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Ankara, 22-23 November 2022

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2022-2023 adopted in Decision IG.25/19 by COP 22 (Antalya, Türkiye, 7-10 December 2021), the Secretariat (MED POL) is organizing the “Regional meeting to review guidelines on available treatment technologies for urban wastewater and sludge, industrial pre-treatment, and environmental standards and available desalination treatment technologies,” to be held in Ankara, Türkiye on 22 and 23 November 2022.

2. The objective of the Meeting is to review the following three guidelines in support of implementation of the measures of recently adopted Regional Plans in the framework of Article 15 of the LBS Protocol:

- a) Available treatment technologies for urban wastewater and sewage sludge and decision support systems (DSS) for their selection.
- b) Pre-treatment standards and applicable BATs for industrial sectors eligible to discharge to urban wastewater collection systems; and
- c) Regional standards for discharge from desalination plants and decision support systems for sustainable desalination technologies in the Mediterranean.

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 9:30 AM on Tuesday 22 November 2022 by the Secretariat.

Agenda items 2: Organizational Matters

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.540/1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.540/2</i>
<i>Information Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.540/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, two 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.540/1 and annotated in the present document UNEP/MED WG.540/2 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 two three-hour plenary sessions opening daily at 9:30 and closing at 17:30 as per the Meeting Timetable included at the end of the annotated agenda, with a 2-hour mid-day lunch break.

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 23 November 2022 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3: Treatment technologies for urban wastewater and sewage sludge

Working Document *UNEP/MED WG.540/3*

11. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP/MED WG.540/3 “Regional guidelines on available treatment technologies for urban wastewater and sewage sludge and decision support systems (DSS) for their selection.”

12. Meeting participants are expected to review the Guidelines with aim of final submission to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting, planned to be held in May 2023, for their approval.

Agenda item 4: Pre-treatment standards for industrial sectors

Working Document *UNEP/MED WG.540/4*

13. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present document UNEP/MED WG.540/4 “Regional guideline on pre-treatment standards and applicable BATs for industrial sectors eligible to discharge to urban wastewater collection systems.”

14. Meeting participants are expected to review the Guidelines with the aim of submission to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting, planned to be held in May 2023, for their approval.

Agenda item 5: Regional standards on desalination technologies

Working Document *UNEP/MED WG.540/5*

15. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce document UNEP/MED WG.540/5 “Guideline on Regional Standards for Discharge from Desalination Plants and Decision Support Systems for Sustainable Desalination Technologies in the Mediterranean.”

16. Meeting participants are expected to review the Guidelines with the aim of submission to the MED POL Focal Points Meeting, planned to be held in May 2023, for their approval.

Agenda item 6: Conclusions and Recommendations

17. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend as appropriate and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations, as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 7: Any Other Business

18. Under this Agenda item, the participants will be able to raise any other business related to the agenda items under each of the three guidelines.

Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting

19. The Chair will close the Meeting at 17:30 hours on 23 November 2022.

Proposed Timetable

Tuesday 22 November 2022		Related documents
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45 – 10:00	Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters	<i>UNEP/MED WG.540/1 UNEP/MED WG.540/2 UNEP/MED WG.540/Inf.1</i>
10:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 3: Regional guidelines on available treatment technologies for urban wastewater and sewage sludge and decision support systems (DSS) for their selection	<i>UNEP/MED WG.540/3</i>
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30 – 15:30	Agenda Item 3: (<i>Continued</i>)	<i>UNEP/MED WG.540/3</i>
15:30 – 17:30	Agenda Item 4: Regional guideline on pre-treatment standards and applicable BATs for industrial sectors eligible to discharge to urban wastewater collection systems	<i>UNEP/MED WG.540/4</i>
Wednesday 23 November 2022		
09:30 – 10:30	Agenda Item 4: (<i>Continued</i>)	<i>UNEP/MED WG.540/4</i>
10:30 – 12:30	Agenda Item 5: Guideline on Regional Standards for Discharge from Desalination Plants and Decision Support Systems for Sustainable Desalination Technologies in the Mediterranean	<i>UNEP/MED WG.540/5</i>
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30 – 16:00	Agenda Item 5: (<i>Continued</i>)	<i>UNEP/MED WG.540/5</i>
16:00 – 17:15	Agenda Item 6: Conclusions and Recommendations	
17:15 – 17:30	Agenda Item 7: Any other business	
17:30	Agenda Item 8: Closure of the Meeting	