

Introduction

1. During the last meeting of the Bureau (Cairo, 1-2 April 1996), the Vice- President from Greece invited the Bureau to convene its next meeting in Athens (Greece).
2. In consultation with the host country and the members of the Bureau, the meeting will be held in Athens, on 4-5 November 1996.
3. The following annotations to the provisional agenda for the meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

4. The meeting will be opened at 09.30 hrs on Monday, 4 November 1996, at the CARAVEL Hotel, Athens, by the President of the Bureau, H.E. Mr. Nourdine Benomar Alami, Minister of the Environment of Morocco.
5. It is expected that the meeting will tackle all items inscribed in the Provisional Agenda during the first day (4 November 1996), and in order to give enough time to the Secretariat to prepare the draft report of the meeting, in English and French, the Bureau will meet at 11.00 hrs on the second day (5 November 1996) in order to adopt its draft report. It is envisaged to close the meeting of the Bureau at 13.00 hrs on 5 November 1996.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organisation of work

6. The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the President and members of the Bureau, was distributed as document UNEP/BUR/49/1 and annotated in the present document.

The meeting will review and adopt the proposed Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous English-French interpretation will be available for all sessions.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report by the Coordinator on activities carried out since the last meeting of the Bureau (Cairo, 1-2 April 1996)

7. The Coordinator of MAP will give a general introduction of document UNEP/BUR/49/3 "Progress Report by the Coordinator on activities carried out since the last meeting of the Bureau (May - October 1996)".

The meeting is expected to comment on and take note of the progress achieved on the implementation of the activities carried out during this period.

Agenda item 4: Implementation of the decisions of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (Montpellier, 1-4 July 1996)

8. Under this agenda item, the Bureau will consider and take the necessary decisions on the various activities and recommendations proposed by the Coordinator in his progress report.

Agenda item 5: Selection of the members of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)

9. The Bureau will have before it a Secretariat Note (UNEP/BUR/49/4) on the selection of the members of the Commission. The Bureau is expected to undertake the selection exercise for the members other than those of the Contracting Parties.

Agenda item 6: Date and place of the next meeting

10. The Secretariat proposes that the next meeting of the Bureau should take place during March 1997 in order to review the results of the various activities and meetings scheduled to be held during 1996/1997 and to give the necessary guidance to the Secretariat.
11. The meeting is also expected to take a decision on the place and exact dates for its next meeting.

Agenda item 7: Any other business

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

Agenda item 8: Adoption of the report of the meeting

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

Agenda item 9: Closure of the meeting

14. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 13.00 hrs on Tuesday, 5 November 1996.

Working Sessions: 09.30 - 12.30 hrs
14.30 - 18.30 hrs

Coffee Breaks: 11.00 hrs
16.00 hrs