implementation and Monitoring of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 and of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean”, adopted at COP 20 in December 2017.
3. Documentation will be provided 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.
4. The following annotations to the provisional agenda are prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

5. The meeting will be opened at 10:30 in current local time in Athens, Greece (GMT+3), on Wednesday, 20 June 2018, by Ms. Maria Papaioannou, President of the MCSD Steering Committee.

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

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6. As per Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the MCSD, the Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis*.
7. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda contained in Working Document UNEP/MED WG.447/1 and annotated in the present document.
8. It is expected that the MCSD Steering Committee discusses all the items of the Agenda during its one-day teleconference. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 16:30 on 20 June 2018.
9. The report of the meeting will be prepared after the meeting and distributed to the Members of the MCSD Steering Committee for their comments and approval through electronic means.

Agenda item 3: Work of the MCSD and MSSD Implementation: Review of Progress for the Period July 2017 – May 2018

10. The Secretariat will present the progress in MCSD and MSSD related developments since the 17th Meeting of the MCSD (Athens, Greece, 5-7 July 2017).
11. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are expected to comment on the progress for the period July 2017 – May 2018 and to report on the activities they have undertaken for the MSSD implementation during this period.

Agenda item 4: Specific Issues in Relation to Decision IG.23/4 Adopted at COP 20

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12. The Secretariat (Plan Bleu) will present Working Document UNEP/MED WG.447/3 *Report on Specific Issues in relation to the implementation of Decision IG.23/4*.

13. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are expected to provide comments and advice on the following specific issues:

(a) Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and Indicators for monitoring the implementation of the Regional Action Plan for Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean

14. As per Decision IG.23/4, the MCSD Steering Committee is mandated to coordinate the work on ensuring full consistency and synergy between the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and the ongoing work on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators at the global level. Therefore, the Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are expected to provide guidance to the Secretariat and Plan Bleu to better align the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard with the SDG indicators.

(b) Assessment Studies: 2019 State of the Environment and Development Report (SoED 2019) and Foresight Study on the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean (MED2050), including Case Studies on the Blue Economy

15. As described in Working Documents UNEP/MED WG.447/3 and UNEP/MED WG.447/4, the MCSD Members will be informed and consulted during the preparation process of the assessment studies undertaken by the Secretariat (Plan Bleu).

(c) Second Edition of the Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER)

16. Based on lessons learned from the pilot edition 2016-2017, the Secretariat (Plan Bleu) is updating the SIMPEER methodology to reflect the recommendations from the 17th Meeting of the MCSD.

17. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee will be invited to provide guidance to the Secretariat for updating the SIMPEER methodology and carrying out the second edition during biennium 2018-2019.

18. Following the three agenda sub-items listed above, the Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are expected to report on their own efforts and plans to support the implementation of Decision IG.23/4.

Agenda item 5: Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the Biennium 2018-2019

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19. The Secretariat will present the Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the biennium 2018-2019, as contained in Working Document UNEP/MED WG.447/4.

20. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee will discuss and review the work plan so that it can be further elaborated and finalized in view of the 20th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee.

Agenda item 6: Membership of the MCSD: Implementation of Decisions IG.22/17 and IG.23/3

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21. The Secretariat will present an initial proposal regarding the MCSD membership, as contained in Working Document UNEP/MED WG.447/4 *Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the biennium 2018-2019*.

22. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are expected to discuss the issue of the MCSD membership, in line with Decisions IG.22/17 and IG.23/3, and provide their advice on the way forward with the ultimate objective to submit a proposal for the MCSD membership to the next meeting of the MAP Focal Points and COP 21.

Agenda item 7: Any Other Matters

23. The MCSD Steering Committee will consider other issues that may be raised by its members.

Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting

24. The report of the meeting will be circulated to the Members of the MCSD Steering Committee at a later stage for adoption.

25. The meeting is to be closed by the President of the MCSD Steering Committee at approximately 16:30 on Wednesday 20 June 2018.

Timetable (*)

Wednesday, 20 June 2018			
Time	Agenda item		Documents
10:30 – 11:00	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work	President of the MCSD Steering Committee	UNEP/MED WG.447/1 UNEP/MED WG.447/2 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.1 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.2
11:00 – 11:30	3. Work of the MCSD and MSSD Implementation: Review of Progress for the Period July 2017 – May 2018	Secretariat	
11:30 – 13:00	4. Specific Issues in Relation to Decision IG.23/4 Adopted at COP 20	Secretariat (Plan Bleu)	UNEP/MED WG.447/3 UNEP/MED WG.447/4 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.6
<i>13:00 – 14:30</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>		
14:30 – 15:30	5. Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the Biennium 2018-2019	Secretariat	UNEP/MED WG.447/4 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.447/Inf.6
15:30 – 16:00	6. Membership of the MCSD: Implementation of Decisions IG.22/17 and IG.23/3	Secretariat	UNEP/MED WG.447/4
16:00 – 16:30	7. Any Other Matters 8. Closure of the Meeting	Secretariat President of the MCSD Steering Committee	

(*) *The timetable should be read in current local time in Athens, Greece: GMT+3.*