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Marseille, France, 14-16 June 2023

**Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD is being convened on 14-16 June 2023.
2. France generously offered to host the meeting in the municipality of Marseille.
3. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the plenary sessions. Working documents will be in English and French. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.
4. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda (Document UNEP/MED WG.560/1) were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

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

5. The meeting will be opened at 10:00 on Wednesday, 14 June 2023, by Mr. Mitja Bricelj, President of the MCSD. After a welcome address from Mr. Hervé Berville, French State Secretary for the Sea, the President of Region Sud (tbc), and the Mayor of Marseille (tbc), the Coordinator of the UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention Secretariat will also make opening remarks.

### **Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters**

- a) *Election of the Steering Committee*
- b) *Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*
- c) *Organization of Work*

<b>Working and Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.560/1	Provisional Agenda
	UNEP/MED WG.560/2	Provisional Annotated Agenda
	UNEP/MED WG.560/Inf.1	Provisional List of Documents
	UNEP/MED WG.560/Inf.2	Provisional List of Participants

6. The Rules of Procedure of the MCSD will apply.
7. The meeting will proceed to the election of the MCSD Steering Committee which, according to Rule 17, is composed of a President, five Vice-presidents and a Rapporteur, on the basis of an equitable geographical distribution, and shall include four members representing the Contracting Parties, including *ex officio* the President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, and three representatives from the six groups foreseen by the Terms of Reference of the MCSD.
8. The meeting will be invited to review and adopt the Provisional Agenda contained in Document UNEP/MED WG.560/1 and annotated in the present document.
9. It is expected that the MCSD will discuss all the items of the Agenda during its three-day meeting, including the adoption of conclusions and recommendations. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 18:00 on Friday, 16 June 2021.
10. The Report of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD will be distributed to the Members of the MCSD for their perusal, comments and approval through electronic means.

**Agenda item 3: Report by the Coordinator on Sustainable Development Activities for the period June 2021 – May 2023**

<b>Working Document, Information, and reference Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.560/3	Progress Report for the Period June 2021 – May 2023 and Specific Issues
	UNEP/MED WG.560/Inf.4	Update on Flagship Initiatives and activities toward the implementation of the MSSD
	Report of the 19th MCSD Meeting	<a href="https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/36009/21wg493_9_eng_reissued.pdf">https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/36009/21wg493_9_eng_reissued.pdf</a>
	Report of the 23rd MCSD Steering Committee Meeting	<a href="https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/40222/22wg523_4_eng.pdf">https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/40222/22wg523_4_eng.pdf</a>
	Report of the 24th MCSD Steering Committee Meeting	<a href="https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/41295/22wg542_4_eng.pdf">https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/41295/22wg542_4_eng.pdf</a>

11. The Secretariat will present the progress in MCSD and MSSD related developments since the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD (Videconference, 7-9 June 2021), as contained in Document UNEP/MED WG.560/3.

12. The Members of the MCSD will be invited to report on their own efforts to support the MSSD implementation and the work of the MCSD and to comment on the Progress Report.

**Agenda item 4: Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD)**

*a) MSSD Flagship Initiatives*

<b>Working and Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.560/3	Progress Report for the Period June 2021 – May 2023 and Specific Issues
	UNEP/MED WG.560/Inf.4	Update on Flagship Initiatives and activities toward the implementation of the MSSD

13. Following a brief presentation by the Secretariat about the status of implementation of the MSSD Flagship Initiatives, the MCSD Members and partners which took the lead or provided support in implementing the MSSD initiatives will be invited to introduce a short presentation of main achievements, challenges, and perspectives; a discussion will follow those presentations.

*b) Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard*

<b>Working and Information Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.560/3	Progress Report for the Period June 2021 – May 2023 and Specific Issues
	UNEP/MED WG.560/Inf.3	Mediterranean Sustainability and SCP Dashboard

14. The Secretariat (Plan Bleu and SCP/RAC) will introduce section I of the Document UNEP/MED WG.560/3 presenting the work done and perspectives to strengthening the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and the Regional Observatory on the Environment and Development. The MCSD will be invited to provide comments, as appropriate.

**c) Updated MSSD: Process and Rationale**

<b>Working and reference Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.560/3	Progress Report for the Period June 2021 – May 2023 and Specific Issues
	Towards Sustainable Development of Marine Renewable Energies in the Mediterranean: <a href="https://planbleu.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Report-on-Blue-Energy-in-the-Med_EN.pdf">https://planbleu.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Report-on-Blue-Energy-in-the-Med_EN.pdf</a>	

15. The Secretariat will introduce section III of Document UNEP/MED WG.560/3, providing background information on the process and rationale for the updated MSSD, including a proposal for the evaluation and review of the MSSD, for consideration and comments by the MCSD in view of its finalization for submission to the MAP Focal Points Meeting and to COP 23.

**Agenda item 5: MED 2050 Foresight Study**

<b>Working, Information and Reference Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.560/3	Progress Report for the Period June 2021 – May 2023 and Specific Issues
	UNEP/MED WG.560/4	Outcome of the MED 2050 Foresight Study
	Med2050 Module 1: the foresight base - preliminary report <a href="https://planbleu.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/MODULE-1-Med-med2050_-EN.pdf">https://planbleu.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/MODULE-1-Med-med2050_-EN.pdf</a>	

**a) Presentation MED 2050 Foresight Study**

16. The Secretariat (Plan Bleu/RAC) will introduce Document UNEP/MED WG.560/4 on the Outcome of the MED 2050 Foresight Study. It provides a description of the methodology applied, a timeline and includes a summary of each of the six scenarios, supporting tables, and presentation. MCSD is expected to provide comments and suggestions (a) on the methodology and proposed planning regarding the elaboration of the transition pathways and (b) opportunities for further dissemination and debate until COP23 and beyond, and (c) embark on a discussion on possible ways and means required to bring the Mediterranean region development on sustainability path.

**b) Outcome of the MED 2050 Youth Workshop on the Future of the Mediterranean**

17. The Secretariat (Plan Bleu/RAC) will present the outcome of the MED 2050 Youth Workshop on the Future of the Mediterranean. Youth networks representatives will share their views on the MED 2050 Foresight Study.

**Agenda item 6: Roundtable/Panel discussion: Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean in the context of the most recent relevant global and regional commitments**

<b>Working document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.560/3	Progress Report for the Period June 2021 – May 2023 and Specific Issues
	State of Play of Tourism in the Mediterranean <a href="https://planbleu.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/EN_VF_stateoftourism_PLANBLEU.pdf">https://planbleu.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/EN_VF_stateoftourism_PLANBLEU.pdf</a>	
	A Circular Blue Economy for the Mediterranean: Current Practices and Opportunities (MedWaves) <a href="https://www.medwaves-centre.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/A-Circular-Blue-Economy-for-the-Mediterranean-SwitchMed.pdf">https://www.medwaves-centre.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/A-Circular-Blue-Economy-for-the-Mediterranean-SwitchMed.pdf</a>	

18. The Roundtable/Panel discussions focused on the theme “Way forward for Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean” is composed of two consecutive sessions. It will be opened by the French Ambassador delegate for the Mediterranean Sea M. Karim AMELLAL, and the MAP Coordinator. The Roundtable/Panel discussions will be moderated by Ms. Sophie-Dorothee DURON, Head of Department “Maritime and Coastal Areas” DGAMPA.

19. The first panel will set the scene for sustainable blue economy in the Mediterranean, addressing the role of the Regional Seas towards the implementation of the new Global commitments (The BBNJ Treaty, the Treaty on Plastic Pollution and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework), Sustainable Blue Economy financing and investment in the Mediterranean, and Sub-Regional implementation (the Adriatic-Ionian sub-region/EUSAIR: Sub-regional Contingency Plan, ICZM and MSP, MPAs, as well as the food, energy, water and climate security nexus).

20. The second panel will focus on best practices to promote Sustainable Blue Economy. The panelists will share their experience on issues related to: the development of maritime planning in the Mediterranean as a necessity to reconcile the sustainable development of the maritime economy and the preservation of biodiversity resources and services provided by the Ocean; Sustainable tourism at the post-COVID era; Food, energy, water and climate security nexus; Greening of maritime transport; Benefit of coupling sustainable Blue Economy and Marine Protected Areas; and A youth perspective on Blue Economy.

21. The Meeting is expected to comment and contribute to the discussion, as appropriate.

22. The outcome of the panel discussions may represent the first elements that the MCSD may consider in view of feeding the relevant discussions at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP 23) (Portoroz, Slovenia, December 2023) and in the preparation of its Ministerial Declaration.

**Agenda item 7: Sustainability Considerations in the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2024-2025**

<b>Working and reference Documents</b>	UNEP/MED WG.560/5	Sustainability Considerations in the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2024-2025
	Guidelines for the sustainability of cruises & recreational boating in the Mediterranean region <a href="https://planbleu.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Guidelines_planbleu_Cruise_FINAL.pdf">https://planbleu.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Guidelines_planbleu_Cruise_FINAL.pdf</a>	

23. The Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.560/5 to stimulate discussions within the MCSD on integrating sustainability considerations into the UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention System.

24. The MCSD is expected to produce opinions on the overall draft UNEP/MAP Programme of Work (PoW) for 2024-2024.

**Agenda item 8: Inputs of the 20<sup>th</sup> MCSD Meeting to COP 23**

<b>Working Document</b>	UNEP/MED WG.560/5	Integrating Sustainability Considerations into the UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention System
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25. The Secretariat will introduce Document UNEP/MED WG.560/5. This agenda item will launch the consultation on the preparation of the draft Ministerial Declaration of COP 23: the MCSD is expected to facilitate the identification of issues of relevance to the Ministerial Session and Declaration of COP 23.

**Agenda item 9: Any Other Matters, Including Date and Venue of the Next Meeting of the MCSD**

26. The MCSD is expected to decide upon the date, venue and agenda of 21<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD, to be set for May/June 2025.

27. The meeting will consider other issues that may be raised by the participants.

**Agenda item 10: Conclusions and Recommendations**

28. The Rapporteur will submit for adoption a set of conclusions based on the discussions under all agenda items.

29. The report of the meeting will be circulated to the Members of the MCSD at a later stage for adoption.

The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the MCSD at approximately 18:00 on Friday, 16 June 2023. \_\_\_\_\_

### Timetable

(The timetable is the local time of Marseille, Time: GMT+2)

<b>Wednesday 14 June 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Documents</b>
10:00 – 10:30	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
10:30 – 11:00	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters a) Election of the Steering Committee b) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda c) Organization of Work	UNEP/MED WG.560/1 UNEP/MED WG.560/2 UNEP/MED WG.560/Inf.1 UNEP/MED WG.560/Inf.2
11:00 – 13:00	Agenda item 3: Progress Report by the Coordinator on Sustainable Development Activities for the period June 2021 – May 2023	UNEP/MED WG.560/3 UNEP/MED WG.560/Inf.4
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 17:30	Agenda item 6: Roundtable/Panel discussion: Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean in the context of the most recent relevant global and regional commitments	UNEP/MED WG.560/3
<b>Thursday 15 June 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Documents</b>
10:00 – 11:00	Agenda item 4: Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) a) MSSD Flagship Initiatives	UNEP/MED WG.560/3 UNEP/MED WG.560/Inf.4
11:00 – 12:00	Agenda item 4: Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) ( <i>cont'd</i> ) b) Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard	UNEP/MED WG.560/3 UNEP/MED WG.560/Inf.3
12:00 – 13:00	Agenda item 4: Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) ( <i>cont'd</i> ) c) Updated MSSD: Process and Rationale	UNEP/MED WG.560/3
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 16:00	Agenda item 5: MED 2050 Foresight Study a) Presentation MED 2050 Foresight Study	UNEP/MED WG.560/3 UNEP/MED WG.560/4
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Break</i>	
16:30 – 17:30	Agenda item 5: MED 2050 Foresight Study b) Outcome of the MED 2050 Youth Workshop on the Future of the Mediterranean	UNEP/MED WG.560/3 UNEP/MED WG.560/4



<b>Friday 16 June 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Documents</b>
10:00 – 11:15	Agenda item 7: Sustainability Considerations in the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2024-2025	UNEP/MED WG.560/5
11:15 – 12:30	Agenda item 8: Inputs of the 20th MCSD Meeting to COP 23	UNEP/MED WG.560/5
12:30 – 13:00	Agenda item 9: Any Other Matters, Including Date and Venue of the Next Meeting of the MCSD	
<i>13:00 – 16:00</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	
16:00 – 17:30	Agenda item 10: Conclusions and Recommendations	UNEP/MED WG.560/6 – to be issued after the meeting
17:30 – 18:00	Closure of the Meeting	

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