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Videoconference, 25-26 May 2021

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP 2020-2021 adopted by COP 21 (Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2021), the Secretariat (MED POL) is organizing the Second Meeting of the Working Groups of Experts on developing the Regional Plans on Urban Wastewater Treatment and Sewage Sludge Management, and for updating the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, to be held by videoconference on 25-26 May 2021.

2. The objective of this Second Working Group Meeting is to conclude the preparation of the Draft Regional Plans for their submission to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting for consideration.

3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 10:00 AM (EST) on Tuesday 25 May 2021 by Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, UNEP/MAP - Barcelona Convention Secretariat.

Agenda items 2: Organizational Matters

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.508/2</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.1</i>

a) Rules of Procedure

5. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting.

b) Election of Officers

6. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.508/1 and annotated in the present document UNEP/MED WG.508/2 will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the meeting including the timetable presented at the end of the present document.

d) Organization of Work

8. The discussions are planned to be held over two days with three two-hour plenary sessions opening daily at 10:00 and closing at 17:30 as per the Meeting Timetable included at the end of the annotated agenda.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions. All documentation will be in English and French. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session. The meeting will be recorded for future reference.

10. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 26 May 2021 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3: Regional Plan on Urban Wastewater Treatment

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/3</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.3</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.5</i>

11. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP/MED WG.508/3 “Draft Regional Plan on Urban Wastewater Treatment.”

12. The Meeting is expected to conclude the review of the draft Regional Plan with the aim of submission to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting for their consideration.

Agenda item 4: Regional Plan on Sewage Sludge Management

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/4</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.3</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.5</i>

13. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP/MED WG.508/4 “Draft Regional Plan on Sewage Sludge Management.”

14. The Meeting is expected to conclude the review of the draft Regional Plan with the aim of submission to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting for their consideration.

Agenda item 5: Updated Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/5</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.4</i>
	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.5</i>

15. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.508/5 “Draft Updated Regional Plan for Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean.”

16. The Meeting is expected to conclude the review of the draft Regional Plan with the aim of submission to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting for their consideration.

Agenda item 6: Cost estimates for the implementation of the key measures of the three Regional Plans with evaluation of related socio-economic benefits

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/6</i>
<i>Documents d'information</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.6</i>

17. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.508/6 “Assessment of costs of implementation of the main measures proposed in the new/ upgraded Regional Plans and associated socioeconomic benefits”. In this document, the Secretariat has

undertaken a study to enable the Contracting Parties to assess the costs of implementation of the measures of the three Regional Plans and associated socioeconomic benefits.

18. The Meeting is expected to review this draft assessment document and to provide its comments and substantive inputs for submission to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting.

Agenda item 7: Any Other Business

19. Under this Agenda item, the participants will be able to raise any other business related to the agenda items.

Agenda item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations

20. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations that will result from the meeting discussions as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting

21. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 hours on 26 May 2021.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

Tuesday 25 May, 2021		Related documents
09:45 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00 – 10:15	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
10:15 – 10:30	Agenda items 2: Organizational Matters	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/1 UNEP/MED WG.508/2 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.1</i>
10:30 – 12:00	Agenda item 3: Regional Plan on Urban Wastewater Treatment	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/3 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.5</i>
<i>12:00 – 13:00</i>	<i>Break</i>	
13:00 – 15:00	Agenda item 3: <i>(continued)</i> Agenda item 4: Regional Plan on Sewage Sludge Management	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/3 UNEP/MED WG.508/4 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.5</i>
<i>15:00 – 15:30</i>	<i>Break</i>	
15:30 – 17:30	Agenda item 4: <i>(continued)</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/4 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.5</i>
Wednesday 26 May, 2021		Related documents
10:00 – 12:00	Agenda item 5: Updated Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/5 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.5</i>
<i>12:00 – 12:30</i>	<i>Break</i>	
12:30 – 14:30	Agenda item 5: <i>(continued)</i> Agenda item 6: Cost estimates for the implementation of the key measures of the three Regional Plans with evaluation of related socio-economic benefits	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/5 UNEP/MED WG.508/6 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.6</i>
<i>14:30 – 15:30</i>	<i>Break</i>	
15:30 – 16:30	Agenda item 6: <i>(continued)</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.508/6 UNEP/MED WG.508/Inf.6</i>
16:30 – 16:45	Agenda item 8: Any Other Business	
16:45 – 17:30	Agenda item 7: Conclusions and recommendations	
17:30	Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting	