

Update by the Secretariat on the Extended Functional Review

I. MEDITERRANEAN CONTACT GROUP

Further to item 3 “Extended Functional Review”, paragraph 24, page 7 of the report by the Secretariat on specific issues (UNEP/BUR/75/4/Cor.1), and with reference to the Annex V “Draft Terms of Reference for the Contact Group of Extended Functional Review”, of the same document, page 2, regarding the composition of the Mediterranean Contact Group (MCG), the Secretariat would like to propose the following names (in alphabetical order) as possible members of MCG.

1. M. Mohamed Benyahia (Morocco)

Former President of the Bureau for Barcelona Convention (2010 – 2011), currently the Director of Partnership, Communication and Cooperation under the Department of Environment of Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment.

2. David Johnson (United Kingdom)

David Johnson, Executive Secretary to the OSPAR Commission for the last six years, is an Emeritus Professor of Coastal Management at Southampton Solent University. During these years, the OSPAR Commission has carried out seminal work on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). After time as a Royal Navy officer, countryside conservation trainer and an environmental consultant he became a full-time academic in 1992. He is currently a Professional Reviewer for the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management and for several years was a maritime adviser to WWF. The research projects he was involved include a successful trigovernmental feasibility study to evaluate the potential of the Wadden Sea as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area; Coastlearn an EU project developing web-based materials for distance learning in coastal zone management; and New Epc an Interreg IIIc project sharing good practice between ten European partner ports in order to address future challenges. His recent journal papers have been produced for the Journal of Coastal Conservation, Marine Policy and the Journal of Sustainable Tourism. David's most recent book contribution comprises a jointly authored chapter in Ocean Yearbook 20 published by the International Ocean Institute (2006).

3. Janez Pobodnik (Slovenia)

Janez Pobodnik was the Minister for Environment from 2004 to 2008, and now the director of ECPD International Institute for Sustainable Development, Urban Planning and Environmental Studies in Slovenia. He studied medicine at the University of Ljubljana, where he graduated in 1984. He entered politics during the period of democratization known as the Slovenian spring. In 1990, he joined the Slovenian People's Party and became elected as first non-Communist mayor of Idrija after World War II. In 1992, he was elected to the Slovenian National Assembly. Pobodnik served as chairman of the National Assembly (1996–2000). He was re-elected to the Parliament in 2000, and served as the head of the parliament group of the Slovenian People's Party between 2000 and 2004. In 2003, he was elected as president of the Slovenian People's Party.

4. Najib Saab (Lebanon)

Najib Saab is an architect by training, and currently publisher and Editor-in-Chief of Al-Bia Wal-Tanmia (Environment & Development), the leading pan-Arab magazine on sustainable development and Secretary General of Arab Forum for Environment & Development (AFED). He has a varied experience, ranging from designing for multi-nationals and lecturing on corporate architecture at the American University of Beirut, to advising various governments and agencies on environment and writing on sustainable development and technology. He is a 2003 laureate of the United Nations Environment Programme's Global 500 Award for environmental achievement, and in 2011 was awarded Zayed International Prize for the Environment. Saab has ten books to his credit, including Nature Book which received in 2002 the Book of the Year Award from the Beirut Arab Book Fair. He is co-editor, with Mostafa Tolba and Mohamed El-Ashry, of the annual reports on the State of the Arab Environment published by AFED.

5. Mostafa Kamal Tolba (Egypt)

Mostafa Kamal Tolba (born in 1922) is an Egyptian scientist most famous for his 17-year tenure as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) between 1975 and 1992. Tolba graduated from Cairo University in 1943, and obtained a PhD from Imperial College London five years later. He established his own school in microbiology at Cairo University's Faculty of Science, and also taught at the University of Baghdad during the 1950s. Tolba led Egypt's delegation to the landmark 1972 Stockholm Conference, which established the United Nations Environment Programme. Tolba became UNEP's Deputy Executive Director right after the conference, and two years later was promoted to Executive Director. During his long tenure (1975–1992), he played an important role in the fight against ozone depletion, which culminated with the Vienna Convention (1985) and the Montreal Protocol (1987).

II. INDICATIVE TIMELINE

It is proposed that the review will be conducted between August 23, 2012 and February 15, 2013 and a final report will be available for presentation to the Bureau and then the Focal Points.

Schedule for the Review

Deliverable/Activity	Indicative Timeframe
Review Team selection (June- July 2012)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Expression of interest. Review and selection of consultancy firm/consulting team • Induction Meeting – August 23 (Athens)
Inception (August 23 -September 24 2012)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inception – Review Framework • Desk review • Draft inception report September 7, 2012 • Inception Meeting to gather Contact Group views and comments on inception report 10 -12 September , 2012 • Final Inception report September 21, 2012
Implementation (September 24, 2012–November 30, 2012)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder interviews (including field missions to each MAP RAC of 3 to 5 days) September 25 – October 31, 2012

Deliverable/Activity	Indicative Timeframe
	<p>Malta: week 24 September Nice Barcelona Tunisia Rome Split</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Collation and Analysis November 1– November 15 , 2012 • Debriefing on emerging findings and draft paper for the Bureau November 23, 2012 • Summary of emerging findings prepared by 1 December for presentation to the Bureau of the Contracting Parties
Reporting (December 1, 2012 – January 7, 2013)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of the 1st draft report to the UNEP DEPI/MAP Secretariat/Contact Group for comment December 21 2012 • Comments by the Contact Group January 10, 2013 • Submission of the report of the 2nd draft report to the Contact Group, UNEP DEPI/MAP Secretariat/Contact Group for external Partners January 24, 2013 • Presentation of the report to the Bureau , January 28, 2013
Consideration by Contracting Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the review by the Focal Points End February – beginning March,2013