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Fourth Meeting of the Mediterranean
Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)

Monaco, 20-22 October 1998

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction :

1. At their Tenth Ordinary Meeting (Tunis, 18-21 November 1997), the Contracting Parties accepted the offer of Monaco to host the Fourth Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), approved the MCSD Rules of Procedure as well as the recommendations related to the "Sustainable Management of Coastal Zones" and the "Management of Water Demand". (UNEP(OCA)/MED IG.11/10).
2. In cooperation with the Principality of Monaco, the fourth MCSD meeting will be held from 20 to 22 October 1998 at Hotel Le Metropole Palace.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 09.00 on Tuesday 20 October 1998, by H.E. Mr. Ahmed Iraqi, the Secretary of State for the Environment of Morocco and President of the Bureau of the MCSD, and by H. S. H. the Hereditary Prince Albert.

Agenda item 2: Rules of Procedure

4. The rules of Procedure adopted for the MCSD shall apply to the meeting (document UNEP(OCA)/MED IG. 11/10, ANNEX IV, Appendix VI) and included in the documents of this meeting as UNEP(OCA)/MED140/inf. 4.

Agenda item 3: Election of the Steering Committee

5. A new Steering Committee (previously called Bureau) of the MCSD will be elected. It will be composed of 7 members: the President of the Contracting Parties as ex officio member, 3 other members from the Contracting Parties and 1 member from each of the 3 groups: NGOs, Local Authorities and Socio-Economic Actors.

Agenda item 4: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work

6. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat was distributed as document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG. 140/1. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed revised provisional agenda (UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.140/1/Rev. 1) and annotated in the present document. Simultaneous English and French interpretation will be available for all plenary sessions. Upon request from Task Managers, brief consultation meetings of the thematic working groups would be proposed outside the period of the plenary sessions.

Agenda item 5: Progress report by the Secretariat

7. The Coordinator will introduce his progress report contained in document UNEP(OCA)/MED WG.140/3, on the activities of the Commission since its third meeting.

Agenda item 6: Activity reports by the Task Managers. for medium-term activities

8. It is expected that the Task Managers for the six medium-term themes will introduce their progress reports, including proposals for future programme and timetable together with some preliminary recommendations for at least "Sustainable Development Indicators" and "Tourism and Sustainable Development". It is expected that a more elaborated and complete set of recommendations will be presented at the fifth MCSD meeting (to take place around June 1999) before the submission to adoption by the Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Malta, October 1999).

Agenda item 7: Follow-up of recommendations for short-term activities

9. It is expected that the Task Managers for the two short-term activities will introduce their report, including proposals for implementation and follow-up of recommendations together with related and necessary ways and means.

Agenda item 8: Proposed new subjects

10. The second MCSD meeting accepted to review in a further session the proposal from WWF for looking for "new opportunities for funding conservation initiatives in the Mediterranean". This issue will be presented by WWF, who would like it to be discussed just after the theme of "Tourism".
11. Upon suggestion from the Chambers Group for the Development of Greek Islands (EOAEN), the meeting will review a proposal for including the theme of "Islands and Sustainable Development" in the next MCSD programme of activities.

Agenda item 9: MCSD method of work

12. The Secretariat will introduce this issue highlighting the strengths and shortcomings of the method of work until this fourth meeting. Some ways and means for improvement are expected from the discussion.

Agenda item 10: Cooperation

13. As stated in its terms of reference, the MCSD is expected to cooperate with concerned UN agencies and other partners to avoid duplications, increase synergy and improve the results from our activities, notably with UN.CSD (inputs to CSD reports, participation to CSD meetings, contribution to CSD intersessional relevant activities, etc.)

Agenda item 11: Fifth meeting of the MCSD

14. The members are expected to review the intersessional work programme, to agree on the date, venue and provisional agenda for its fifth meeting.

Agenda item 12: Any other matters

15. The Commission will consider any other issues which might be raised during the meeting.

Agenda item 13: Adoption of the report

16. A draft report of the meeting will be submitted in English and French to the participants for adoption.

Agenda item 14: Closure of the meeting

17. The fourth MCSD meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairman at 13.00 hours on Thursday 22 October 1998.

Fourth MCSD Meeting
Monaco 20-22 October 1998
Suggested Time Schedule

	TUESDAY 20	WEDNESDAY 21	THURSDAY 22
9.00-10.30	Item 1: Opening of the meeting Item 2: Rules of procedure Item 3: Election of the Steering Committee Item 4: Adoption of the provisional Agenda Item 5: Progress Report by the Secretariat	Item 7: Follow up of recommendations 7.1: Management of Water Demand 7.2: Sustainable Management of Coastal Zones 7.3: Follow up methodology	Item 13: Adoption of the report
10.30-11.00	Coffee break		
11.00-13.00	Item 6: Activity Report by the Task Managers 6. 1: Sustainable Development Indicators 6. 2: Tourism and Sustainable Development	Item 8: Proposed new subjects 8.1: Funding conservation initiatives 8.2: Islands and Sustainable Development 8.3: Other subjects	Item 13: Adoption of the report Item 14: Closure
13.00-14.30	Lunch break		
14.30-16.00	Item 6: Activity report by the Task Managers 6. 3: Information and Awareness 6. 4: Free Trade and Environment	Item 9: Method of work Item 10: Cooperation 10.1: With UN bodies 10.2: With other partners	
16.00-16.30	Coffee break		
16.30-18.00	Item 6: Activity report by the Task Managers 6. 5: Industry and Sustainable Development 6.6: Urban/Rural Management	Item 11: Fifth Meeting of the MCSD Item 12: Other matters	

N.B.: Upon request from the Task Managers, break out sessions, unfortunately without simultaneous translation, will be organized from 18.30 for the thematic working groups, mainly on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 evening/night.
If necessary ad hoc groups for the method of work and for cooperation with UN agencies and other partners can also be organized on Wednesday afternoon/evening