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Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) and in consultation with the Members of the MCSD Steering Committee, the 17th Meeting of the MCSD is being convened on 4-6 January 2017 in Athens, Greece.
2. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the plenary sessions. All 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.
3. The following annotations to the provisional agenda 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 Tuesday, 4 July 2017, by Mr. Rachid Firadi, President of the MCSD. The Coordinator will then provide opening remarks.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Working and Information Documents	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/1	Provisional Agenda
	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/2	Annotated Provisional Agenda
	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.2	Provisional List of Participants

- a) **Election of the Steering Committee**
- b) **Adoption of the Provisional Agenda**
- c) **Organization of Work**

5. The Rules of Procedure of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development will apply.
6. The meeting will proceed to the election of the MCSD Steering Committee which, according to Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure, is composed of a President, five Vice-presidents and a Rapporteur, on the basis of an equitable geographical distribution, and shall include four members representing the Contracting Parties, including *ex officio* the President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, and three representatives from the six categories foreseen by the Terms of Reference of the MCSD.
7. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/1 and annotated in the present document.
8. It is expected that the MCSD will discuss all the items of the Agenda during its two and a half day meeting, including the adoption of conclusions. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 12:30 on 6 July 2017. The MCSD may decide to work in breakout sessions to allow more in-depth discussion of agenda items, as appropriate.
9. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Rapporteur and distributed to the members of the MCSD for their perusal, comments and approval through electronic means.

Agenda item 3: Report by the Secretariat on Work Carried Out and Progress in the Implementation of Recommendations of the 16th Meeting of the MCSD

Working Document	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/3	Progress Report on Work Carried Out Since the 16 th Meeting of the MCSD
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10. The Secretariat will present the progress in MCSD and MSSD 2016-2025 related developments since the 16th Meeting of the MCSD (Marrakesh, Morocco, June 2015), as contained in the Progress Report (document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/3).

11. The members of the MCSD will also report on their own efforts and plans to support the implementation of MSSD 2016-2025 and the work of the MCSD and will comment on the Progress Report prepared by the Secretariat.

Agenda item 4: From Global to Regional: Implementing the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals

Working Document	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/4	Sustainability Considerations in the MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019
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a) Reflecting most recent global developments

b) Sustainability considerations in the MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019

12. A senior representative of UN Environment will introduce the progress in relation to sustainable development, from the global SDGs and through the work of UN Environment to the MAP system and the regional, as well as the national, level.

13. The Contracting Parties who have contributed to the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) through Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) in 2016-2017 (i.e. Egypt, France, Montenegro, Morocco, Turkey, Cyprus, Italy, Monaco and Slovenia) will be invited to present the main outputs of their Voluntary National Reviews and discuss on the VNR process. The discussion will aim at strengthening a well-informed community of practice that can have a significant role in implementing the SDGs (global), MSSD 2016-2025 (regional), and NSSD (national).

14. Furthermore, a senior representative of the Gender and Safeguards Unit of UN Environment will provide to the MCSD an overview of the integration of gender considerations in the SDGs and, in particular, the environment related SDGs.

15. In the second part of the discussions under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present how the MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019 is integrating sustainability considerations (document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/4), in accordance with the Rules of Procedure and the mandate of the MCSD.

16. The members of the MCSD are expected to provide opinions on the MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019, with the aim of integrating sustainability considerations into the MAP/Barcelona Convention system as a whole, in accordance with the mandate of the MCSD.

Agenda item 5: MSSD 2016-2025 Implementation and Monitoring - Good Practices and Challenges Faced

Working and Information Documents	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/5	Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD 2016-2025): Implementation and Monitoring Plan
	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/6	Proposed List of MSSD Indicators
	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/7	Draft MED 2050 Roadmap – Towards a New Foresight Study on Environment and Development in the Mediterranean
	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.3	Mediterranean Sustainable Development Dashboard
	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.4	Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER) of National Strategies for Sustainable Development: Methodological Report

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.5 Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER) – Report of the Peer Review Meeting, Nice, France, 27 April 2017

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.6 Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award: Nomination and Selection Process for the First Edition (2017)

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.7 Green Entrepreneurship as a Key Leverage for Implementing the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD 2016-2025)

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.8 Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development (MSESD) and Associated Action Plan

UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.9 Mediterranean Experts Network on Climate and Environmental Change (MedECC): Concept Note

- a) **MSSD 2016-2025 Implementation and Monitoring Plan**
- b) **Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER) of National Strategies for Sustainable Development**
- c) **Mediterranean Sustainable Development Dashboard**
- d) **Flagship initiatives**
- e) **Good practices, national and regional actions**

17. The Secretariat will present the “Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 (MSSD 2016-2025): Implementation and Monitoring Plan” (document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/5). The members of the MCSD are expected to discuss and review the document, with the aim to approve it and provide guidance for its implementation. They are also expected to report on their own existing and forthcoming efforts and actions for the delivery of the MSSD 2016-2025.

18. The Secretariat will also present the Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER) of National Strategies for Sustainable Development, and more specifically the context and background, methodological approach, and the results of the SIMPEER pilot test. The Contracting Parties that participated in the SIMPEER pilot test in 2016-2017, namely France, Montenegro and Morocco, will be invited to present their Draft National Reports and the outputs of the pilot test in their countries. A discussion will follow, focusing on capitalization, capacity building, and the way forward for the next biennium.

19. The Secretariat (through Plan Bleu/RAC) will present the participatory process implemented in 2016-2017 for building the new Mediterranean Sustainable Development Dashboard and the Proposed List of MSSD Indicators (document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/6). The MCSD members will be invited to comment on the draft dashboard and on the list of indicators for submission to COP 20.

20. The Secretariat will also present the Draft MED 2050 Roadmap – Towards a New Foresight Study on Environment and Development in the Mediterranean (document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/7). MCSD members are expected to provide their general advice on the process and expected outcome.

21. The meeting will then discuss the Flagship Initiatives as well as good practices and national and regional actions, such as those related to green entrepreneurship and education for sustainable development, under the six Objectives of the MSSD 2016-2025.

Agenda item 6: Contribution of the MCSD to COP 20

Working Document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/8 Preparation of COP20 ¹

¹ To be distributed after the 84th Bureau meeting (Athens, Greece, 19-20 June 2017)

22. Under this agenda item the MCSD members are expected to discuss and agree on the input of the MCSD to COP 20. The 17th MCSD meeting will be held after the 84th Bureau meeting (Athens, Greece, 19-20 June 2017), where the Bureau is expected to decide on the exact theme of COP 20.

23. The conclusions of the 84th Bureau meeting in relation to this Agenda Item will be presented to the MCSD for comments. To this end, document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/8 on *Preparation of COP 20* will be distributed to the MCSD members after the Bureau meeting, on the basis of its conclusions.

24. The MCSD could focus the discussions based on the Bureau's suggestion for the COP 20 theme, considering also the possibility to examine a wider scope/theme for COP 20 that addresses implementation of SDG14 from a wider perspective, looking in particular at issues such as pollution, SCP or ICZM/MSP.

Agenda item 7: Next Meeting of the MCSD and Any Other Matters

25. The MCSD will be invited to discuss and decide upon the date, venue and agenda of 18th Meeting of the MCSD, to be set for June/July 2019.

26. The meeting will consider other issues that may be raised during the meeting.

Agenda item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations

27. The Secretariat will submit for adoption a set of conclusions on the basis of the discussions on the different items of the agenda. The report of the meeting will be circulated to the members of the MCSD at a later stage for adoption.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting

28. The meeting is to be closed by the President of the MCSD at approximately 12:30 on Thursday, 6 July 2017.

TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 4 July 2017		
Time	Agenda item	Documents
09:30 – 09:45	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
09:45 – 10:15	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters a) Election of the Steering Committee b) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda c) Organization of Work	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/2 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.2
10:15 – 11:30	Agenda item 3: Report by the Secretariat on work carried out and progress in the implementation of Recommendations of the 16 th Meeting of the MCSD	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/3
11:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 4: From global to regional: Implementing Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals a) Reflecting most recent global developments b) Sustainability considerations in the MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/4
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00 – 16:00	Agenda item 4: From global to regional: Implementing Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals (<i>cont'd</i>) a) Reflecting most recent global developments b) Sustainability considerations in the MAP Programme of Work 2018-2019	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/4
16:00 – 17:00	Agenda item 5: MSSD 2016-2025 implementation and monitoring - Good practices and challenges faced a) MSSD 2016-2025 Implementation and Monitoring Plan	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/5
Wednesday, 5 July 2017		
Time	Agenda item	Documents
09:30 – 12:30	Agenda item 5: MSSD 2016-2025 implementation and monitoring - Good practices and challenges faced (<i>cont'd</i>) b) Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER) of National Strategies for Sustainable Development c) Mediterranean Sustainable Development Dashboard	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/6 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.4 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.5
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00 – 17:00	Agenda item 5: MSSD 2016-2025 implementation and monitoring - Good practices and challenges faced (<i>cont'd</i>) d) Flagship initiatives e) Good practices, national and regional actions	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.6 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.8 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/Inf.9
Thursday, 6 July 2017		
Time	Agenda item	Documents
09:30 – 10:30	Agenda item 6: Contribution of the MCSD to COP 20	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/8
10:30 – 11:00	Agenda item 7: Next Meeting of the MCSD and Any Other Matters	
11:00 – 12:15	Agenda item 8: Conclusions and Recommendations	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.441/9
12:15 – 12:30	Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting	