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the Northwest Pacific Action Plan  
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**Annotated Provisional Agenda**

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## **Annotated Provisional Agenda**

### **Agenda Item 1.**

#### **Opening of the meeting**

(Chairperson of the NOWPAP Twenty Third Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) chairs)

The meeting will be opened by the Head of the Delegation of the Russian Federation, who chaired the NOWPAP Twenty Third IGM. The Head of the Delegation of the People's Republic of China, the hosting Member State, will give a welcoming statement. Heads of Delegations of other participating NOWPAP Member States, representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and NOWPAP Coordinator will be invited to make opening statements as well.

### **Agenda Item 2.**

#### **Organization of the meeting**

#### **Agenda Item 2a.**

##### ***Election of officers***

(Chairperson of the NOWPAP Twenty Third IGM – Russia chairs)

The meeting will elect its officers: Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur among the representatives of the NOWPAP Member States attending the meeting. According to NOWPAP practice, the Chairperson will be the head of Delegation of the hosting Member State of the Twenty Fourth Intergovernmental Meeting (P.R. China), the Vice-Chairpersons will be heads of Delegations of Japan and Russia, and the Rapporteur - the head of Delegation of the Republic of Korea (the state to host the next IGM).

#### **Agenda Item 2b.**

##### ***Organization of Work***

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

The meeting will adopt the rules of procedures, which are used for the United Nations Environment Assembly with appropriate adjustments to suit the nature of this meeting (e.g., all decisions will be made by consensus and the meeting will be conducted in English). The meeting will also agree on the organization of work with a view to completing this meeting within the allocated time. A list of documents and a provisional timetable for the meeting (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 24/INF/1 and UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 24/2, respectively) will be introduced by the NOWPAP Coordinator.

#### **Agenda Item 2c.**

##### ***Presentation of Credentials***

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

Each participating Member State is to be represented by an accredited official who may be accompanied by alternative representatives and advisers. The credentials of representatives and the names of alternative representatives and advisers will be submitted by the participating Member States to the NOWPAP RCU in advance. Chairperson and the Rapporteur will review the submitted credentials and then report to the meeting.

**Agenda Item 2d.****Adoption of the Agenda**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

The Chairperson will introduce the Provisional Agenda (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 24/1) and the Annotated Provisional Agenda (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 24/2). Representatives of the NOWPAP Member States will be invited to propose any amendments for consideration and adopt the agenda

**Agenda Item 3.****Report of the UNEP Executive Director on the implementation of Northwest Pacific Action Plan in 2018 and 2019**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

The report of the UNEP Executive Director (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 24/3) will be presented by the NOWPAP Coordinator. The report summarizes the programme implementation in 2018 and 2019, including progress made by the Regional Activity Centers, resource mobilization, partnership building, public awareness, and the status of implementing resolutions adopted at the Twenty Third NOWPAP IGM. In addition, the report covers the status of NOWPAP Trust Fund and contributions by NOWPAP Member States. The meeting will be invited to hold a general discussion and adopt the report.

Recommended draft decision:

*Approves the Report of the UNEP Executive Director (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 24/3), takes note of the NOWPAP implementation progress and the status of resources in the NOWPAP Trust Fund.*

**Agenda Item 4.****Status of the implementation of NOWPAP Programme of Work 2018-2019**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

Directors of the four NOWPAP Regional Activity Centers (RACs) will report on the progress achieved by their respective RAC in 2018 and 2019. Their reports (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 24/4/1-4) will cover completed and ongoing projects, including outcomes and constraints, as appropriate. The meeting will be invited to hold a general discussion.

NOWPAP RCU will present the document UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 24/5. The meeting will be invited to review the progress of the implementation of the NOWPAP Programme of Work 2018-2019.

Recommended draft decision:

*Approves reports of NOWPAP four Regional Activity Centers – CEARAC, DINRAC, MERRAC, and POMRAC (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 23/4/1-4) and acknowledges with satisfaction the progress made.*

*Approves report on the Status of implementation of the NOWPAP Programme of Work in 2018-2019 (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 24/5), taking note of the implementation progress and the status of resources in the NOWPAP Trust Fund.*

*Agrees to the contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund in 2020 as to be presented in **Table** of the meeting report.*

*Request NOWPAP RCU together with RAC Directors undertake efforts to reach 100% expenditure rate of the NOWPAP Trust Fund biennial contributions by the end of 2020.*

*Encourages NOWPAP RCU and RACs to continue their best efforts to mobilize additional financial resources for the implementation of the NOWPAP Programme.*

**Agenda Item 5. Implementation of the NOWPAP Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter in 2018-2019**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

NOWPAP RCU will present the document UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 24/6 and the Report of the NOWPAP RAP MALI Focal Points Meeting (UNEP/NOWPAP/2019 RAP MALI Meeting). The meeting will be invited to review the progress report and approve the Report.\

Recommended draft decisions:

*Encourages NOWPAP Member States to carry out activities to prevent, monitor and remove marine litter at national and local level through the implementation of the NOWPAP RAP MALI;*

*Approves Report of the of NOWPAP RAP MALI Focal Points Meeting as provided in the document UNEP/NOWPAP/2019 RAP MALI Meeting;*

*Requests NOWPAP RACs and RCU to implement the work plan in close consultation with UNEP GPA office and other relevant international organizations, projects, and programmes.*

**Agenda Item 6. Progress of the development of the NOWPAP Regional Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity (RAP BIO)**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

NOWPAP RCU and CEARAC will present the latest version of the roadmap of the development of RAP BIO (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 24/8) and the Information Document on the development of the NOWPAP RAP BIO (UNEP/NOWPAP IG24/INF13). A joint proposal of RCU and CEARAC on further development of RAP BIO will be presented. The meeting will be invited to review the progress report and approve the Report and further steps on the development of RAP BIO.

Recommended draft decisions:

*Encourages NOWPAP Member States to further support the development of RAP BIO and agree on next steps (including additional funding);*

*Approves Report of the of RCU and CEARAC as provided in the document UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 24/8.*

**Agenda Item 7. NOWPAP Special Projects: Progress and Status**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

NOWPAP RCU will present progress in the development and implementation of NOWPAP Special Projects and lessons learned, including Project "Identification of key indicator species and ecosystems of biodiversity change in the NOWPAP region" and Project "Monitoring and Assessment Methods for Microplastics

Pollution". The meeting will be invited to discuss, provide comments and adopt/suggest next steps for developing NOWPAP Strategic Initiatives/Projects. Participants are encouraged to propose new project ideas/new areas for NOWPAP Special Projects.

Recommended draft decisions:

*Notes the progress and lessons learned while developing NOWPAP Special Project, "Monitoring and Assessment Methods for Microplastics Pollution and recommends [REDACTED]. Acknowledging the delays and requests [REDACTED].*

*Requests NOWPAP RCU together with the lead project agency to expedite [REDACTED].*

*Requests RCU to coordinate with the lead national agency, relevant external partners and RACs mobilization of financial resources for the approved Special Projects;*

*Encourages member states to identify and propose NOWPAP Special Projects supporting the implementation of the NOWPAP MTS 2018-2023.*

*Requests NOWPAP RCU to keep track record of the submitted project proposals and continue soliciting further project ideas for consideration by the 25<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP IGM.*

#### **Agenda Item 8.**

#### **Draft NOWPAP Communication Strategy (2018-2023) and New NOWPAP Promotional Videos**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

NOWPAP RCU will present progress in the development of NOWPAP Communication and Outreach Strategy and implementation of communications activities in 2018-2019, report on the current scale of efforts and recommend further steps to finalize the Strategy, including propose additional funding and institutional arrangements. Five New video developed with the lead by RCU will be launched at the meeting. The meeting will be invited to discuss, provide comments and adopt/suggest next steps for developing NOWPAP Communication and Outreach Strategy. The meeting will also be invited to approve the five promotional videos for circulation among NOWPAP partners and use the videos in future NOWPAP external communications.

Recommended draft decisions:

*Notes the progress in the development of NOWPAP Communication and Outreach Strategy and adopts further steps towards the completion and start of implementation.*

*Approves the five NOWPAP promotional videos and clears their use in communications purposes by NOWPAP RCU, RACs, and others.*

*Requests RCU to develop clear ToR for completion of work on the development of NOWPAP Communications and Outreach Strategy to be approved by the Member States Focal Points. This work needs to be completed and presented for approval to the 25<sup>th</sup> IGM.*

- Agenda Item 9.**                    **NOWPAP RCU Project “Rapid Assessment of Emerging Environmental Issues of Policy Relevance in the NOWPAP Region”. Report: “Report “Towards “Blue economy” Transformation in the NOWPAP Region”**
- (Elected Chairperson chairs)
- Agenda Item 10.**                **Reports by NOWPAP member states and observers on issues related to NOWPAP implementation in 2018-2019**
- Agenda Item 11.**                **NOWPAP Programme of Work for 2020-2021**
- Agenda Item 12.**                **Preparation of the Twenty Fifth Intergovernmental Meeting**
- Agenda Item 13.**                **Other business**
- (Elected Chairperson chairs)
- The meeting may wish to consider any other matters raised by Member States or Observers.
- Agenda Item 14.**                **Adoption of Meeting Resolutions**
- (Elected Chairperson chairs)
- Agenda Item 15.**                **Closure of the meeting**
- (Elected Chairperson chairs)
- It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the Chairperson at 12:00 on Thursday, 13 February 2020. Delegates will be invited to make closing statements.
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## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

**Tuesday, 11 February 2020**

09:30 - 10:00

***Registration***

Coffee in the foyer

10:00 – 10:10

**Agenda Item 1**

**Opening of the meeting**

(Chairperson of the NOWPAP 23<sup>rd</sup> IGM chairs)

10:10 – 11:00

**Agenda Item 2**

**Organization of Work**

***Agenda Item 2a***

***Election of officers***

(Chairperson of the NOWPAP 23<sup>rd</sup> IGM chairs)

***Agenda Item 2b***

***Organization of Work***

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

***Agenda Item 2c***

***Presentation of Credentials***

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

***Agenda Item 2d***

***Adoption of the Agenda***

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

11:00 – 11:30

**Agenda Item 3**

**Report of the UNEP Executive Director on the implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan in 2018 and 2019**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

11:30 – 13:00

**Agenda Item 4**

**Status of implementation of the NOWPAP Programme of Work 2018-2019**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

13:00 – 14:30

***Lunch***

14:30 – 15:30

**Agenda Item 4  
(Continued)**

**Status of implementation of the NOWPAP Programme of Work 2018-2019**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

15:30 – 16:00

***Photo and Coffee Break***

16:00 – 16:30

**Agenda Item 5**

**Implementation of the NOWPAP Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAP MALI) in 2018-2019**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

16:30 – 17:15	<b>Agenda Item 6</b>	<b>Progress of the development of the NOWPAP Regional Action Plan on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity (RAP BIO)</b> (Elected Chairperson chairs)
17:15 – 18:00	<b>Agenda Item 7</b>	<b>NOWPAP Special Projects: Progress and Status</b> (Elected Chairperson chairs)

**18:30 – 20:30**

**Welcome Reception**



**Wednesday, 12 February 2020**

***Coffee in the foyer***

10:00 – 11:30	<b>Agenda Item 8</b>	(Elected Chairperson chairs) <b>Launch of the New NOWPAP Promotional Videos</b> 1. Marine Biodiversity (8'32") 2. Oil Spills (6'10") 3. Marine Litter (3'55") 4. Eutrophication (5'40") 5. NOWPAP and SDGs (9'45")
11:30 - 12:00	<b>Agenda Item 9</b>	<b>Draft NOWPAP Communication Strategy (2018-2023) and New NOWPAP Promotional Videos</b>  <b>NOWPAP RCU Project “Rapid Assessment of Emerging Environmental Issues of Policy Relevance in the NOWPAP Region”. Report: “Report “Towards “Blue economy” Transformation in the NOWPAP Region”</b>  (Elected Chairperson chairs)
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Agenda Item 10</b>	<b>Reports by NOWPAP member states and observers on issues related to NOWPAP implementation in 2018-2019</b> (Elected Chairperson chairs)
13:00 – 14:30		<b><i>Lunch</i></b>
14:30 – 15:30	<b>Agenda Item 11</b>	<b>NOWPAP Programme of Work for 2020-2021</b> (Elected Chairperson chairs)
15:30 - 16:00		Coffee Break
16:00 - 16:20	<b>Agenda Item 12</b>	<b>Preparation of the Twenty-Fifth Intergovernmental Meeting</b> (Elected Chairperson chairs)
16:20 - 17:00	<b>Agenda Item 13</b>	<b>Other business</b> (Elected Chairperson chairs)

**Thursday, 13 February 2020**

10:00 – 11:30      **Agenda Item 14**      **Adoption of Meeting Resolutions**

11:30 – 12:00      **Agenda Item 15**      **Closure of the meeting**  
(Elected Chairperson chairs)

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14:00 - 16:00                                      **Post-IGM Meeting of NOWPAP RCU and RACs**

**Annex 1. History of Revisions**

<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Changes Introduced</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Rev 0	30 Dec 2019		
Rev 1	08 Jan 2020	IGM Provisional Timetable added Minor editorial improvements	