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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 the Rules of Procedure of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) and in consultation with the Members of the MCSD Steering Committee, the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee is being convened on 18-19 January 2017 in Athens, Greece.
2. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions. All documentation will be in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.
3. 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**

4. The meeting will be opened at 09:30 on Wednesday, 18 January 2017, by Mr. Rachid Firadi, President of the MCSD Steering Committee.

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

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| <b>Working Documents</b> | UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/1_Provisional Agenda<br>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/2_Provisional Annotated Agenda |
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5. 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* to this meeting, as per Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development.
6. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/1 and annotated in the present document.
7. It is expected that the MCSD Steering Committee will discuss all the items of the Agenda during its two days meeting, including the adoption of a set of recommendations. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 17:00 on 19 January 2017.
8. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed to the members of the MCSD Steering Committee for their perusal, comments and approval through electronic means.

### **Agenda item 3: Work plan of the MCSD Steering Committee and report on work carried out**

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| <b>Working Documents</b> | UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/3_Progress Report<br>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/4_Work Plan for the MCSD Steering Committee and MSSD 2016-2025 Implementation |
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9. The Secretariat will present the progress in MCSD and MSSD 2016-2025 related developments since the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD and 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee (Marrakesh, Morocco, June 2015), as contained in the “Progress Report” (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/3).
10. The Secretariat will also present the “Work Plan for the MCSD Steering Committee and MSSD 2016-2025 Implementation” (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/4).
11. The members of the MCSD Steering Committee are expected to comment on the progress of the implementation of the activities carried out and discuss and review the “Work Plan for the MCSD Steering Committee and MSSD 2016-2025 Implementation”.

**Agenda item 4: Progress and next steps for MSSD 2016-2025 implementation**

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| <b>Working Documents</b> | UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/5_ Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD 2016-2025): Implementation and Monitoring Plan |
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12. The MCSD Steering Committee will be informed about the “Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD 2016-2025) Implementation and Monitoring Plan”, contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/5.

13. In this respect, a detailed presentation of the progress will be made regarding (a) the development of the Mediterranean Sustainable Development Dashboard and (b) the Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER) of National Strategies for Sustainable Development.

14. The members of the MCSD Steering Committee will discuss and review the “MSSD 2016-2025 implementation and monitoring plan” so that it can be further elaborated and finalized in view of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD. They are expected to provide their advice on the next steps, including on the work in progress for the development of the Mediterranean Sustainable Development Dashboard and the Simplified Peer Review Mechanism.

15. The members of the MCSD Steering Committee are also expected to report on their own efforts and plans to disseminate the MSSD 2016-2025 and support its implementation.

**Agenda item 5: Preparations for the 17<sup>th</sup> MCSD meeting and MCSD input into COP 20**

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| <b>Working Documents</b> | UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/4_ Work Plan for the MCSD Steering Committee and MSSD 2016-2025 Implementation |
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16. The MCSD Steering Committee will be invited to discuss and decide upon the date, venue and agenda of 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD. The provisional date of the 17<sup>th</sup> MCSD meeting (followed by the meeting of its new Steering Committee) is set for 13-16 June 2017.

17. The MCSD Steering Committee will also be invited to discuss the structure of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD, main agenda and documents to be prepared and the expected outcomes. Possible elements for the Agenda of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD are proposed in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/4.

18. Finally, the MCSD Steering Committee is expected to discuss the possible inputs of the MCSD to the 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (COP20) in December 2017. In this respect, it is noted that the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols “*suggested to focus COP20 on the implementation of the SDG 14 “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development”, addressing in particular land-sea interaction, including ICZM, marine biodiversity, marine litter/plastics, in relation to specific sectors such as tourism*”.

**Agenda item 6: Any Other Matters**

19. The MCSD Steering Committee will consider other issues that may be raised during the meeting.

**Agenda item 7: Closure of the Meeting**

20. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of recommendations on the basis of the discussions on the different items of the agenda. The report of the meeting will be circulated to the members of the MCSD Steering Committee at a later stage for adoption.

21. The meeting is to be closed by the President of the MCSD Steering Committee at approximately 17:00 on Thursday, 19 January 2017.

**TIMETABLE**

| <b>Wednesday, 18 January 2017</b> |  |  |   |
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| <b>Time</b>                       | <b>Agenda item</b>   |  | <b>Documents</b>  |
| 09:30 – 10:00                     | 1. Opening of the Meeting<br>2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work                      | President of the MCSD Steering Committee | UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/1<br>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/2<br>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/Inf.1     |
| 10:00 – 12:30                     | 3. Work plan of the MCSD Steering Committee and report on work carried out                                       | Secretariat                              | UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/3<br>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/4<br>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/Inf.4     |
| <i>12:30 – 14:00</i>              | <i>Lunch break</i>   |  |   |
| 14:00 – 15:30                     | 3. Work plan of the MCSD Steering Committee and report on work carried out (cont'd)                              | Secretariat                              |   |
| 15:30 – 17:00                     | 4. Progress and next steps for MSSD implementation   | Secretariat                              | UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/5<br>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/Inf.3<br>UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/Inf.4 |
| <b>Thursday, 19 January 2017</b>  |  |  |   |
| 09:30 – 11:00                     | 4. Progress and next steps for MSSD implementation (cont'd)  | Secretariat                              |   |
| 11:00 – 12:30                     | 5. Preparations for the 17 <sup>th</sup> MCSD meeting and MCSD input into COP20                                  | Secretariat                              | UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.428/4   |
| <i>12:30 – 14:00</i>              | <i>Lunch break</i>   |  |   |
| 14:00 – 15:30                     | 5. Preparations for the 17 <sup>th</sup> MCSD meeting and MCSD input into COP20 (cont'd)<br>6. Any Other Matters | Secretariat                              |   |
| 15:30 – 17:00                     | 7. Closure of the Meeting  | 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.*