

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction:

1. At their Extraordinary Meeting (Montpellier, 1-4 July 1996), the Contracting Parties accepted the offer of Spain to host the second meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) and approved the Terms of Reference as well as the Composition of the Commission, (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.8/7).
2. In consultation with the host country, the second meeting of the Commission will be held in Palma de Majorca, on 6-8 May 1997 at the Melia Confort Bellver Hotel, Paseo Maritimo 11, Tel: (34) 971 735142, Fax: (34) 971 731451.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 09.30 on Tuesday 6 May 1997, by H.E. Mr. Nouridine Benomar Alami, Minister of the Environment of Morocco and President of the Bureau of the Commission.

Agenda item 2: Rules of procedure

4. The rules of procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties shall apply *mutandis mutandis* to this meeting (document UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex IX).

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work

5. The provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat was distributed as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.124/1, and annotated in the present document. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous English and French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

Agenda item 4: Progress report by the Coordinator

6. The Coordinator will introduce his progress report contained in document: UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.124/3, on the activities of the Commission since its first meeting.

Agenda item 5: Progress reports by the Task Managers for short-term activities

7. It is expected that the Task Managers for the themes on "Management of Water Demand" and "Sustainable Management of Coastal Regions" will introduce their progress report, including proposals for future programme and timetable for these two themes.

Agenda item 6: Preliminary reports by Task Managers for medium-term activities.

8. It is also expected that the Task Managers for the other six themes approved during the first meeting of the Commission, will introduce preliminary reports on their consultation with the members of the their Thematic Working Groups and proposals for future programme and timetable relevant to these themes.

Agenda item 7: Review of the composition of the Working Groups

9. The meeting will review the composition, the powers and the methods of work of the Task Managers and the Thematic Working Groups with a view to improving their contributions to the whole exercise.

Agenda item 8: Review of the draft Rules of Procedure for the MCSD

10. In conformity with the decision of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Montpellier, July 1996) and the first meeting of the MCSD (Rabat, December 1996), a draft Rules of Procedure of the Commission is presented to the present meeting for its consideration (Doc: UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.124/4). It is expected that the meeting will review and comment on the document for subsequent submission to the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties for final approval.

Agenda item 9: Provisional Agenda, date and place of the third meeting of the MCSD

11. The meeting is requested to take action on the exact dates, place and the Provisional Agenda for its third meeting.

Agenda item 10: Any other matters

12. The meeting will consider any other issues which might be raised during the meeting.

Agenda item 11: Adoption of the report of the meeting

13. A draft report of the meeting will be submitted in English and French to the participants for adoption.

Agenda item 12: Closure of the meeting

14. The meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairman at 18.00 hours on Thursday, 8 May 1997.

ANNEX

Suggested time schedule

Date	Session	Agenda item
Tuesday 6 May	Morning (09.30 - 12.30)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Afternoon (14.30 - 18.30)	5 (concluded), 6
Wednesday 7 May	Morning (09.30 - 12.30)	6 (concluded), 7, 8
	Afternoon (14.30 - 18.30)	8 (concluded), 9, 10
Thursday 8 May	Morning (09.30 - 12.30)	Free (Secretariat to prepare report)
	Afternoon (14.30 - 18.00)	11, 12

Coffee break

11.00 hours
16.00 hours