

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

The 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols (Almeria, Spain, 15-18 January 2008) accepted the kind offer of the Government of Morocco to host the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in Marrakesh (Morocco) from 3 to 5 November 2009.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations. The opening session will be preceded, as per usual practice, by an informal meeting among the heads of delegations at 09.00 hrs.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be held at the Royal Mirage Hotel, Marrakesh, Morocco and will be opened at 10.00 hrs on Tuesday 3 November 2009.

Opening and welcoming statements will be made by:

- a) the President elected by the 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties or his representative;
- b) the representative of the Executive Director of UNEP;
- c) the representative of the Moroccan Ministry for Energy, Mining, Water and Environment;
- d) MAP officer in charge/Deputy Coordinator;
- e) the representative of the municipal authorities of the city of Marrakesh.

Agenda Item 2: Organizational matters

2.1 Rules of procedure

The Rules of Procedure adopted for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols, as amended (UNEP/IG.4/6, Annex XI) will apply to this meeting.

2.2 Election of officers

Subject to the Rules of Procedure, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties the members of the Bureau consisting of a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. It is recalled that "*the principle of equitable geographical distribution shall be observed*" (Article 19 of the Convention).

2.3 Adoption of the agenda

- (a) The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat in agreement with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and finalized during the meeting of MAP Focal Points (Athens, 7-10 July 2009) was distributed as document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/1/Corr.1.
- (b) Subject to the rules of procedure referred to at paragraph 2.1, the meeting may wish to adopt the agenda and timetable appearing in the Annex to the present document amended as appropriate.

- (c) Simultaneous interpretation Arabic, English, French and Spanish will be available in all plenary sessions throughout the meeting.

2.4 Organization of work

- (a) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties may wish to decide that it should meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. subject to adjustments as necessary.
- (b) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties may wish to establish ad hoc discussion groups or drafting sub committees, as it may deem necessary and to specify their mandates.
- (c) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties will feature a Ministerial segment on Wednesday 4th November. The proposed themes for the Ministerial segment are "Adaptation to Climate Change in the Mediterranean coastal and marine environment" and "Regional Environmental Governance in the Mediterranean".
- (d) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties will be invited to adopt the draft text of the Marrakesh Declaration during the Ministerial session on Wednesday, 4th November, 2009.

2.5 Credentials

- (a) Rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties provides that each Contracting Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternates and advisers as may be required.
- (b) Rule 19 of the rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties provides that the credentials of the representatives and the names of the alternate representatives shall be submitted by the Contracting Parties before the opening session of the meeting which the representatives are to attend. It provides also that the Bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives and submit its report to the meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Decisions

3.1 Thematic Decisions of the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties

- (a) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties has before it document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/5 "Draft Decisions for the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties" and document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/6 "Draft Decision on the Adoption of the Five-Year Programme of Work and Programme Budget for the 2010-2011 Biennium". The Secretariat will briefly introduce the Draft Decisions. The chairperson of the Compliance Committee will introduce Draft Decision IG. 19/1 as well as the report of the Compliance Committee for the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.
- (b) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties may wish to consider and adopt the following draft decisions that were approved at the MAP Focal Points meeting held in Athens in July 2009 and its additional session as well as at the 13th MCS D meeting, held in Cairo, Egypt, September 2009:

<i>Draft Decision IG.19/1</i>	Rules of Procedure for the Compliance Committee and its work during 2010-2011 biennium
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/2</i>	New Compliance Committee Members and Alternate Members
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/3</i>	Implementation of and reporting on Guidelines for the determination of Liability and Compensation for damages resulting from pollution of the Marine Environment in the Mediterranean Sea area
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/4</i>	Testing MAP effectiveness indicators
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/5</i>	Mandates of the Components of MAP
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/6</i>	MAP/Civil society cooperation and partnership
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/7</i>	Regional plan on the reduction of BOD ₅ from urban waste water in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS protocol
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/8</i>	Regional Plan on the elimination of Aldrin, Chlordane, Dieldrin, Endrin, Heptachlor, Mirex and Toxaphene in the framework of the implementation of Article 15 of the LBS protocol
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/9</i>	Regional plan on the phasing out of DDT in the framework of the implementation of article 15 of the LBS protocol
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/10</i>	Sound Management of Chemicals
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/11</i>	Regional strategy addressing ship's ballast water management in the Mediterranean
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/12</i>	Amendments of the list of Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/13</i>	Regarding a regional working programme for the coastal and marine protected areas in the Mediterranean including the High Sea
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/14</i>	Inclusion in the SPAMI List of: the Natural Reserve of Bouches de Bonifacio (France), the Marine Protected Area Capo Caccia-Isola Piana (Italy), the Marine Protected Area Punta Campanella (Italy) and the Al-Hoceima National Park (Morocco)
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/15</i>	Adoption of the revised implementation timetable of the "Action Plan for the conservation of Cartilaginous Fish (chondrichthyans) in the Mediterranean"
<i>Draft Decision IG.19/16</i>	Draft Decision concerning the recommendations of the 13 th Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) on sustainable tourism, and on agricultural and rural development

Expected outcome: The Meeting of the Contracting Parties is expected to adopt the proposed draft Decisions.

Working documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/5	Draft Decisions for the 16 th Meeting of the Contracting Parties
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/7	Report of the Compliance Committee for the 16 th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

3.2 Adoption of the Five-Year Programme of Work and indicative budget 2010-2014 and biennial programme of work and programme budget 2010–2011

- (a) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties has before it document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/6 which has Draft Decision IG.19/17 on the Five-Year Programme of Work and indicative budget (2010-2014) and programme of work and budget 2010-2011 biennium.

Expected outcome: The Meeting of the Contracting Parties is expected to adopt Draft Decision IG.19/17 on the Five-Year Programme of Work and indicative budget (2010-2014) and programme and budget work for 2010-2011 biennium.

Working documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/5	Draft Decisions for the 16 th Meeting of the Contracting Parties
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/6	Draft Decision on the Adoption of the Five-Year Programme of Work and Programme of Work and Budget for 2010-2011
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/3	Report by the Secretariat for the 16 th Meeting of the Contracting Parties
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/7	Report of the Compliance Committee for the 16 th Meeting of the Contracting Parties
Information/Background Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/Inf.4	Report of the MAP Focal Points, Athens, Greece 2009
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/Inf.5	Report of the Additional Session of the Meeting of MAP Focal Points, Cairo, Egypt, 2009
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/Inf.6	Report of the 13 th Meeting of the MCSD (Cairo, Egypt, 28-30 September 2009

Opening of the Ministerial Session

- Welcoming address and introductory remarks by Moroccan Minister for Energy, Mining, Water and Environment, H.E. Mme Amina Benkhadra;
- Welcoming remarks by Ms. Angela Cropper, Deputy Executive Director of UNEP;
- Welcoming remarks by the local authorities of Marrakesh.

Agenda Item 4: Topics for ministerial discussions

4.1 Adaptation to Climate Change in the Mediterranean coastal and marine environment

4.2 Regional Environmental Governance in the Mediterranean

- (a) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties has before it document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/3 "Report by the Secretariat for the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties" reporting major achievements during the biennium as well as background information for the ministerial discussions. The report also contains some questions related to the Ministerial topics that are provided for illustrative purposes only.
- (b) The UNEP/MAP Officer-in-Charge and Deputy Coordinator will make a brief introduction of document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG 19/3.
- (c) Eminent experts will be invited to make introductory remarks and facilitate discussions on "Adaptation to Climate Change in the Mediterranean coastal and marine environment" following which the Ministers and Heads of Delegations may wish to focus their interventions around the issues raised and questions presented in the document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/3.
- (d) Ministers and Heads of Delegations are invited to address the issues and questions raised in document UNEP(DEPI)/ MED IG. 19/3 on "Regional Environmental Governance in the Mediterranean".
- (e) Given the number of Contracting Parties and the limited amount of time available, it is recommended that the duration of each intervention should be limited to a maximum of ten minutes.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/3	Report by the Secretariat for the 16 th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.
Information/Background Documents	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/Inf.6	Report of the 13 th Meeting of the MCSD (Cairo, Egypt, 28-30 September 2009

4.3 Marrakesh Declaration

- (a) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties has before it document UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/4 Draft Marrakesh Declaration which will be introduced by the representative of Morocco who led the process of its preparation.
- (b) The Meeting of the Contracting Parties is invited to discuss and adopt the Marrakesh Declaration, which is expected to call upon the Contracting Parties to establish regional cooperation for the purpose of adaptation to climate change. It is also expected to contribute to making the regional environmental governance in the Mediterranean more effective by strengthening the cooperation established in the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan, as well as calling upon all actors and institutions in the region to establish synergies, avoid duplication and ensure efficient use of resources.

Expected outcome: The Marrakesh Declaration is expected to be adopted by the Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Working document/s	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/4	Draft Marrakesh Declaration
Information/background document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/Inf.4	Report of the MAP Focal Points meeting, 7-10 July 2009, Athens, Greece
UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/Inf.6	Report of the 13 th Meeting of the MCSD (Cairo, Egypt, 28-30 September 2009

Agenda Item 5: Date and place of the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2011

The meeting will be invited to consider the dates and place of the 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to be convened in 2011.

Expected outcome: A decision is taken about the date and the venue of the 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

Agenda Item 6: Other business

The Meeting of the Contracting Parties may wish to consider other matters raised during the meeting.

Agenda Item 7: Adoption of the Report

At its final session, the Meeting of the Contracting Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the meeting as prepared by the Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 8: Closure of the Meeting

It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the President at 18.00 hrs on Thursday 5 November 2009.

ANNEX

SUGGESTED TIMETABLE

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME		
DATE	AGENDA ITEMS	WORKING DOCUMENTS
Tuesday 3 November 2009		
09.00 - 10.00	Registration	
10.00 - 11.00	<p>Agenda item 1 Opening of the meeting</p> <p>Agenda item 2 Organization of work</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rules of Procedure 2. Election of officers 3. Adoption of the Agenda 4. Organization of work 5. Credentials 	<p>UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/1/Corr.1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/2</p>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30 - 13.00	<p>Agenda item 3 Decisions</p> <p>3.1 Thematic Decisions of the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties</p> <p>3.2 Decision on the Five-Year Programme of Work and Programme Budget for 2010-11</p>	<p>UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/5 UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/6 UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/4 UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/7</p>
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch break	
14.30 - 16.00	Agenda item 3 - continued	
16.00 - 16.30	Coffee break	
16.30 - 18.00	Agenda item 4 Draft Marrakesh Declaration	UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/4

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME		
DATE	AGENDA ITEMS	WORKING DOCUMENTS
<i>Wednesday 4 November 2009</i>		
10.00 - 10.30	Opening of the Ministerial session	
10.30 - 11.00	Agenda item 4.1 (a) Presentation of the "Report by the Secretariat for the 16 th Meeting of the Contracting Parties" (b) Introductory remarks by eminent experts (c) Discussions	UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/3
11.00 - 11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.30 - 13.00	Agenda item 4.1 – continued Agenda item 4.2	UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/3
13.00 - 15.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
15.00 - 16.00	Agenda item 4.2 – continued	UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/3
16.00 – 16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.30 - 18.00	Agenda Item 4.3 Adoption of Marrakesh Declaration	UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/4

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME		
<i>Thursday 5 November 2009</i>		
09.00 – 15.00	No session (in order for the Rapporteur to prepare the Draft Report of the Meeting)	
	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15.00 – 18.00	Agenda items (a) Date and place of 17th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2011 (b) Other business (c) Adoption of the Report (d) Closure of the Meeting	UNEP(DEPI)/MED IG.19/8