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Agenda Item 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events, including Date and Venue of the 88th Meeting of the Bureau
Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events

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**Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and
Major International Events in 2018-2019**

(As of 5 October 2018)

SECTION I

Legenda:

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| | <i>Main MAP-Barcelona Convention governance meetings</i> |
| | <i>Main MAP Components' technical meetings/events</i> |

| ORGANIZERS | MEETING | DATE | VENUE |
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| 2018 | | | |
| Secretariat, MEDPOL | Regional Meeting on Marine Litter Best Practices | 9-10 October | Izmir, Turkey |
| Secretariat, MEDPOL | 3 rd Meeting of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter | 11-12 October | Izmir, Turkey |
| MED POL | 2 nd Steering Committee of the EU-funded Marine Litter MED project | 12 October | Izmir, Turkey |
| SCP/RAC | Final Conference of the ACT4LITTER Interreg Med project | 23-24 October | Athens, Greece |
| PAP/RAC | 2 nd Training course on ICZM/MSP for the CO-EVOLVE project partners | 29-31 October | Barcelona, Spain |
| REMPEC | Field visit by Port Authorities representatives in the Port of Antwerp | 30-31 October | Antwerp, Belgium |
| PAP/RAC | Launching of the CAMP Bosnia and Herzegovina | November (tbc) | Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| PAP/RAC and other GEF Adriatic project partners | Training workshop on Hydrography (EO7) for the GEF Adriatic project partners | November (tbc) | Podgorica, Montenegro, or Tirana, Albania |
| Secretariat | 87 th Meeting of the Bureau | 6-7 November | Athens, Greece |
| REMPEC | Regional Workshop on Ratification and Effective Implementation of MARPOL Annex VI | 13-15 November | Valletta, Malta |
| SCP/RAC | SwitchMed Connect | 13-15 November | Barcelona, Spain |
| MED POL | Regional Expert Meeting to consider main elements of six Pollution Reduction/Prevention Regional Plans | 20-21 November | Athens, Greece |
| REMPEC | 5 th Meeting of the Competent National Authorities in charge of | 20-21 November | Algiers, Algeria |

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| | the implementation of the Sub-Regional Contingency Plan between Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia | | |
| SCP/RAC | Regional Training on Fostering a switch to Green Economy in the Mediterranean: Capacity building for SMEs and Policy-makers on eco-design, eco innovation and enabling policies (SWIM-H2020 SM project) | End of November | Barcelona, Spain |
| REMPEC | Sub-regional seminar on compensation for oil pollution damage in the framework of the trilateral agreement between Cyprus, Greece and Israel | 4-5 December | Nicosia, Cyprus |
| REMPEC | 1 st Meeting of National Operational Authorities responsible for the implementation of the Sub-regional Maritime Oil Pollution Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Greece and Israel | 6 December | Nicosia, Cyprus |
| PAP/RAC and other GEF Adriatic project partners | Training workshop on Marine litter (EO10) indicators for the GEF Adriatic project partners | Mid-December | Podgorica, Montenegro or Tirana, Albania |
| 2019 | | | |
| Secretariat | 37 th ECP Meeting | 9-10 January | Geneva, Switzerland |
| SPA/RAC | Mediterranean Symposia on Marine Key Habitats and Non-Indigenous Species | 14-18 January | Antalya, Turkey |
| SPA/RAC | Meeting of experts to review the Classification of benthic marine habitat types for the Mediterranean region and the Reference List of Marine and Coastal Habitat Types in the Mediterranean | 22-23 January | Rome, Italy |
| Secretariat | 20 th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee | 23-24 January | Athens, Greece |
| SPA/RAC | 2 nd Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts for Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean | 30-31 January | Tunis, Tunisia |
| PAP/RAC | 3 rd Meeting of the Drafting Group on Common Regional Framework for ICZM | January | (tbc) |

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| Plan Bleu/RAC | Nature Based Solution to mitigate Climate Change impacts in the Mediterranean (title tbc) | January | Marseille, France |
| REMPEC | 3 rd Meeting of the Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention (MENELAS) | 7-8 February (tbc) | Valletta, Malta (tbc) |
| SPA/RAC | SAP-BIO National Correspondents meeting to review draft SAP-BIO Evaluation and draft SoED Biodiversity chapter | 12-13 February | Marseille, France |
| SPA/RAC | Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) Biodiversity and Fisheries | 13-14 February | Marseille, France |
| MED POL | Regional Meeting on PRTR best practices and guidelines and law enforcement | 19-20 February (tbc) | Tunis, Tunisia (tbc) |
| PAP/RAC | 1 st Training course on ICZM/MSP processes and functionalities of Geoportal for PORTODIMARE project partners | February | Split, Croatia |
| SPA/RAC | Sub-regional Meeting on Biodiversity (monk seal) Best Practices | March | Tunis, Tunisia (tbc) |
| Secretariat, MED POL | Meetings of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Pollution and Marine Litter | March | Athens, Greece |
| MEDPOL, SCP/RAC, SPA/RAC, REMPEC | Regional Meeting on Marine Litter Best Practices | 9-11 April | Sevilla, Spain |
| PAP/RAC | Regional training on MSP and Initial meeting with national representatives on a common approach to MSP for the Adriatic sub-region (back-to-back) | April (tbc) | Rome, Italy |
| PAP/RAC | 2 nd Training course on ICZM/MSP processes and functionalities of Geoportal for PORTODIMARE project partners | April (tbc) | Pula, Croatia |
| PAP/RAC | PAP/RAC Focal Points Meeting | 8-9 May (tbc) | Split, Croatia |
| Secretariat | 88 th Meeting of the Bureau | 21-22 May (tbc) | Rome, Italy (tbc) |

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| Secretariat, MED POL | 2 nd Regional Expert Meeting on Pollution Reduction Regional Plans | 28 May | Athens, Greece |
| MED POL | MED POL Focal Points Meeting | 29-31 May (tbc) | Athens, Greece (tbc) |
| INFO/RAC | INFO/RAC Focal Points Meeting | After 5 / Before 20 June | Rome, Italy |
| SCP/RAC | SCP/RAC Focal Points Meeting | June | Barcelona, Spain |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | Workshop on simplified peer review mechanism (SIMPEER) | June | (tbc) |
| Plan Bleu/RAC | Plan Bleu/RAC Focal Points Meeting | June | (tbc) |
| Secretariat | 18 th Meeting of the MCSD | 11-13 June | Montenegro |
| REMPEC | REMPEC Focal Points Meeting | 11-13 June | Valletta, Malta |
| SPA/RAC | 14 th Meeting of SPA/Biological Diversity Focal Points | 18-21 June | Portorož, Slovenia |
| Secretariat | 15 th Meeting of the Compliance Committee | 25-26 June | Athens, Greece |
| Secretariat | 38 th ECP Meeting | 8 September | Athens, Greece |
| Secretariat | Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group | 9 September | Athens, Greece |
| Secretariat | Meeting of the MAP Focal Points | 10-13 September | Athens, Greece |
| PAP/RAC | Mediterranean Coast Day | 25 September | Nicosia, Cyprus (tbc) |
| PAP/RAC | Final meeting with national representatives on a common approach to MSP for the Adriatic sub-region | October | Split, Croatia |
| ACCOBAMS and SPA/RAC | 5 th Biennial Conference on Cetacean Conservation in South Mediterranean Countries | October | (tbc) |
| Secretariat | 21 st Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 21) | 2-5 December | Naples, Italy |

SECTION II

Major International Events of MAP Relevance in 2018-2019

| ORGANIZERS | MEETING | DATE | VENUE |
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| 2018 | | | |
| EMSA | 2 nd Steering Committee for the SAFEMED IV Project | 9-10 October | EMSA |
| European Environment Agency | EEA/Eionet National Focal Points Meeting | 10-11 October | Bucharest, Romania |
| CBD Secretariat, GFCM Secretariat | Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Regional Workshop for the Mediterranean | 15-19 October | Tangiers, Morocco |
| Ramsar | 13 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance | 21-29 October | Dubai, United Arab Emirates |
| FAO/GFCM | 42 nd Session of the Commission | 22-26 October | Rome, Italy |
| IMO | 73 rd Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) | 22-26 October | London, United Kingdom |
| HELCOM/WMU | 4 th Inter-regional Workshop on Risk Assessment Tools for Pollution Preparedness and Response | 30 October | Malmo, Sweden |
| Government of the Republic of Indonesia | Our Ocean Conference 2018 | 29-30 October | Bali, Indonesia |
| UNEP | 4 th Intergovernmental Review Meeting of the Global Programme of Action / 3 rd Global Conference on Land-Ocean Connections | 31 October-1 November | Bali, Indonesia |
| Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) | Regional Workshop on “Building an Effective National and Regional Preparedness and Response Capacity” and an Oil Spill Response Exercise code-named “Golden Horn-Istanbul” | 6-8 November | Istanbul, Turkey |
| IMO | 40 th Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Convention and 13 th Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Protocol (LC 40/LP 13) | 5-9 November | London, United Kingdom |
| European Environment Agency | 3 rd Steering Committee of the ENI SEIS II South Support Mechanism | 6-7 November | Vienna, Austria |

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| | Project – 9 th Meeting of the H2020 Review and Monitoring Group | | |
| EMSA | Workshop on ship-source pollution (Implementation of Directive 2005/35/EC) | 13 November | Lisbon, Portugal |
| CBD | 14 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity | 17-29 November | Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt |
| Minamata Convention on Mercury | 2 nd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury | 19-23 November | Geneva, Switzerland |
| Republic of Kenya, Canada | Global Conference on Sustainable Blue Economy | 26-28 November | Nairobi, Kenya |
| G20 | G20 Summit | 30 November | Buenos, Aires, Argentina |
| UNFCCC | 24 th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC | 3-14 December | Katowice, Poland |
| UNEP | 2 nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group on Marine Litter and Microplastics (UNEA/EA.3/Res.7) | 3-7 December | Geneva, Switzerland |
| CMS/AEWA | 7 th Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds | 4-8 December | Republic of South Africa |
| FAO/GFCM | GFCM Forum on Fisheries Science in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (Fish Forum 2018) | 10-14 December | Rome, Italy |
| 2019 | | | |
| IMO | 6 th session of the Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) | 18-22 February | London, United Kingdom |
| EMSA | 15 th Inter-Secretariat Meeting between Regional Agreement Secretariats, DG ECHO and EMSA | February | Lisbon, Portugal |
| UNEP | UN Environment Assembly | 11-15 March | Nairobi, Kenya |
| BRS Secretariat | Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (BC COP-14, RC COP-9, SC COP-9) | 29 April-10 May | Geneva, Switzerland |
| IMO | 74 th Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) | 13-17 May | London, United Kingdom |
| FAO | 41 st Session of the FAO Conference | 3-8 July | Rome, Italy |

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| Government of Norway | Our Ocean Conference 2019 | October (tbc) | Norway |
| IMO | 41 st Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Convention and 14th Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Protocol (LC 41/LP 14) | 7-11 October | London, United Kingdom |
| IFREMER | IMDIS 2019 – International Conference on Marine Data and Information System | November (tbc) | (tbc) |
| UNFCCC | 25 th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC | 11-22 November | (tbc) |