

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

The Review Meeting on the MED POL Phase III Monitoring Activities will be held in Rome, at the Consiglio Nazionale dell'Economia e del Lavoro (CNEL), Viale Davide Lublin, 2 (Villa Borghese). The Meeting is organized with the support of the Italian Ministry of the Environment and the Association AMICI PER LA VITA and in cooperation with the CNEL, the Istituto Centrale per la Ricerca Scientifica e Tecnologica Applicata al Mare (ICRAM) and the Agenzia Nazionale Protezione Ambiente (ANPA). The Meeting will be opened at 10,00 hours by the representatives of the above Institutions and by the representatives of MAP/MED POL.

Agenda item 2: Election of officers

In accordance with Rule 20 of "Rules of Procedures", the Meeting will elect a Chairperson, two vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

Agenda item 3: Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of work

The Provisional Agenda proposed by the Secretariat is distributed as document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG.196/1 and its annotation and a provisional timetable are contained in the present document. The Agenda will be discussed, amended as necessary, and adopted by the Meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available during the Meeting. The Meeting will be held in Plenary; however small working groups may be formed to discuss in detail some of the Meeting's subjects.

Agenda item 4: Review of past MED POL Monitoring Activities: Achievements and Bottlenecks

The Secretariat will briefly review the monitoring activities of the MED POL Programme since its inception. The presentation, and the discussion which will follow, are intended to present the evolution of the monitoring activities throughout the years highlighting the major achievements of the Programme, the problems encountered and the evolution towards the present MED POL Phase III monitoring programme and objectives.

Agenda item 5: MED POL Phase III Monitoring Activities: Problems and Progress

Under this Agenda item, the ongoing monitoring programme of MED POL Phase III will be reviewed in detail by the Secretariat and the countries' representatives (document UNEP(DEC)/MED WG 196/3). In particular, trend monitoring, biological effects monitoring and compliance monitoring will be reviewed and discussed in Plenary as individual Agenda sub-items (items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3). Under each of the subjects, the Meeting will review and discuss achievements and problems related to the participation of countries in the activities, the ongoing national monitoring programmes, the results and data received and expected, data quality assurance activities and the data reporting process. The discussion is expected to highlight the problems and discuss possible solutions for a smooth enhancement of the activities. If necessary, the Meeting may decide to form small working groups to discuss more in detail any of the three sub-items of this Agenda item.

Agenda item 6: Eutrophication Monitoring Strategy

The Secretariat will introduce the objectives, the content and the expected results of a draft eutrophication monitoring programme which may be included in the MED POL Phase III activities (document UNEP(DEC)MED WG196/4). The Meeting is expected to review, discuss and amend the programme with a view of agreeing on its content.

Agenda item 7: Establishment and Management of MED POL Database

The Secretariat will describe the progress made and the future plans related to the establishment of the new MED POL Phase III database. The management and the divulgation of MED POL Phase I and II data and results will also be presented.

Agenda item 8: Towards an integrated monitoring system for coastal zone management

An open discussion will be held on the future perspectives of a Mediterranean integrated monitoring system in the framework of MED POL. The Secretariat will introduce the subject by highlighting the need for adapting and integrating the ongoing monitoring activities into a more comprehensive system covering river monitoring, monitoring of sources of pollution and the links and interactions with terrestrial pollution. In this context, cooperation with international and regional bodies and programmes active in the field of environmental monitoring could be enhanced. The implementation of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) expects in fact a wider involvement of MED POL and of its monitoring activities that need to become a more concrete tool for coastal zone management. In this context, the use of indicators should be considered as well as the establishment of pollution criteria, standards and definitions, for managerial use. The Meeting is expected to discuss the issue and in particular to stress on the potential role MED POL may have in future at the national level for coastal zone management.

Agenda item 9: Other Business

Under this Agenda item, the Meeting will discuss any other business which may be raised by the participants and the Secretariat.

Agenda item 10. Adoption of the Report

The Secretariat is proposing to prepare a summary of decisions and deliberations for review and adoption by the Meeting. A formal Meeting report will be prepared after the Meeting and will be circulated among all participants for amendments and approval.

Agenda item 11: Closure of the Meeting

The Meeting will be closed by the Chairperson at 18,30 hours of 7 December 2001.

Provisional work plan and time table

Wednesday, 5 December

10,00 – 11,00	hours	Agenda items 1., 2.
11,00 – 11,30	hours	Coffee break
11,30 – 13,00	hours	Agenda items 3., 4., 5.
13,00 – 15,00	hours	Lunch break
15,00 – 16,30	hours	Agenda item 5.1
16,30 – 17,00	hours	Coffee break
17,00 – 18,30	hours	Agenda item 5.1 (cont'd)

Thursday, 6 December

09,30 – 11,00	hours	Agenda item 5.2
11,00 – 11,30	hours	Coffee break
11,00 – 13,00	hours	Agenda item 5.2 (cont'd)
13,00 – 15,00	hours	Lunch break
15,00 – 16,30	hours	Agenda item 5.3
16,30 – 17,00	hours	Coffee break
17,00 – 18,30	hours	Agenda item 5.3 (cont'd)

Friday, 7 December

09,30 – 11,00	hours	Agenda item 6.
11,00 – 11,30	hours	Coffee break
11,30 – 13,00	hours	Agenda item 6. (cont'd)
13,00 – 15,00	hours	Lunch break
15,00 – 16,30	hours	Agenda items 7., 8.
16,30 – 17,00	hours	Coffee break
17,00 – 18,30	hours	Agenda items 9., 10., 11.