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Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. The objectives of the meeting of the MAP Focal Points are to review the progress achieved during the 2016-2017 biennium in the implementation of the programme of work and of the activities approved by the 19th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 19, Athens, Greece, 9-12 February 2016); and to approve a number of draft decisions, including the proposed biannual Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget 2018-2019, prepared by the Secretariat for submission to the 20th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 20) (Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017), aiming at strengthening the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols.

2. The following annotations to the proposed provisional agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 09.30 on 12 September 2017 by the President of the Bureau, Ms. Christina Baritaki and the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention, Mr. Gaetano Leone.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

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a) Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points

4. 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 present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

b) Election of Officers

5. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points will elect a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

6. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/1 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 any other issues suggested to be addressed under the item “any other business” of the provisional agenda.

d) Organization of Work

7. The discussions will be held in plenary sessions and as appropriate in working groups to address specific agenda items, subject to decision by the meeting during the adoption of the provisional agenda.

8. 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.

9. Sessions are scheduled every day from 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30. The morning of the last day of the meeting will be allocated for the preparation of the Report of the Meeting and the afternoon session will take place between 14:30 and 17:30.

10. It is expected that the MAP Focal Points will address all items of the Agenda during their four-day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 17:30 on 15 September 2017 after adopting its draft Report.

Agenda items 3 and 4: Progress Report on Activities Carried Out during the 2016 – 2017 Biennium and Financial Implementation 2016 - 2017

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11. The Coordinator will present documents “Progress Report by the Secretariat on Activities Carried Out during the 2016-2017 Biennium”, “Report on Financial Implementation of the 2014-2015 PoW” and “Planning and Monitoring of the Implementation of PoW 2016-2017 (February 2016-June 2017)”, highlighting the main achievements and challenges met during the implementation of the PoW and Budget adopted by COP 19 (Athens, Greece, 9-12 February 2016).

12. The meeting is expected to review the progress achieved on the implementation of the PoW and Budget adopted by COP 19.

Agenda items 5: Specific Matters for Consideration and Action by the Meeting

13. Under this agenda item the meeting will consider a number of draft decisions addressing specific issues related to the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as well as strategic and programmatic documents.

14. The Secretariat has prepared for each specific sub-item working documents containing the Note by the Secretariat, the Draft Decision and in most cases Annexes to the Draft Decision, as applicable. The brief introductory Note by the Secretariat contains details on the relevant mandate, background and process, objectives and substantive highlights, and links to the proposed 2018-2019 PoW outputs and budget, as appropriate.

5.1 Revised Reporting Format for the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols

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15. The Coordinator will introduce the main elements of Draft Decision IG.23/1 on the Revised Reporting Format including the main elements on the basis of which the MAP/Barcelona Convention reporting format has been revised in collaboration with the Compliance Committee.

16. The meeting is expected to review the proposed Draft Decision and provide feedback on the main elements of the revised reporting format, to further guide the work of the Secretariat and recommend its submission to COP 20 in consultation with the Compliance Committee.

5.2 Outcome of the Work of the Compliance Committee

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17. The Coordinator will introduce elements of the Draft Decision IG.23/2 on the Outcome of the Work of the Compliance Committee 2016-2017. At this stage, only the Note by the Secretariat and the very initial elements of the Draft Decision have been prepared. The complete Draft Decision will be prepared by the Compliance Committee during their meeting in Athens, Greece, on 26-27 September 2017 – i.e. after the meeting of MAP Focal Points.

18. The meeting is expected to review the proposed elements and provide its feedback.

5.3 Governance, including the revised Resource Mobilization Strategy and Implementation of Decision IG.21/16 “Assessment of the Mediterranean Action Plan”

Working Documents	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/6 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/8 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/19 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.23
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19. The Coordinator will introduce the proposed main elements of Draft Decisions IG.23/3 and IG.23/5 as well as Working Document WG. 443/19, prepared for the consideration of the MAP Focal Points and addressing the revised Resource Mobilization Strategy, the Communication Strategy, issues of Partnership including new Partners, as well as the Implementation of Decision IG.21/16 “Assessment of the Mediterranean Action Plan”.

20. The meeting is expected to review the proposed main elements of the Draft Decisions, and agree to their submission as appropriate to COP 20.

21. The Chair of the Open-ended Working Group on the MAP II Assessment will present the outcome of their work. The meeting will review and discuss this outcome and the relevant recommendations of the Bureau, as presented in Document WG. 443/19, for onward submission to COP 20 as appropriate.

5.4 Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 and of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean

Working Documents	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.8 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.19 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.20 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.21 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.22
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22. The Coordinator and the President of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), Ms. Maria Papaioannou, will introduce the proposed main elements of Draft Decision IG.23/4 on the Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) 2016-2025 and of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean.

23. The main elements of the Draft Decision refer to the implementation and monitoring of the MSSD 2016-2025, including the indicators of the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard, to the Simplified Peer Review Mechanism (SIMPEER) of National Strategies on Sustainable Development, to the MED2050 Roadmap, to the composition of the MCSD, as well as to the list of indicators for the monitoring of the implementation of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean.

24. The meeting is expected to review and discuss the proposed main elements of the Draft Decision in view of its submission as appropriate to COP 20.

5.5 Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach: Focus on the 2017 Quality Status Report and Follow-up Assessments

Working Documents	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/9 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.15 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.18
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25. The Coordinator will introduce the proposed main elements of the Draft Decision IG.23/6 on the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach with Focus on the 2017 Quality Status Report, following up on the relevant discussions in the 6th Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group (Athens, Greece, 11 September 2017).

26. The meeting is expected to review the proposed main elements of the Draft Decision, including the 2017 Quality Status Report Executive Summary and Policy Recommendations annexed to it, in view of its submission as appropriate to COP 20.

5.6 Implementation of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol: Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Conceptual Framework for Marine Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean

Working Documents	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/10 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7
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27. The Coordinator will introduce the main elements of the Draft Decision IG.23/7, together with the General Structure and Elements of the Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management, the timetable for the Framework preparation, and the Conceptual Framework for Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) in the Mediterranean.

28. The meeting is expected to discuss and review the proposed main elements of the Draft Decision and its annexes in view of its submission as appropriate to COP 20.

5.7 Guidelines to Prevent and Abate Pollution from Dumping Activities and from Land-Based Sources and Activities

Working Documents	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/15 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/16 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/17
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UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.17

29. The Coordinator will introduce the main elements of Draft Decisions IG.23/12, IG.23/13 and IG.23/14 and of their annexes on the Guidelines for Regulating the Dumping of Dredged Materials at Sea, on the Guidelines for Regulating the Placement of Artificial Reefs at Sea, and on the Guidelines to Prevent and Abate Pollution from Desalination Activities.

30. The meeting of MAP Focal Points is expected to review the proposed main elements of the Draft Decisions and their annexes, in view of their transmission as appropriate to COP 20.

5.8 Mediterranean Guide on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Responding to Marine Pollution Incidents

Working Documents UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/14
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.14

31. The Coordinator will introduce the main elements of Draft Decision IG.23/11 and the proposed Mediterranean Guide on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Responding to Marine Pollution Incidents.

32. The meeting is expected to discuss and review the main elements of the proposed Draft Decision and the Mediterranean Guide on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Responding to Marine Pollution Incidents, in view of their submission as appropriate to COP 20.

5.9 Conservation of Species and Habitats under the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean

Working Documents UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/11
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/13
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.12
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.13

33. The Coordinator will introduce the main elements of the Draft Decisions IG.23/8 and IG.23/10 on the Updated Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine and Coastal Bird Species listed in Annex II to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean - Updated Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean (Draft Decision IG.23/8) and on the Amendments to Annex II to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (Draft Decision IG.23/10).

34. The meeting is expected to discuss and review the main elements of the proposed Draft Decisions, in view of their submission as appropriate to COP 20.

5.10 Identification and Conservation of Sites of Particular Ecological Interest in the Mediterranean, Including Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs)

Working Documents UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/12
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.12

35. The Coordinator will introduce the main elements of Draft Decision IG.23/9 on the Identification and Conservation of Sites of Particular Ecological Interest in the Mediterranean, including Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs).

36. The meeting is expected to review the proposed main elements of the Draft Decision, in view of its transmission as appropriate to COP 20.

5.11 MAP Programme of Work and Budget 2018-2019

Working Documents	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/18 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.8 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.10
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37. The Coordinator will introduce the proposed Programme of Work and Budget 2018-2019 prepared on the basis of the Mid-Term Strategy 2016-2021 (MTS) and under the guidance of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, and consulted with the MAP Focal Points and reviewed by the Component Focal Points Meetings; as well as the main elements of Draft Decision IG.23/15.

38. The meeting is expected to review in depth the proposed PoW and Budget and the main elements of the Draft Decision and approve them as appropriate for submission to COP 20.

Agenda item 6: Provisional Agenda of the 20th Meeting of the Contracting Parties

Working Documents	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/20 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.3
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39. The Coordinator will introduce the proposed elements of the Provisional Agenda of the 20th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 20, Tirana, Albania, 17-20 December 2017).

40. The representative of Albania as the Host Country will introduce the proposed main theme and format of the Ministerial Session of COP 20, as well as key points of the Tirana Ministerial Declaration.

41. The Chair of the MCSD will brief the MAP Focal Points on the discussions of the 17th MCSD meeting on the contribution of the MCSD to COP 20, for their consideration.

42. The meeting is expected to discuss and provide inputs and guidance to the Secretariat on the preparation of the COP 20 provisional agenda with a view to submit it for approval during the adoption session of the meeting, under agenda item 8, as well as for the process of preparing the Ministerial Declaration.

Agenda item 7: Any Other Business

43. 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 agenda.

Agenda item 8: Adoption of the Report

44. The meeting will be invited to review and adopt the draft report submitted by the Rapporteur.

Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting

45. The President is expected to close the meeting at 17:30 on Friday, 15 September 2017.

TIMETABLE

1st Day, Tuesday, 12 September 2017		
Time	Agenda item	Documents
09:30 – 10:00	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Organizational Matters	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/1 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/2 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.1
10:00 – 11:30	3. Progress Report on Activities Carried out during the 2016 – 2017 Biennium 4. Financial Implementation 2016-2017	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.4 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.5 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.6 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.8 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.9 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.10 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.24
11:30 – 12:00	5.1 Revised Reporting Format for the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/4 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.5
12:00 – 12:30	5.2 Outcome of the Work of the Compliance Committee	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/5 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.5 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.11
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 – 17:30	5.3 Governance, including the revised Resource Mobilization Strategy and Implementation of Decision IG.21/16 “Assessment of the Mediterranean Action Plan”	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/6 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/8 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/19 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.23
2nd Day, Wednesday, 13 September 2017		
09:30 – 10:30	5.4 Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025 and of the Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Mediterranean	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.8 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.19 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.20 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.21 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.22
10:30 – 11:30	5.5 Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach: Focus on the 2017 Quality Status Report and Follow-up Assessments	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/9 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.15 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.18
11:30 – 12:30	5.6 Implementation of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol: Common Regional Framework for Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Conceptual Framework for Marine Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/10 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	

14:30 – 15:30	5.7 Guidelines to Prevent and Abate Pollution from Dumping Activities and from Land-Based Sources and Activities	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/15 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/16 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/17 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.15 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.16 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.17
15:30 – 16:00	5.8 Mediterranean Guide on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Responding to Marine Pollution Incidents	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/14 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.14
16:00 – 17:00	5.9 Conservation of Species and Habitats under the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/11 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/13 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.12 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.13
17:00 – 17:30	5.10 Identification and Conservation of Sites of Particular Ecological Interest in the Mediterranean, Including Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs)	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/12 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.12
3rd Day, Thursday, 14 September 2017		
09:30 – 12:30	5.11 MAP Programme of Work and Budget 2018-2019	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 421/18 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 421/Inf.3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.8 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.10
12:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 – 16:30	5.11 MAP Programme of Work and Budget 2018-2019 (cont'd)	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 421/18 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 421/Inf.3 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.7 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.8 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.10
16:30 – 17:15	6. Provisional Agenda of the 20 th Meeting of the Contracting Parties	UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 421/20 UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.443/Inf.3
17:15 – 17:30	7. Any Other Business	
4th Day, Friday, 15 September 2017		
14:30 – 17:15	8. Adoption of the Report	
17:15 – 17:30	9. Closure of the Meeting	