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and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

Athens, Greece, 19-20 April 2016

**Agenda Item 6: Date and Venue of the 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Bureau**

**Tentative calendar of UNEP/MAP meetings and major international events**

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**Indicative Calendar of Main Events in 2016–2017**

*Legenda:*

	<i>International events of relevance to UNEP/MAP work</i>
	<i>Main MAP/Barcelona Convention Governance meetings</i>
	<i>Main Components' events</i>

<b>ORGANISER</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>January 2016</b>			
CITES	CITES SC66	11-15 January 2016	Geneva, Switzerland
IRENA	Sixth session of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)	16-17 January 2016	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
UNEP	133 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the CPR to UNEP	19 January 2016	Nairobi, Kenya
GFCM	Intersessional meeting of the Compliance Committee (CoC) - GFCM	19-20 January 2016	Rome, Italy
ECOSOC	ECOSOC Dialogue on Longer-Term Positioning of UN Development System - Workshop 6	25 January 2016	New York City, USA
UNDP	UNDP Executive Board, first regular session	25-29 January 2016	New York, USA
<b>February 2016</b>			
CBD	Expert Meeting on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing CBD	1-3 February 2016	Montreal, Canada

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UNEP/MAP Secretariat	19 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 19)	9-12 February 2016	Athens, Greece
UNEP	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Open-ended CPR to UNEP	15-19 February 2016	Nairobi, Kenya
ECOSOC	ECOSOC Dialogue on Longer-Term Positioning of UN Development System - Workshop 7	22 February 2016 <i>[tentative]</i>	New York City, USA
EC	Meeting of the MSCG and Committee - MSFD	22-23 February 2016	
ECOSOC	ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment (OAS) 2016	22-23 February 2016 <i>[tentative]</i>	New York City, USA
IPBES	Fourth session of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)	22-28 February 2016	Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Malaysia
<b>March 2016</b>			
SPA/RAC, MedPAN and the High Commission for Water, Forests and Desertification Control (Morocco)	Steering Committee of the 2016 MPA Forum	1 March 2016	Rabat, Morocco
MSFD	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the WG ESA-MSFD	1-2 March 2016	Brussels, Belgium
GFCM, FAO	Regional Conference on “Building a future for sustainable small-scale fisheries in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea”	7-9 March 2016	Algiers, Algeria
HELCOM	37 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of HELCOM	9-11 March 2016	Helsinki, Finland

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Interim Secretariat for the Minamata Convention for Mercury	Seventh meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiation Committee (INC7)	10-15 March 2016	Amman, Jordan
OSPAR	OSPAR ICG - MSFD	10-11 March 2016	Paris, France
PAP/RAC	CAMP Italy Mid-Term Conference	21-22 March 2016	Bologna, Italy
UNEP/MAP Secretariat	28 <sup>th</sup> ECP Meeting	22-23 March 2016	Athens, Greece
SCP/RAC	Synergy Workshop (Green entrepreneurship and civil society programme)	23 March 2016	Tunis, Tunisia
PAP/RAC	Land-Sea Forum of the CAMP France	30-31 March 2016	Grimaud (Département du Var), France
<b>April 2016</b>			
CBD	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	6-8 April 2016	Montreal, Canada
Jointly organized by UNEP's Chemical and Waste Branch, Secretariat of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), Interim Secretariat for the Minamata Convention for Mercury, the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Inter-Organization Programme for the sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)	International Expert and Stakeholder Workshop on the Integrated National Implementation of SDGs and International Chemicals and Waste Agreements	11-13 April 2016	Geneva, Switzerland
UNEP/MAP Secretariat	82 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	19-20 April 2016	Athens, Greece

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SPA/RAC	<i>Ad Hoc</i> meeting to draw up Guidance on developing IAS national lists and a regional and or sub regional reference list	24 April 2016	Hammamet, Tunisia
EC	16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the WG GES - MSFD	21-22 April 2016	Brussels, Belgium
CBD	20 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	25-30 April 2016	Montreal, Canada
EC	Meeting of the Expert Group for the Promotion of the Integrated Coastal Management – ICM Expert Group - MSFD	29 April 2016	Brussels, Belgium
<b>May 2016</b>			
CBD	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation	2-6 May 2016	Montreal, Canada
UNFCCC	1 <sup>st</sup> sessional period in 2016 – Bonn Climate Change Conference	16-26 May 2016	Bonn, Germany
UNEP	United Nations Environment Assembly UNEA – 2 theme: “Delivering on the Environmental Dimension of the Post-2015 Development Agenda”	23-27 May 2016	Nairobi, Kenya
GFCM	40 <sup>th</sup> session of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean	30 May – 3 June 2016	St Julians, Malta
Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat	10 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Open Ended Working Group of the Basel Convention (OEWG 10)	30 May – 2 June 2016	Nairobi, Kenya

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SCP/RAC	Synergy Workshop (Green entrepreneurship and civil society programme)	End May 2016	Rabat, Morocco
<b>June 2016</b>			
Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat	12 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee	4 - 6 June 2016	Nairobi, Kenya
EC	Meeting of the Water and Marine Directors - MSFD	9-10 June 2016	Brussels, Belgium
<b>July 2016</b>			
ECOSOC	High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development	11-15 July 2016	New York, USA
ECOSOC	High-level segment: The Theme "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitment to results"	18-22 July 2016	New York, USA
SPA/RAC	Training session on marine key habitat mapping and monitoring	July 2016	Kuriat Island, Tunisia
SPA/RAC	Training Session on marine turtles monitoring	July 2016	Kuriat Island, Tunisia
UNEP/MAP Secretariat (MED POL)	Regional Meeting on Marine Litter	Third week of July 2016	Tirana, Albania (tbc)
<b>August 2016</b>			
<b>September 2016</b>			
UNDP	UNDP second regular session	6-10 September 2016	New York, USA
UNEP/MAP Secretariat (MED POL)	Regional Meeting on NAP Implementation	Second week of September 2016	Athens, Greece (tbc)

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Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat	Twelfth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Committee (POPRC 12)	19-23 September 2016	Rome, Italy
UNEP/MAP Secretariat	29 <sup>th</sup> ECP Meeting	20-21 September 2016	Sophia, Antipolis, France (tbc)
EC	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the DIKE - MSFD	27-28 September 2016	Brussels, Belgium
UNEP/MAP Secretariat (MED POL)	First meeting of ML Regional Plan Coordination Committee	September 2016	Athens, Greece
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day	27 September 2016	Barcelona, Spain
PAP/RAC	Regional consultation meeting to discuss Draft Regional Framework for ICZM and Draft Conceptual Framework for MSP	28-29 September 2016	Barcelona, Spain
SPA/RAC	<i>Ad hoc</i> meeting to revise the Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean	September 2016	Tentative Barcelona, Spain
<b>October 2016</b>			
EC	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the WG ESA - MSFD	4-5 October 2016	Brussels, Belgium
UNEP/MAP Secretariat (MED POL)	CORMON Pollution	First week of October 2016	tbc
SPA/RAC	CORMON Biodiversity and Non-Indigenous Species	12-13 October 2016	tbc
SCP/RAC	SwitchMed Connect	18-20 October 2016	Barcelona, Spain
Plan Bleu-SCP/RAC	Plan Bleu-SCP/RAC NFP Meeting	October 2016	Barcelona, Spain
UNEP/MAP Secretariat	83 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	26-27 October 2016	tbc

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<b>November 2016</b>			
UNFCCC	Marrakech Climate Change Conference: Twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) and the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 12)	7-18 November 2016	Marrakech, Morocco
EC	Meeting of the MSCG and committee - MSFD	9-10 November 2016	Brussels, Belgium
EC	17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the WG GES - MSFD	10-12 November 2016	Brussels, Belgium
Black Sea Commission	Black Sea Commission	19-20 November 2016	Istanbul, Turkey
EC	Meeting of the Water, Marine and Nature Directors - MSFD	28-29 November 2016	Brussels, Belgium
SPA/RAC, MedPAN and the High Commission for Water, Forests and Desertification Control (Morocco)/ Closer meeting of MedKeyhabitats Project	The Forum 2016 of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	28-30 November 2016	Tangiers, Morocco
<b>December 2016</b>			
SPA/RAC, MedPAN and the High Commission for Water, Forests and Desertification Control (Morocco)/ Closer meeting of MedKeyhabitats Project	The Forum 2016 of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	1 December 2016	Tangiers, Morocco
CBD	Thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, COP 13	4-17 December 2016	Cancun, Mexico



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CBD	Eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (MOP-08)	4-17 December 2016	Cancun, Mexico
	Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing		
PAP/RAC	Sub-regional consultation meeting of the GEF Adriatic project ( <i>if the project is approved</i> )	December 2016	tbc
PAP/RAC	CAMP Italy Final Conference	December 2016	Tuscany (tbc)
SPA/RAC	Sub-regional meeting on biodiversity and NIS	First half of December 2016	tbc
UNEP/MAP Secretariat	12 <sup>th</sup> Compliance Committee Meeting	December 2016	Athens, Greece
<b>January 2017</b>			
UNEP/MAP Secretariat	30 <sup>th</sup> ECP Meeting	12-13 January 2017	Split, Croatia (tbc)
UNEP/MAP Secretariat (MED POL)	Expert Meeting on Dumping Protocol Guidelines	January 2017	tbc
<b>February 2017</b>			
UNEP/MAP Secretariat (MED POL)	CORMON Marine Litter	February 2017	tbc
<b>March 2017</b>			
UNEP/MAP Secretariat (MED POL)	Meeting of the Informal Network on Enforcement and Compliance	March 2017	tbc

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<b>April 2017</b>			
UNEP/MAP Secretariat (MED POL)	Second meeting of ML Regional Plan coordination Committee	April 2017	tbc
PAP/RAC	Meeting of PAP/RAC NFPs	April 2017	Split, Croatia
Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat	Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BC COP 13, RC COP 8, SC COP 8)	24 April – 5 May 2017	Geneva, Switzerland
<b>May 2017</b>			
PAP/RAC	CAMP France Final Conference	May 2017	tbc
MAP Components	Three-day Meetings of Components Focal Points	15-31 May 2017	tbc
SPA/RAC	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of SPA/RAC Focal Points / CORMON Biodiversity and Non-Indigenous Species	15-19 May 2017	
<b>June 2017</b>			
UNEP/MAP Secretariat	Meeting of the 17 <sup>th</sup> MCSD and its Steering Committee	13-16 June 2017	tbc
UNEP/MAP Secretariat	13 <sup>th</sup> Compliance Committee Meeting	20-21 June 2017	tbc
UNEP/MAP Secretariat	84 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	28-29 June 2017	tbc
<b>July 2017</b>			
SPA/RAC	Training session on marine key habitat mapping and monitoring	July 2017	Kuriat Island, Tunisia

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<b>August 2017</b>			
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UNEP/MAP Secretariat	31 <sup>st</sup> ECP Meeting	3 September 2017	Athens, Greece
UNEP/MAP Secretariat	Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group	4 September 2017	Athens, Greece
UNEP/MAP Secretariat	Meeting of the MAP Focal Points	5-8 September 2017	Athens, Greece
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day	25 September 2017	tbc
<b>October 2017</b>			
SCP/RAC	SwitchMed Connect	October	tbc
<b>November 2017</b>			
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UNEP/MAP Secretariat	20 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 20)	5-8 December 2017	Tirana, Albania