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Athens, Greece, 14-15 December 2022

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

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) and in consultation with Mr. Mitja Bricelj (Slovenia), President of the MCSD, the 23rd Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee will be held on 14-15 December 2022 in Athens, Greece.
2. The purpose of this meeting is threefold: (1) to review progress on the work done in the period April – October 2022; (2) to discuss specific issues related to the MCSD mandate and to relevant Decisions adopted at the 22nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP 22) (Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021); and (3) to prepare for the 20th Meeting of the MCSD, scheduled to take place in Marseille, France, on 14-16 June 2022.
3. Documentation is provided in English and French, as per Document UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.1. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French during the meeting.
4. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda, as included in Document UNEP/MED WG.542/1, were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the MCSD Steering Committee in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

5. The meeting will be opened by Mr. Mitja Bricelj, President of the MCSD, on Wednesday 14 December 2022, at 09:30 local time in Athens, Greece (GMT+2).

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

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6. As per Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the MCSD, 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 (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis*.
7. The meeting is expected to review and adopt the Provisional Agenda contained in Document UNEP/MED WG.542/1 and annotated in the present document.
8. It is expected that the MCSD Steering Committee discusses all the items of the agenda during the two day-meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting on Thursday 15 December 2022 at 17:00.
9. The report of the meeting will be finalized and distributed to the Members of the MCSD Steering Committee after the meeting for their comments and approval through electronic means.

Agenda item 3: Work of the MCSD and MSSD Implementation: Review of Progress for the Period April – October 2022

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG.542/3
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.5
Reference Documents and publications	See Document UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.1

10. The UNEP/MAP Coordinator will introduce Document UNEP/MED WG.542/3 “Progress Report and Specific Issues”, which presents the progress in MCSD and MSSD related activities for the period April – October 2022.

11. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee are expected to comment on the progress presented by the Secretariat and to report on their own activities that contributed to the SDGs/MSSD implementation and follow-up during this period, as well to those relating to implementation and follow-up of the Decisions adopted by COP22 (Antalya, Türkiye, 7 – 10 December 2021).

Agenda item 4: Specific Issues

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG.542/3
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.5
Reference Documents and publications	See Document UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.1

12. The Secretariat will introduce the specific issues introduced in Document UNEP/MED WG.542/3 “Progress Report and Specific Issues” for review and discussion by the MCSD Steering Committee, which is expected to provide comments and guidance on the following specific issues:

A. *Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Indicators*

13. The Secretariat will present the work done in the period April – October 2022 concerning the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard, including Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Indicators, which were integrated in the World Environment Situation Room¹ (WESR), which is the UNEP data, information and knowledge platform, and especially its MapX cartographic component².

14. The MCSD Steering Committee will be invited to provide advice to the Secretariat about the next steps to be undertaken to further ensure integration of the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and of the regional observatory of the environment and development in the global WESR platform, considering this achievement for an efficient monitoring of progress towards sustainable development in the Mediterranean. Furthermore, the MCSD Steering Committee will be invited to consider the proposal to report on the Mediterranean WESR at the 20th Meeting of the MCSD.

¹ <https://wesr.unep.org/>

² <https://app.mapx.org/?project=MX-R2F-467-2PL-J9H-CCR&language=en>

B. MSSD Flagship Initiatives

15. The Secretariat and invited speakers will introduce the status of implementation of MSSD Flagship Initiatives in which the Secretariat is directly involved, namely:

- Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award (Secretariat): update on the most recent developments and information on the launch of the call for applicant cities, which for the first time will be done through an online application form;
- WeMed Green Business Award (Secretariat and MedWaves-SCP/RAC): presentation of the call for applications and information on the roadmap to be followed;
- Environmental Governance – Encourage the Accession to and Implementation of the Aarhus Convention on Public Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) (MIO-ESCDE): update on the most recent developments, including the side event organised in the context of the 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Nicosia, Cyprus, 5 – 7 October 2022);
- Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Action Plan towards 2030 (MIO-ECSDE): update on the most recent developments, including the high-level event organized at the 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Nicosia, Cyprus, 5 – 7 October 2022);
- Mediterranean Experts on Climate and environmental Change (Secretariat and MedECC): update on the most recent developments, including three thematic reports, and next steps, including the planned stakeholder consultation.

16. The MCSD Steering Committee is expected to engage a discussion following short presentations of main achievements, challenges, and perspectives related to those MSSD Flagship Initiatives.

C. MED 2050 Foresight Study

17. The Secretariat will report on recent developments on the MED 2050 Foresight Study. The presentation will then focus on MED 2050 “Module 1: Building up the foresight baseline – past and future trends, weak signals and disruptions”, as described in Document UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.3.

18. A general discussion on specific issues for consideration by the MCSD Steering Committee will follow this presentation. The MCSD Steering Committee is expected to provide guidance to the Secretariat concerning opportunities to hold a session dedicated to MED 2050, at the 20th Meeting of the MCSD.

D. MSSD Review Process

19. The Secretariat will present tentative steps for the MSSD review process, as contained in document UNEP/MED WG.542/3, taking into account outcomes of the MSSD mid-term evaluation undertaken in 2020-2021 in close collaboration with the MCSD Members and MAP Partners, for consideration by the MCSD Steering Committee.

20. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee will be invited to consider a number of elements in their discussion towards the best possible approach to be defined for the MSSD Review process, that should be presented at the 20th Meeting of the MCSD.

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E. Preparation of the 20th Meeting of the MCSD

22. The Secretariat will present possible topics, as contained in document UNEP/MED WG.542/3, in view of the preparation of the 20th Meeting of the MCSD and the definition of possible agenda items, including options for a substantive theme to be addressed at the MCSD meeting through the organization of a roundtable.

23. The Members of the MCSD Steering Committee will be invited to discuss the proposals of the Secretariat and bring forward any other issue that should be discussed at the 20th Meeting of the MCSD, based on the actions proposed in Document UNEP/MED WG.542/3.

Agenda item 5: Any Other Matters

24. The MCSD Steering Committee will be invited to consider other issues that may be raised by its members.

Agenda item 6: Closure of the Meeting

25. A set of Conclusions and Recommendations will be approved by the Meeting at its closing session. The full report of the meeting will be circulated to the MCSD Steering Committee at a later stage for approval through electronic means.

26. The meeting is expected to be closed by Mr. Mitja Bricelj, President of the MCSD, at approximately 17:00 on Thursday 15 December 2022.

Timetable

Wednesday, 14 December 2022			
Time	Agenda item		Document
9:30 – 10:30	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work	President of the MCSD Steering Committee, Secretariat	UNEP/MED WG.542/1 UNEP/MED WG.542/2 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.1 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.2
10:30 – 12:30	3. Work of the MCSD and MSSD Implementation: Review of Progress for the Period April – October 2022	Secretariat	UNEP/MED WG.542/3 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.5
<i>12:30 – 14:00</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:00 – 15:00	4. Specific Issues A. Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and SCP Indicators	Secretariat	UNEP/MED WG.542/3
15:00 – 17:00	4. Specific Issues (cont'd) B. MSSD Flagship Initiatives	Secretariat and invited speakers	UNEP/MED WG.542/3 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.5
Thursday, 15 December 2022			
Time	Agenda item		Document
09:30 – 10:30	<i>Recap on Day 1</i>	Secretariat	
10:30 – 11:30	4. Specific Issues (cont'd) C. MED 2050 Foresight Study	Secretariat	UNEP/MED WG.542/3 UNEP/MED WG.542/Inf.3
11:30-12:30	4. Specific Issues (cont'd) D. MSSD Review Process E. Preparation of the 20 th Meeting of the MCSD	Secretariat	UNEP/MED WG.542/3
<i>12:30 – 14:00</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>		
14:00 – 17:00	5. Any Other Matters 6. Closure of the Meeting (including approval of Conclusions and Recommendations)	Secretariat	