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UNDP/UNEP Meeting of Government Experts
for Developing a Co-operative Programme on
the Practical Applications of Renewable
Sources of Energy in the Mediterranean Region

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

A common awareness that something needs to be done in order to protect and enhance the environment of the Mediterranean region, on the health of which rests the well-being of its inhabitants, has grown slowly but steadily and has cumulated in the Mediterranean Action Plan for the protection and the development of the Mediterranean Region adopted at the Intergovernmental Meeting on the Protection of the Mediterranean, Barcelona, Spain, January - February 1975.

The Priority Actions Programme (PAP), an integral part of the Action Plan, focuses on the application of sound environmental management practices in selected fields, using knowledge and experience already available. One of the fields recommended by Governments for immediate action concerns renewable sources of energy.

As stated in the Report of the Intergovernmental Review Meeting of Mediterranean Coastal States on the Mediterranean Action Plan, Monaco, 9-14 January 1978,

"The Meeting agreed to request UNEP/UNDP to convene a meeting of Government experts which would develop a co-operative programme in the field of non-conventional sources of energy among interested Mediterranean countries. The representative of Malta informed the Meeting that his country would be willing to host this expert meeting."

To give effect to this directive, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) have fielded a mission during the first part of 1978. The mission paid brief visits to all Mediterranean coastal States with the exception of Albania and Monaco. Consultations were also held with various international and intergovernmental organizations working in the Mediterranean region. Most Mediterranean countries visited by the mission confirmed their general interest in the field of renewable sources of energy and expressed a desire to collaborate in this area. Thus, the main purpose of the meeting is to develop a co-operative programme leading to the practical applications of renewable sources of energy.

The following notes on the provisional agenda are intended to facilitate the work of the Government Experts Meeting.

Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 9 October 1978, at the Corinthia Palace, De Paule Avenue, San Anton, Malta. The working sessions of the meeting will be preceded by an opening ceremony during which brief welcoming statements will be made by the representative of the Government of Malta on behalf of the host country as well as by the representatives of UNDP and UNEP.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and suggested time-table

The Meeting will be called upon to adopt the agenda. A provisional agenda has been submitted as document UNEP/WG.20/1. Although there are several items on the agenda, it is suggested that the largest proportion of time be devoted to the main objective of the meeting namely the development of a co-operative programme in the field of renewable sources of energy among interested Mediterranean countries. The attached time-table has been suggested on this basis.

Item 3: Review of the present state of research and studies on renewable sources of energy in the Mediterranean region and their utilization.

Under this item, participants will be asked to review and comment upon document UNEP/WG.20/3. This document gives a brief outline of the general state of research and studies on renewable sources of energy in the Mediterranean region and their utilization at the time of the mission visits. Additional information may be found in Documents UNEP/WG.20/Inf.3 and UNEP/WG.20/Inf.4. Furthermore, comments by participants should provide useful information for the overall review of the present state of renewable sources of energy in the region and up-date the document on this subject.

Item 4: Potential uses of renewable sources of energy in the Mediterranean Region.

Under this item, participants are invited to review relevant potential uses of renewable sources of energy in the region, taking into consideration the characteristics of the Mediterranean region and available resources. Some of the potential uses are identified in the documents before the meeting.

Item 5: Formulation of the elements of a co-operative programme
on the practical applications of renewables sources of
energy.

The most important objective of the meeting is to formulate elements which could be used as a basis for a co-operative programme of regional interest for the practical applications of renewable sources of energy. Documents UNEP/WG.20/4 as well as Documents UNEP/WG.20./INF.3 and UNEP/WG.20/INF.4, contain information and proposals which could serve as a starting point for the formulation of a regional co-operative programme. Furthermore, participants are encouraged to make use of their personal knowledge in the field of renewable sources of energy and their national policies, activities and experiences to advise on and make recommendations concerning the development of the envisaged co-operative programme. It should be stressed that such a programme should be specific and concrete.

Item 6: Adoption of the Report including recommendations

The draft report of the Meeting, including recommendations as to the ways and means to develop the envisaged co-operative programme, will be submitted to the participants for adoption.

Item 7: Closure of the Meeting

ANNEX
Suggested Time Table

| DAY | MORNING | AFTERNOON |
|----------------------|---------------|---|
| Monday 9 October | Items 1, 2, 3 | Item 3 continued |
| Tuesday 10 October | Items 4 and 5 | Item 5 |
| Wednesday 11 October | Item 5 | Item 5 |
| Thursday 12 October | Item 5 | Free. Secretariat prepares draft report |
| Friday 13 October | Item 6 | Item 6 continued and Item 7 |
