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Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. The Conference on the Review of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) will be held on 17 and 18 February 2015 in Malta, hosted by the Government of Malta in close collaboration with the Coordination Unit of the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) and Plan Bleu. The aim of the Conference is to review the draft Strategy document and to provide guidance on its finalization before it is submitted for the endorsement of the 16th Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), which will take place in Morocco in mid-June 2015 and the adoption by the 19th Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.
2. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the plenary sessions. 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.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2015

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting, welcoming remarks and award ceremony

4. The meeting will be opened at 09.00 on 17 February 2015 by the Honorable Leo Brincat, Minister for Sustainable Development, Environment and Climate Change of Malta.
5. Welcoming remarks will be delivered by the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP, Mr. Gaetano Leone and also by the Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the MCSD, Dr Marguerite Camilleri, who will also act as the Chairperson of the Conference.
6. Following the welcoming remarks Honorable Minister Brincat will present Malta's Goodwill Ambassador for sustainable development for 2015, Ms Ira Losco, with her award, and she will also make some remarks.

Agenda item 2: Keynote address

7. Two keynote speeches will be delivered by Mr .Najib Saab, Secretary General of Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED) and Professor Salvino Bussutil, President of Fondation de Malte.

Agenda item 3: Key MAP initiatives of relevance for the MSSD

8. UNEP/MAP Secretariat and representatives of UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centers will present the current status of the following MAP initiatives: Sustainable Consumption and Production Regional Action Plan, Ecosystem Approach Implementation in the Mediterranean, Integrated Coastal Zone Management Regional Action Plan and Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework.

Agenda item 4: Introduction to the MSSD Review Process

9. The Director of Plan Bleu Regional Activity Center, Mr. Hugues Ravenel will present the MSSD Review Process.

Agenda item 5: The Draft MSSD

10. The draft revised MSSD will be presented by the Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the MCSD, Dr Marguerite Camilleri and Senior Advisor, Mr. Spyros Kouvelis.
11. A short question and answer session will be held.

Agenda item 6: Breakout groups to discuss the revised MSSD

12. During the afternoon session of the first day, three parallel working groups will meet and focus on following themes:
 - Theme 1 - Seas and coasts
 - Theme 2 - Natural resources, rural development and food
 - Theme 4 - Sustainable cities
13. The working groups will be moderated by members of the core group responsible for the review of the MSSD. Substantive support will be provided to the groups by the thematic experts who carried out the preparatory work during the development of the revised MSSD.
14. The working groups are expected to discuss the draft revised MSSD focusing on the subject of their corresponding theme, and provide recommendations on the draft.

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2015

Agenda item 7: Report to the plenary from breakout groups, discussions and recommendations

15. The morning session of the second day will start with the presentation of the outcomes of the working groups on themes 1, 2 and 4. The rapporteurs will also answer questions that may come from the Plenary.

Agenda item 6 (cont'd): Breakout groups to discuss the revised MSSD

16. During the morning session and the first half of afternoon session of the second day, three parallel working groups will meet and focus on following themes:
 - Theme 3 - Climate
 - Theme 5 - Transition towards a green economy
 - Theme 6 – Governance

17. The working groups will be moderated by experts from UNEP/MAP Secretariat, Regional Activity Centers and selected participants. Substantive support will be provided to the groups by the thematic experts who carried out the preparatory work during the development of the revised MSSD.
18. The working groups are expected to review the draft MSSD focusing on the subject of their corresponding theme, and provide recommendations on the draft.

Agenda item 7 (cont'd): Report to the plenary from breakout groups, discussions and recommendations

19. The rapporteurs of the working groups on themes 3, 5 and 6 will present the outcomes of the working groups and answer questions that may come from the Plenary.

Agenda item 8: Closure of the conference

20. The outcome of the Conference will be presented by the Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the MCSD, Dr Marguerite Camilleri and the MAP Coordinator, Mr Gaetano Leone.
21. The Conference is expected to be closed by the Chairperson at 17:00 on Wednesday 18 February 2015.

Timetable

Tuesday 17 February, 2015	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting and welcoming remarks & award ceremony
09:30 - 10:30	Agenda item 2. Keynote addresses
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 - 11:45	Agenda item 3. Key MAP initiatives of relevance for the MSSD
11:45 - 12:00	Agenda item 4. Introduction to the MSSD Review Process
12:00 - 12:30	Agenda item 5. The Draft Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 - 15:00	Agenda item 6. Break out groups on Themes 1, 2 and 4 (Seas and coasts; Natural resources, rural development, food; Sustainable cities)
15:00 - 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15 - 17:00	Agenda item 6 (cont'd). Break out groups on Themes 1, 2 and 4 (Seas and coasts; Natural resources, rural development, food; Sustainable cities)
<i>Tour and dinner reception hosted by the Government of Malta at historic city of Mdina</i>	
Wednesday 18 February, 2015	
09:30 - 10:30	Agenda item 7. Reporting from breakout groups on Themes 1, 2 and 4 (Seas and coasts; Natural resources, rural development, food; Sustainable cities)
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 - 12:30	Agenda item 6 (cont'd). Break out groups on Themes 3, 5 and 6 (Climate; Green economy; Governance)
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 - 15:00	Agenda item 6 (cont'd). Break out groups on Themes 3, 5 and 6 (Climate; Green economy; Governance)
15:00 - 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15 - 16:15	Agenda item 7 (cont'd). Reporting from breakout groups on Themes 3, 5 and 6 (Climate; Green economy; Governance)
16:15 - 17:00	Closure of conference