

Fourth Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee (STAC) to the Protocol concerning Pollution from Land based Sources and Activities in the Wider Caribbean.

Panama City, Panama, 18 to 20 July 2018

## **PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

### **Introduction and Objectives**

1. This meeting serves as the Fourth Meeting of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee (STAC), established under Article XIV of the LBS Protocol, following the entry into force of the LBS Protocol in August 2010. Under Article XIII.2.c, the Secretariat of the Cartagena Convention is responsible for providing such assistance that the STAC may require to carry out its functions, as referred to in Article XIV.
2. In accordance with the approved Workplan and Budget for 2017-2018, the Fourth LBS STAC Meeting is being held from 18 to 20 July 2018 in Panama.
3. The proposed objectives of the Fourth LBS STAC Meeting are to:
  - Evaluate the projects and activities implemented by the Secretariat and the LBS Regional Activity Centres (RACs) within the Assessment and Management of Environmental Pollution (AMEP) sub-programme during the period 2017-2018;
  - Review the progress made in the implementation of the Recommendations of the Third LBS STAC Meeting, Decisions of the Third Conference of Parties to the LBS Protocol and relevant Decisions of the Seventeenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Fourteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention;
  - Review the status of ratification and/or implementation of the LBS Protocol in member countries;
  - Review and provide technical input to the Draft AMEP Work plan and Budget for the 2019-2020 Biennium for subsequent submission to, and approval by, the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties to the LBS Protocol in the last quarter of 2018; and

- Provide recommendations concerning the implementation of the LBS Protocol for consideration by the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties to the LBS Protocol in the last quarter of 2018.

#### **Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting**

4. The Meeting will be opened by the Secretariat, on Wednesday, 18 July 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Agenda item 2: Election of Officers**

5. The Meeting will be invited to elect from among the Parties a Chairperson, one Vice Chairperson, and a Rapporteur for the Meeting.

#### **Agenda item 3: Organization of the Meeting**

##### (a) Rules of procedure

6. The rules of procedure for meetings of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention) as contained in UNEP, 2010) and adopted pursuant to Article 20 of the Cartagena Convention will apply for the conduct of the Meeting.

##### (b) Organization of the work

7. English, French and Spanish will be the working languages of the Meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in these languages will be provided for the Meeting. The working documents of the Meeting will be available in all the working languages.
8. The Secretariat proposes to convene the Meeting in plenary sessions, with the assistance of working groups. The Chairperson may also establish other working groups. Simultaneous interpretation will not be available for the working groups.

#### **Agenda item 4: Adoption of the Agenda**

9. The Meeting will be invited to adopt the Agenda of the Meeting. The Provisional Agenda proposed by the Secretariat is contained in document **UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/1** and the Provisional Annotated Agenda in **UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/2**.

#### **Agenda item 5: Review of AMEP Programme Activities for the period 2017-2018**

##### (a) Review of Status and Challenges of Ratification and Accession to the LBS Protocol

10. The Secretariat will present the current status and challenges of the LBS Protocol regarding ratifications and/or accessions as provided by the Government of Colombia, as Depositary for the Cartagena Convention and as provided in **UNEP(DEPI)/CAR.WG.39/INF.5**.

##### (b) Review of Activities

11. The Secretariat will be invited to make a general presentation and evaluation of the major projects and activities implemented under the AMEP Sub-programme, within the scope of the LBS Protocol, and

their achievements. During its presentation the Secretariat will refer to documents UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/INF.3, UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/INF.4 and UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/INF.5, as well as other relevant information and reference documents as appropriate. During this presentation, the Secretariat will also summarize the progress made in the implementation of the Recommendations of the Third LBS STAC, Decisions of the Third LBS COP and the relevant Decisions of the Seventeenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Fourteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention.

12. The two LBS Regional Activity Centres will be invited as part of the Secretariat's presentation, to report on their additional activities in support of the LBS Protocol (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/INF.4)
13. The Meeting will be invited to comment and/or seek additional clarification on any of the projects and activities implemented during the biennium and make recommendations, as appropriate.
14. The Chair will invite the Government of USA in their capacity as Chair of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment to introduce the Information Document on outputs of the working group and the progress in development of the Report on the State of Convention Area Report (SOCAR) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/INF.6).
15. The Chair will invite the Secretariat to present the draft Report for State of the Convention Area (SOCAR) for the Wider Caribbean Region (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/INF.13) for discussion.
16. The Meeting will be invited to provide scientific and technical input for finalization of the SOCAR including recommendations for consideration at the 4<sup>th</sup> LBS COP.
17. The Secretariat will be invited to present on various regional initiatives including:
  - Regional Nutrients Strategy and Action Plan UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/INF.15
  - UNDP/GEF/CLME+ Research Strategies UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/INF.10
  - Report on the work of the Caribbean Node on Marine Litter UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/INF.16
  - CEP/OSPAR Collaboration on Marine Litter UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/INF.11
  - Regional Indicators UNEP/WBRS.18/INF.9
18. This will include presentations by representatives of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute as co-host of the Caribbean Node on Marine Litter and the OSPAR Commission.

**Agenda item 6: Draft Workplan and Budget for AMEP Sub-Programme for the 2019-2020 Biennium**

19. The Secretariat will present the Draft Workplan and Budget for AMEP/LBS Protocol for the 2019-2020 biennium as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)CAR WG.39/3. The workplan was prepared based on inputs received from Governments and organizations for this purpose and the two LBS RACs.
20. The Meeting will be invited to review and comment on the draft documents from the AMEP sub-programme and subject to any proposed modifications, endorse the Draft Work Plan and Budget for 2019-2020. This Work Plan and Budget will be forwarded to the Fourth Meeting of the Contracting Parties for the LBS Protocol for approval.
21. The Meeting will be invited to provide additional comments and/or recommendations for national and regional actions to promote the ratification and implementation of the LBS Protocol.

**Agenda item 7: Other Business**

22. The participants of the Meeting will be invited to raise other issues not covered by the preceding agenda items, but relevant to the scope of the Meeting.
23. Requests from member governments or observer organizations to make brief presentations to the Meeting will be accommodated at this time.
24. The Secretariat will invite member governments to indicate any interest in hosting upcoming meetings of the Secretariat.

**Agenda item 8: Adoption of the Recommendations of the Meeting**

25. The Rapporteur of the Meeting will present the draft Recommendations of the Meeting (Document, UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.39/4). The Meeting will be invited to adopt the recommendations, with amendments and corrections to be introduced in the draft, as appropriate.

**Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting**

26. The Meeting is expected to be closed on Friday, 20 July 2018 at 1:30 p.m. by the Chairperson of the Meeting and the Secretariat.