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Marseille, France, 17-18 October 2016

**Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda and election of officers**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda**

*The meeting has been organized in collaboration with the EU-funded Regional Project “SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism”*



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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Introduction

1. The objective of this regional meeting is to further the implementation of the National Action Plans that were updated, according to the mandate given by COP 18, Istanbul, Turkey, December 2013. The meeting is expected to be a forum in which participants would share experiences, lessons learned and successes in preparing the NAPs/Programmes of Measures (PoM); identify priority common actions, measures and targets to achieve Good Environmental Status (GES) to further the implementation of the LBS Protocol to the Barcelona Convention, in the framework of SAP/MED.

2. The meeting will be held in Villa Valmer, 271 Corniche Kennedy 13007, Marseille, France, on 17-18 October 2016. It is co-organised in collaboration between UNEP/MAP and the EU funded Regional Project "SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism".

3. The following annotations to the proposed provisional agenda for the present meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

### Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The meeting will be opened at 09.30 on 17 October 2016 by the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention Secretariat and the representative of the European Commission.

### Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda and election of officers

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5. The Meeting will elect one (1) President, three (3) Vice-Presidents and one (1) Rapporteur from among the participants.

6. The proposed provisional agenda appearing in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/1 and annotated in the present document will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. The meeting will review and adopt the agenda and the proposed timetable contained in the Annex to the present document, including as appropriate issues suggested to be addressed under the item "Any other business" of the provisional agenda.

7. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the plenary sessions. Documentation will be in English and French. As per practice, pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.

8. Sessions are scheduled every day from 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30.

### Agenda item 3: Presentation of the updated NAPs by the Contracting Parties

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- a. Midterm assessment
- b. Revised list of hotspots and sensitive areas
- c. Operational targets, Programme of measures/Measures and investment needs/Project fiches

9. Under this agenda item the participants will present their updated NAPs/PoM, and share information on the NAPs update process, as well as success stories and lessons learnt, including the main problems encountered, with a particular focus on: (a) the outcomes of the mid-term assessment including the updated list of hotspots and sensitive areas; (b) the operational targets and measures; and (c) the investment needs/projects, explaining the rationale for their selection.

10. The representatives of the Contracting Parties that are EU Member States are expected to present their Programmes of Measures (PoM) prepared under the EU MSFD, specifying their contribution to the commitments derived from the MAP/Barcelona Convention, LBS Protocol, SAP/MED and relevant Regional Plans.

11. The participants are expected to embark on a discussion on how to make best use of lessons learnt from the NAPs update/PoM development process and to maintain this momentum, in order to promote their effective implementation.

**Agenda item 4: NAPs Common Programme of Measures/Measures to achieve GES, NAPs operational Targets, NAPs follow up indicators and linkages to H2020 Initiative and SDG relevant indicators**  
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12. Under this agenda item the Secretariat will present the main findings of an analysis of the updated NAPs, undertaken in collaboration with the EU-funded Regional Project “SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism”. Particular focus will be placed on the identification of common measures to achieve GES, common operational targets and follow up indicators. The indicators selected at national level to follow up the implementation of the updated NAPs will be examined with respect to the UfM H2020 Initiative and the relevant SDG indicators.

13. Furthermore, the team of the EU-funded Regional Project “SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism” will inform the participants on the main findings and recommendations of the Steering Committee meeting held in Brussels on 27-28 September 2016.

14. Expected Output: The participants are expected to identify common measures, targets and indicators and agree to address common gaps, through a priority list of regional actions.

**Agenda item 5: Potential new/updated measures to achieve GES on pollution and litter**  
*UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/4, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/Inf.3,  
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/Inf.4, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/Inf.6*

15. Under this agenda item the Secretariat will make a brief presentation on the identified gaps related to measures at regional level, based on the Secretariat’s previous work and an analysis undertaken in collaboration with the EU-funded ActionMed Project (*Action Plans for Integrated Regional Monitoring Programmes, Coordinated Programmes of Measures and Addressing Data and Knowledge Gaps in Mediterranean Sea*). Based on this analysis, a list of potential new/updated measures to bridge the identified gaps will be presented for a preliminary discussion. Furthermore, Plan Bleu will make a short presentation of the Science-Policy Interface strengthening action to foster the implementation of measures to assess and achieve GES.

16. The participants are expected to embark on a discussion on the needs, and ways and means to bridge the identified gaps, by ensuring better implementation and enforcement of existing measures and/or preparing additional measures, and foster regional cooperation for this purpose.

**Agenda item 6: NAPs investment portfolio: lessons learned and challenges**  
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17. Under this agenda item the Secretariat, in collaboration with EIB and UfM, will present the main funding of the NAPs investment portfolio and related capacity building needs.

18. Expected Output: The participants are expected to highlight success stories and challenges met with regard to the NAPs investment portfolio. They will embark on a discussion on their needs in view of strengthening capacities for an effective linkage of identified investment needs with NAPs project ideas and fiches aiming at implementing the NAP measures to achieve GES.

**Agenda item 7: Recommendations on the way forward**

19. Under this agenda item the participants will review and approve, as appropriate, the draft Conclusions and Recommendations prepared by the Rapporteur, based on discussions held, highlighting key actions to provide technical support and guidance for NAPs implementation, from a regional perspective.

**Agenda item 8: Any Other Business**

20. Under this agenda item, the meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the provisional agenda.

**Agenda item 9: From measures to investment needs and projects (Capacity building session)**  
*UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/Inf.5*

21. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat, with the support of SWIM and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism, will organise a training session with the objective of bridging the investment needs and projects with NAPs measures.

22. Expected outcome: The participants are expected to better identify the links between NAPs measures and their investment needs. They are also expected to build their capacities on better aligning the content of NAPs project fiches, during the preparation of project proposals, as appropriate, with the targets and measures set out in the NAPs.

**Agenda item 10: Closure of the Meeting**

23. The President is expected to close the meeting at 17:30 on Tuesday, 18 October 2016.

**TIMETABLE**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Day, Monday, 17 October 2016</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Documents</b>
09:30 – 10:00	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Adoption of the agenda and election of the officers	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/2 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/Inf.1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/Inf.2
10:00 – 12:30	3. Presentation of the updated NAPs by the Contracting Parties	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/3
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 – 15:00	3. Presentation of the updated NAPs by the Contracting Parties (continue)	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/3
15:00 – 16:30	4. NAPs Common Programme of Measures/Measures to achieve GES, NAPs operational Targets, NAPs follow up indicators and linkages to H2020 Initiative and SDG relevant indicators	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/3
16:30 – 17:30	5. Potential new/updated measures to achieve GES on pollution and litter	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/4, UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/Inf.3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/Inf.4 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/Inf.6
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Day, Tuesday, 18 October 2016</b>		
09:30 – 10:30	6. NAPs investment portfolio: lessons learned and challenges	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/3
10:30 – 12:30	7. Recommendations on the way forward	
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 – 14:45	8. Any Other Business	
14:45 – 17:25	9. From measures to investment needs and projects (Capacity building session)	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.426/Inf.5
17:25 – 17:30	10. Closure of the Meeting	