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14th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the
Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development

2 March 2011, Athens, Greece

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD) a meeting of the Steering Committee of the MCSD will be convened on the 2nd of March, 2011 at the premises of the Coordinating Unit (48 Vassileos Konstantinou Avenue, Athens, Greece).
2. The following annotations to the provisional agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting of the Steering Committee in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting will be opened at 09:00 hrs on Wednesday 2 March 2011, by the President of the Steering Committee.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Annotated Provisional Agenda and organization of work

4. The Annotated Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, was distributed as document **UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 354/1**
5. The meeting will review and adopt the Annotated Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions.
6. It is expected that the Steering Committee will tackle all items of the Agenda during its one day meeting. It is envisaged to close the meeting of the Steering Committee at the end of the day at 19:00. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed to the members of the Steering Committee for comments and approval through electronic means.

Agenda item 3: Progress Report on MCSD activities

7. The Secretariat will present the "Progress Report by the Secretariat for the 14th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee" **UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 354/2.**
8. The meeting is expected to have an exchange of views on progress achieved and provide the Secretariat with their views and guidance as appropriate. In particular, the meeting is invited to have a broader discussion on the way the MCSD is tackling the issues of NSSD preparation and implementation.

Agenda item 4: Progress Report on MSSD assessment

9. The selected Consultant (Overseas Development Institute, UK) will present the "Key findings of the study on MSSD assessment 2005-10" outlining the progress since the Strategy was adopted, will analyze developments in the Region and worldwide with a view to evaluate opportunities for complementarities and synergies towards better integration of activities and increased efficiency. The assessment is meant to be forward-looking, suggesting necessary updates and means to facilitate implementation.

10. The members of the Steering Committee are invited to discuss and comment on these issues and provide the Consultant and the Secretariat with their views and guidance as appropriate UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 354/2, **Annex I**

Agenda item 5 **Functioning of the MCSD**

11. The Secretariat will present to the Steering Committee the key concepts in regard to a new role for MCSD, the challenges and opportunities affecting the various orientations. Three major interrelated axes on developing MCSD functions and activities are considered: a forum, advisory council and think tank. *A special paper* is under preparation.

12. The Steering Committee is invited to discuss and comment on the MCSD modalities and provide the Secretariat with their views and guidance as appropriate UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 354/2, **Annex II**

Agenda item 6: **Regional Framework for Climate Change Adaptation**

13. The Steering Committee will be presented the findings of the report on the Regional Framework for Climate Change Adaptation in the Mediterranean by the Consultant. (*A paper is prepared on Regional framework for Climate Change adaptation*).

14. The Steering Committee is invited to discuss and comment on the findings and suggestions and provide the Secretariat with their views and guidance as appropriate **UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 354/2, Annex III**

Agenda item 7: MCSD themes for 2011

15. The Secretariat will introduce the draft Agenda for the 14th Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development, to be held in late May 2011. UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 354/2, **Annex V**. The theme(s) to be debated are those selected for the UN Commission on Sustainable Development to be held in 2012:

- Green economy in the context of sustainable development;
The issue of the green economy covers several other issues under MCSD mandate during the current cycle (ex. SCP).
(*a paper is attached: On Green Economy in SD*) UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 354/2, **Annex IV**
- Institutional framework for sustainable development
(*same as Agenda item 5 above*). UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 354/2, **Annex II**

Agenda item 8: **Any other business**

16. The meeting will consider other issues which may be raised during the meeting.

Agenda item 9: **Conclusions of the meeting**

17. The Secretariat will summarize and recapitulate the main conclusions on the basis of the discussions on the different items of the agenda. The report of the meeting will be circulated to the members of the Bureau at a later stage for adoption.

Agenda item 10: **Closure of the meeting**

18. The meeting will be closed by the President of the Steering Committee at approximately 19:00 hrs on Wednesday, 2 March, 2011.

TIMETABLE**Wednesday, 2 March, 2011**

09.00	1) Opening of the meeting 2) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and organization of work	President of the Steering Committee
09.30	3) Progress Report on MCSD activities	Secretariat
10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00	4) MSSD assessment	Consultant
12.00	5) Functioning of the MCSD	Secretariat
13.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14.30	6) Climate Change Adaptation RF	Consultant
15.30	7) Themes for MCSD 2011	Secretariat
16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
17.00	8) Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development	Secretariat
	9) Any other business	Secretariat
	10) Adoption of the conclusions	Secretariat
	11) Closure of the Meeting	By the President of the Steering Committee