

INTRODUCTION

The Fourteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Portoroz, Slovenia, November 2005) requested the Secretariat to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of the MAP Focal Points in order to consider the conclusions and recommendations of the Report on the External Evaluation of MAP and to make recommendations to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007.

The following annotations to the proposed agenda for the extraordinary meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the participants in their deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 09.30 hrs on Tuesday, 7 November 2006 at the Romano Palace Hotel, Catania, Sicily, by the Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP). All MAP Focal Points have been invited to attend or to designate representatives. Relevant International Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations have also been invited to attend the meeting as observers.

Agenda item 2: Rules of procedure

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 will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

Agenda item 3: Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20 of the Rules of procedure, the meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 4: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat and appearing in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.297/1 and annotated in the present document, will be proposed for adoption by the meeting.

Issues which should be considered under Agenda item 11 "Other matters" should be proposed during the discussion under this agenda item.

If necessary, and providing the meeting agrees, *Ad hoc* discussion groups or drafting sub-committees may be formed by the meeting, in consultation with the Secretariat.

The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable appearing in **Annex I** to the present document.

Simultaneous English-French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

Agenda items 5: **General discussion concerning the main principles about the future orientation of MAP**

The Secretariat recommends that under this agenda item, a general discussion should be held with the aim to draw conclusions concerning the main principles about the future orientation of MAP which could then form the basis for a subsequent exercise to draft a political declaration for consideration by the next Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007.

As a basis for discussion and also to stimulate policy dialogue on the issues to be addressed, the Secretariat will introduce the main principles about the future orientation of MAP proposed by the MAP Focal Points following its invitation.

Moreover, in connection with this agenda item, the MAP Coordinator has provided a Background Brief contained in Information Document (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.297/Inf.3).

Agenda item 6: **A Secretariat submission with proposals for implementing the recommendations of the External Evaluation of the Mediterranean Action Plan**

The Secretariat recommends that under this agenda item, the meeting considers the recommendations made in the report on the External Evaluation of MAP and the comments and proposals by the Secretariat on the same recommendations. To facilitate the discussion the recommendations have been grouped under different headings, as they appear in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.297/3.

The meeting is expected to decide which recommendations should be accepted and submitted to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007 for endorsement.

Agenda item 7: **Draft Vision and Strategic Statement of MAP**

The Secretariat recommends that under this agenda item, the meeting reviews the draft Vision and Strategic Statement of MAP contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.297/4.

The meeting is expected to propose amendments to this document that will be submitted to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007 for endorsement.

Agenda item 8: **Draft Terms of Reference of MAP and RAC Focal Points**

The Secretariat recommends that under this agenda item, the meeting reviews and amends the proposed text of the draft Terms of Reference of MAP and RAC Focal Points as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.297/5.

The draft Terms of Reference, as agreed to by the meeting of MAP Focal Points, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007 for endorsement.

Agenda item 9: **Draft Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the MCSD**

The Secretariat recommends that under this agenda item, the meeting reviews and amends the proposed text of the Draft Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.297/6.

The amended Terms of Reference of the MCSD, as agreed to by the meeting of MAP Focal Points, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007 for endorsement.

Agenda item 10: **Identification of main topics of the agenda for the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties**

The Secretariat recommends that, as proposed by the Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties in Slovenia in April, 2006, the meeting identifies the main topics that should be included on the agenda of the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2007.

The Secretariat will propose topics for the consideration of the meeting, but MAP Focal Points are also invited to make their own proposals.

Agenda item 11: **Other matters**

The Secretariat recommends that under this agenda item, the meeting may consider any other matter raised during the adoption of the agenda under Item 4.

Agenda item 12: **Adoption of the Report of the meeting**

A draft report of the meeting will be submitted to the participants for adoption.

Agenda item 13: **Closure of the meeting**

It is expected that the meeting will conclude its work by 13.00 hrs on Saturday, 11 November 2006.

ANNEX I**DRAFT TIMETABLE**

DATE	PLENARY
TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2006	
9.00-9.30	Registration
09.30 – 10.30 a.m.	Agenda item 1: Opening Agenda item 2: Rules of procedure Agenda item 3: Election of officers Agenda item 4: Adoption of the agenda
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11.10 a.m. – 13.00 p.m.	Agenda item 5: General discussion concerning the main principles about the future orientation of MAP
13.00 – 14.30 p.m.	Lunch Break
14.30 – 16.00 p.m.	Agenda item 5 (continued): General discussion
16.00 – 16.30 p.m.	Coffee Break
16.30 – 18.00 p.m.	Agenda item 5 (continued): General discussion
WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2006	
09.00 – 11.00 a.m.	Agenda item 6 A Secretariat submission with proposals for implementing the recommendations of the External Evaluation of the Mediterranean Action Plan
11.00 – 11.30 a.m.	Coffee Break
11.30 a.m. – 13.00 p.m.	Agenda item 6 (continued)
13.00 – 14.30 p.m.	Lunch Break
14.30 – 16.00 p.m.	Agenda item 6 (continued)
16.00 – 16.30 p.m.	Coffee Break
16.30 – 18.00 p.m.	Agenda item 6 (continued)

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2006

- 09.00 – 11.00 a.m. Agenda item 7
Draft Vision and Strategic Statement of MAP
- 11.00 – 11.30 a.m. **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 a.m. – 13.00 p.m. Agenda item 7 (continued)
- 13.00 – 14.30 p.m. **Lunch Break**
- 14.30 – 16.00 p.m. Agenda item 8
Draft-Terms of Reference of MAP and RAC Focal Points
- 16.00 – 16.30 p.m. **Coffee Break**
- 16.30 – 18.00 p.m. Agenda item 8 (continued):

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2006

- 09.00 – 11.00 a.m. Agenda item 9
Draft-Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the MCSD
- 11.00 – 11.30 a.m. **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 a.m. – 13.00 p.m. Agenda item 9 (continued)
- 13.00 – 14.30 p.m. **Lunch Break**
- 14.30 – 16.00 p.m. Agenda item 10
Identification of main topics of the agenda for the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties
- 16.00 – 16.30 p.m. **Coffee Break**
- 16.30 – 17.00 p.m. Agenda item 11
Other matters

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2006

- 9.00 – 11.00 p.m. Agenda item 12
Adoption of a draft report of the meeting
- 11.00-11.30 **Coffee Break**
- 11.30-13.00 Agenda item 12 (continued)
- 13.00 Agenda item 13
Closure of the meeting