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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 20th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee will be held from 23-24 January 2019 in MAP premises in Athens, Greece.
2. The purpose of this meeting is to review the progress and perspectives in the work of the MCSD and the MSSD implementation and follow-up, including the updated work plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the biennium 2018-2019 and specific issues in relation, *inter alia*, 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. The meeting also aims at reviewing the preparation of the 18th Meeting of the MCSD to be held from 11-13 June 2019 in Montenegro.
4. Documentation is provided in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation is not distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.
5. 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

6. The meeting will be opened at 09:30 in current local time in Athens, Greece (GMT+2), on Wednesday 23 January 2019 by the President of the MCSD, Ms. Maria Papaioannou.

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

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7. 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*.
8. The meeting is expected to review and adopt the Provisional Agenda contained in Working Document UNEP/MED WG.456/1 and annotated in the present document.
9. It is expected that the MCSD Steering Committee discusses all the items of the Agenda during its two-days meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 17:00 on Thursday 24 January 2019.
10. The report of the meeting will be finalized 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 June-December 2018

11. The Secretariat will present the progress in MCSD and MSSD related activities since the 19th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee (Athens, Greece, 20 June 2018).
12. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are expected to comment on the progress for the period June-December 2018 and to report on the activities they have undertaken for the MSSD implementation and follow-up during this period.

Agenda item 4: Specific Issues

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13. The Secretariat (Plan Bleu) will introduce Working Document UNEP/MED WG.456/3 *Report on Specific Issues*.

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

(a) Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard

15. As per Decision IG.23/4 adopted at COP 20, 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. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are expected to provide feedback to the Secretariat and Plan Bleu on the work carried out for populating the indicators agreed by Decision IG.23/4. They are also expected to provide advice towards a better alignment of the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard with the SDG Indicators. To this end, the meeting should review Annexes I and II of Working Document UNEP/MED WG.456/3.

(b) Evaluation of MAP Regional Strategies

16. As per MSSD Regional Action 7.2.4 that recommends to “Undertake a participatory mid-term evaluation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 based on the first 5 years of data regarding its implementation, using indicators associated with the actions, as well as the proposed dashboard of Sustainability Indicators”, and as per Decision IG.22/5 Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean (SCP AP) that recommends to undertake the indicator-based mid-term evaluation of the SCP AP in 2020, such mid-term evaluations should be undertaken during the next biennium (2020-2021) in view of submitting results to COP 22.

17. The timing of the MSSD and SCP AP mid-term evaluations is in-line with the cycle of the MAP Mid-Term Strategy (MTS) 2016-2021, which plans the MTS Evaluation and Review and the preparation of MTS 2022-2027 during the next biennium (2020-2021) towards relevant decision at COP 22.

18. As per requested by the 85th Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, the Secretariat has to prepare, in due time, a draft thematic decision, including dedicated roadmaps, related to the processes of the MSSD mid-term evaluation and the indicator-based mid-term evaluation of the SCP AP, and to submit these roadmaps to the next meeting of the MAP Focal Points for consideration and further submission to COP 21.

19. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are invited to discuss ways and means proposed in Working Document UNEP/MED WG.456/3 for undertaking the evaluations of MAP Regional Strategies, notably for ensuring consistency between the roadmap for the MSSD mid-term evaluation and the roadmap for the SCP AP indicator-based mid-term evaluation, and to provide advice to Secretariat for drafting the decision mentioned above.

(c) Other Issues

20. Working Document UNEP/MED WG.456/3 provides information on progress and next steps in relation, *inter alia*, to the following activities: Assessment Studies (2019 State of the Environment and Development Report/SoED 2019 and Foresight Study on the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean/MED 2050, including Case Studies on the Blue Economy) and the Second Edition of the Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER) 2018-2019.

21. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are invited to comment on the progress of these activities and to provide advice to the Secretariat regarding the modalities of consultation of the MCSD Members on draft and final products to be delivered by the Secretariat (Plan Bleu).

Agenda item 5: Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the Biennium 2018-2019, including the Preparation of the 18th Meeting of the MCSD

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG.456/4
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22. Working Document UNEP/MED WG.456/4 aims at supporting the discussion on the Updated Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the biennium 2018-2019.
23. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are invited to review, discuss, and possibly approve the updated work plan.
24. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are expected in particular to provide comments and share their ideas regarding the preparation of the 18th Meeting of the MCSD.

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

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25. Based on written expressions of interest received from relevant stakeholders, Working Document UNEP/MED WG.456/5 *Membership of the MCSD for the biennium 2020-2021* includes an initial proposal regarding the MCSD membership for Non-Contracting Parties Members.
26. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are expected to discuss the issue of the MCSD membership, in line with Decisions IG.22/17 “Reform of the MCSD and Updated MCSD Constitutive Documents” and IG.23/3 “Governance”, and to provide advice on the way forward with the ultimate objective to submit a proposal for discussion at the 18th Meeting of the MCSD and the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points, in view of approval by COP 21.

Agenda item 7: Any Other Matters

27. The MCSD Steering Committee is invited to consider other issues that may be raised by its members.

Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting

28. The report of the meeting will be circulated to the Members of the MCSD Steering Committee at a later stage for approval.
29. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the MCSD at approximately 17:00 on Thursday 24 January 2019.

Timetable

(The timetable should be read in current local time in Athens, Greece: GMT+2)

Wednesday, 23 January 2019			
Time	Agenda item		Document
09:30 – 10:00	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work	President of the MCSD Steering Committee	UNEP/MED WG.456/1 UNEP/MED WG.456/2 UNEP/MED WG.456/Inf.1 UNEP/MED WG.456/Inf.2
10:00 – 11:00	3. Work of the MCSD and MSSD Implementation: Review of Progress for the Period June-December 2018	Secretariat	
11:00 – 12:30	4. Specific Issues (a) Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard	Secretariat (Plan Bleu)	UNEP/MED WG.456/3 UNEP/MED WG.456/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.456/Inf.5
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>		
14:00 – 15:00	4. Specific Issues (a) Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard (cont'd)	Secretariat (Plan Bleu)	UNEP/MED WG.456/3 UNEP/MED WG.456/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.456/Inf.5
15:00 – 16:00	4. Specific Issues (b) Evaluation of MAP Regional Strategies	Secretariat	UNEP/MED WG.456/3
16:00 – 17:00	4. Specific Issues (b) Other issues	Secretariat (Plan Bleu)	UNEP/MED WG.456/3
Thursday, 24 January 2019			
Time	Agenda item		Document
09:30 – 10:30	4. Specific Issues (b) Other issues (cont'd)	Secretariat (Plan Bleu)	UNEP/MED WG.456/3
10:30 – 12:30	5. Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the Biennium 2018-2019, including the preparation of the 18 th Meeting of the MCSD	Secretariat (Plan Bleu)	UNEP/MED WG.456/4 UNEP/MED WG.456/Inf.3
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>		
14:00 – 15:00	5. Work Plan of the MCSD Steering Committee for the Biennium 2018-2019, including the preparation of the 18 th Meeting of the MCSD (cont'd)	Secretariat (Plan Bleu)	UNEP/MED WG.456/4 UNEP/MED WG.456/Inf.3
15:00 – 16:00	6. Membership of the MCSD: Implementation of Decisions IG.22/17 and IG.23/3	Secretariat	UNEP/MED WG.456/5
16:00 – 17:00	7. Any Other Matters 8. Closure of the Meeting	Secretariat President of the MCSD Steering Committee	

Note: Coffee will be available to participants at approximately 11:00 for the morning session and 15:30 for the afternoon session.