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Agenda Item 6: Calendar of Meetings and Events

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 2023**

(As of 20 May 2023)

SECTION I

Legenda:

	<i>Main MAP-Barcelona Convention Governance Meetings</i>
	<i>Main MAP-Barcelona Convention Bodies' Meetings</i>

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
2023			
MED POL	2 nd Meeting of the Working Groups of Designated Experts for Developing the Regional Plans on Agriculture, Aquaculture and Urban Stormwater Management in the Mediterranean	22-23 May	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	16 th Meeting of the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Thematic Focal Points	22-24 May	Sliema, Malta
Secretariat / REMPEC	4 th Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group	23-24 May	Floriana, Malta
PAP/RAC	PAP/RAC Focal Points Meeting	23-24 May	Split, Croatia
MED POL	Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points	24-26 May	Athens, Greece
INFO/RAC	INFO/RAC Focal Points Meeting	7-8 June	Rome, Italy
Plan Bleu/RAC	Plan Bleu/RAC Focal Points Meeting	12-13 June	Marseille, France
REMPEC	15 th Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)	13-15 June	Kappara, Malta
Secretariat	20 th Meeting of the MCSD	14-16 June	Marseille, France
MED POL	4 th Steering Committee EU-funded Marine Litter MED II Project	20 June	Teleconference
Secretariat	94 th Meeting of the Bureau	20-21 June	Izola, Slovenia
SCP/RAC	SCP/RAC Focal Points Meeting	20-21 June	Barcelona, Spain
Secretariat	4 th Steering Committee of EcAp Med III Project	30 June	On-line
SPA/RAC	6 th Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean AGEM	June or July (TBC)	Tunisia (TBC)
Secretariat	19 th Meeting of the Compliance Committee	4-5 July	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	IMAP-MPA Final Event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practices Meeting • Steering Committee of the IMAP-MPA Project • High-level event 	11-13 July	Tangier, Morocco

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
MED POL	6 th Meeting of the Regional Cooperation Platform on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean	18 July (TBC)	Teleconference
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel Meeting	10 September	Istanbul, Türkiye
Secretariat	10 th Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group	11 September	Istanbul, Türkiye
Secretariat	Meeting of the MAP Focal Points	12-15 September	Istanbul, Türkiye
MedProgramme	MedProgramme SCCF Regional meeting/Forum	22 September	Athens, Greece
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day	25 September	Vlora, Albania
Secretariat	Final Regional TDA Steering Committee Meeting	End of September (TBC)	Teleconference
MED POL	Meeting on Best Practices on application of pollutants' loads estimation techniques for agriculture, aquaculture and for developing new NAPs 2025-2035	25-26 October	Crete/Athens, Greece (TBC)
SCP/RAC and Secretariat	Steering Committee of the SwitchMed Programme	8-10 November	Vienna, Austria
SPA/RAC	3 rd Mediterranean Symposium on ecology and conservation of the marine and coastal Bird species listed in Annex II	Last week of November (TBC)	France (TBC)
Secretariat	23 rd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 23)	4-8 December	Portoroz, Slovenia
MedProgramme	MedProgramme Annual Stocktaking Meeting	(TBC)	(TBC)

SECTION II

Legenda:

Coordinating Unit's and MAP Components' Technical Meetings/events

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
SPA/RAC	Workshop on the monitoring of dark habitats in caves	3-4 July	Tunis, Tunisia
SPA/RAC	Sub-regional Training on the monitoring of dark habitats in caves	5-9 July	Tunis, Tunisia
SCP/RAC	Workshop on circular blue economy in ports (Adriatic Countries)	September	(TBC)
REMPEC	National Workshops on the development of a Global Improvement Programme and National Implementation Plan to Improve and Sustain Oil Spill Response Readiness	September	Greece
REMPEC	National Training on Acute Pollution/Contingency Planning	September	Lebanon
PAP/RAC	CAMP Israel Final Conference and Steering Committee Meeting	October (TBC)	(TBC)
REMPEC	Tabletop Exercise within the Sub-regional Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Greece, and Israel	October/ November (TBC)	Cyprus
REMPEC	3 rd Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan	November	Italy
SCP/RC	SwitchMed Connect	November	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	CAMP Otranto Final Conference and Steering Committee Meeting	13 December	(TBC)

SECTION III

	<i>Major International and Regional Events of MAP Relevance</i>
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Organizers	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
2023			
UNEP	INC2 (second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment)	29 May-2 June	Paris, France
ACCOBAMS	Meeting of the Working Group on cetacean monitoring under MSFD	14-15 June	Rome, Italy
GFCM	Twenty-fourth session of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)	20-23 June	Beyrut, Lebanon
IMO	80 th Session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 80)	3-7 July	London, U.K.
UN	High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)	10-14 July	New York, U.S.A.
GFCM	Intersessional meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ), including a SIPAM session	11-13 July	Rome, Italy
G20	G20 Summit	9-10 September	New Delhi, India
UNGA	2 nd "SDG Summit"	18-19 September	New York, U.S.A.
ACCOBAMS secretariat, SPA/RAC	Sixth Conference on Cetacean Conservation in South Mediterranean Countries	October	Tunis, Tunisia
GFCM	46 th GFCM Session	6-10 November	Split, Croatia
UNFCCC	COP28 of the UNFCCC	30 November-12 December	Dubai, UAE