





## DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

In accordance with the decision taken by the 12<sup>th</sup> MCSD meeting held in Istanbul, Turkey, the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MCSD will be held on 28-30 September 2009 in Cairo, Egypt at the kind invitation of the Minister of State for Environmental Affairs, Mr. Maged Georges.

The meeting will be held at the Grand Hayatt Cairo Hotel, Corniche El Nile, P.O. Box 2288, Garden City, Roda Island, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: +20 2 2365 1234 Fax: +20 2 2362 1927.

In agreement with the MCSD steering Committee, the main theme of the 13<sup>th</sup> MCSD meeting will be "Climate Change Adaptation Experiences and Strategies in the Mediterranean".

The main objectives of the meeting is to discuss and agree on issues related to MCSD main statutory agenda as per its rules of procedure as well as to enable the MCSD to provide advice to the Contracting Parties on priority regional and national measures to adapt to climate change.

### **Day I, 28 September 2009**

08.00 – 09.00 Registration

09.30 – 10.30 **Agenda item1: Opening**

The meeting will be opened by the current President of the MCSD Steering Committee elected at its 12<sup>th</sup> session held in Istanbul, Turkey in 2007;

Welcome address will be delivered by H. E. the Minister of State for Environmental Affairs, Mr. Maged George, the Officer in Charge and Deputy Coordinator of MAP Ms. Maria Luisa Silva;

Professor Mohammed El Raye will deliver a key note address on Climate Change.

**Agenda item 2: Election of the Steering Committee**

In conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the MCSD, at the commencement of the first sitting of each meeting, the Commission shall elect the Steering Committee which shall be composed of a President, five Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. The Steering Committee shall include four members representing the Contracting Parties, including ex-officio the President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, and one representative from local authorities, socio-economic actors and NGOs.

10.30-11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00-11.30 **Agenda item 3: Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work**

The Rules of Procedure of the MCSD provide that at the beginning of each session, after the selection of the Steering Committee, the meeting adopts the agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda.

11.30-13.00      **Agenda item 4:      Report by the Secretariat on the progress achieved, sustainable development activities and emerging issues**

The MAP Officer in Charge/Deputy Coordinator will introduce the progress achieved since the last meeting of the Commission in Istanbul, Turkey in 2007 for the implementation of the MCSD programme as well as the relevant decisions of the meeting of the Contracting Parties, Almeria, 2008. The meeting is expected to generally discuss the thematic draft recommendations proposed by the different working expert groups.

*Expected outcome: Achievements and challenges during the implementation of the MCSD programme of work discussed, and priorities highlighted. Draft thematic recommendations on tourism, agriculture and rural development issues reviewed and agreed for submission to the 16th contracting Parties meeting.*

13.00-14.30      **Lunch break**

14.30-15.30      **Agenda item 5:      Climate Change Adaptation Experiences and Strategies in the Mediterranean<sup>1</sup>**

*In order to give the members of the Commission the opportunity to discuss in greater detail and arrive at conclusions and make recommendations it is proposed to organize the discussion under two topics in plenary and breakout sessions. Presentations will be made to the plenary; while in depth discussion will be held in breakout groups. Each group will be facilitated by a person to be chosen among the group with support from the Secretariat. Conclusions and/or recommendations coming from the breakout groups will be discussed in plenary.*

**5.1 Current state of knowledge on adaptation to climate change and main issues to be addressed - Perspectives of key stakeholders**

The following presentations will be made to the plenary:

- a) Current state of knowledge: Climate Change in the Mediterranean region (Mr. Henri Luc Thibault Director of Blue Plan/RAC of MAP)
- b) Challenges and responses to adaptation in the context of the NSSD – experiences and challenges from Egypt, Italy and Montenegro;
- c) A civil society perspective, IUCN (Ms. Margarita Astralaga, Director of IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation);
- d) A local level perspective (Mr. Emilio D’Alessio, President of Italian Local Agenda 21).

*Questions and general remarks to be followed by discussion in groups*

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<sup>1</sup> The MCSD Steering Committee also suggested that a separate break out session should address “Voluntary mechanism contributing to climate change mitigation in the different sectors”. This session would be held from 15.30 to 18.00

15.30-17.00      **5.1.1 Break out sessions on priorities, opportunities and constraints at the local, national and regional levels**

Three groups are proposed to be established with the view to discussing priority adaptation measures emerging from the presentations (*Laws and policies; knowledge and networking*) and then establish the level of intervention (local, national, regional) for each of the actions identified. Groups will also highlight areas of capacity building needs.

16.30-17.00      **Coffee break (during the session)**

17.00-18.00      **5.1.2 Presentation of the results of the break out sessions in the plenary session**

The meeting will hear the main findings and recommendations related to priorities, their level of intervention, constraints, and needs. It will also seek to establish areas of convergence and difference from the work of the working groups.

*Expected outcome: MCSD common understanding of climate vulnerabilities as well as priorities and lessons learnt from existing adaptation strategies and identification of priority actions at global, regional, national and local levels.*

**Day II, 29 September 2009**

9.00-10.30      **5.2 Strategizing, Financing, and Acting together for adaptation**

The meeting will be invited to attend in plenary the following presentations:

1) Adaptation under the UNFCCC: ongoing processes/programmes and emerging future adaptation regime (Ms. Xianfu Lu, expert on adaptation planning and methodologies, UNFCCC);

2) New financial architecture for adaptation to climate change (Mr Yannick Glemarec, UNDP/GEF Executive Coordinator and UNDP Director of Environmental Finance)

3) Trends in green energy - opportunities and challenges emerging from carbon markets and green State policies for the Mediterranean Sea and Coastal Ecosystems (Mr. Luis Constantino, Sector Manager for the Middle East and North Africa region responsible for climate change-related activities, World Bank)

4) Current and emerging priority programmes for Adaptation to climate change (Ms. Emily Massawa, Climate Change Adaptation Unit, UNEP)

*Questions and general remarks, establishment of the groups*

10.30-11.00      **Coffee break**

- 11.00-13.00      **5.2.1 Break out sessions on adding global perspectives to regional priorities**
- Three groups are proposed to be established with the view to refining the strategic priority actions identified in previous sessions and consolidate their recommendations on regional and adaptation measures.
- 13.00-14.30      **Lunch break**
- 14.30-16.30      **Presentation and discussion to the plenary of the results of the break out sessions:**  
The meeting will hear the main findings and recommendations related to strategic priority action
- Expected outcome:* Measures identified which would allow Mediterranean adaptation strategies to make use of opportunities offered by the emerging initiatives under the new global adaptation regime and trends in renewable energies and experiences from other regions
- 16.00-16.30      **Coffee break**
- 16.30-18.00      On the basis of the discussions held during both thematic sessions, the meeting is expected to conclude and agree on a number of recommendations for their submission and consideration by the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Contracting Parties.

**Day III, 30 September 2009**

- 09.00-11.00      **Agenda item 6:      MCSD Thematic Work Programme 2010-2011**
- The deputy coordinator will introduce MCSD Programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011, (UNEP(DEP)/MED 339/4) pointing out on the new process for the revision of the MSSD and way forward on NSSD.
- Expected outcome:* the meeting is expected to approve the MCSD programme of work.
- 11.00-11.30      **Coffee break**
- 11.30-12.00      **Agenda item 7:      Next MCSD meeting**
- The Secretariat will inform the members of the Commission about the preparations for the next meeting of the MCSD. No offer has so far been received by the Secretariat for the next meeting and therefore commission members interested in hosting the next MCSD will have the opportunity to make their intentions known under this agenda item.

**Agenda item 8: Other matters**

The meeting will consider other matters which the members of the Commission may wish to raise.

12.00-15.00

**Lunch break** (Preparation of conclusions of the meeting by the Secretariat)

15.00-17.30

**Agenda item 9: Adoption of Conclusions/Recommendations**

Conclusions and recommendations prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the discussions on the different items on the agenda of the MCSD will be presented to the members of the Commission for approval.

16.30-17.00

**Coffee break (during the session)**

17.30 –18.00

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

Following the usual courtesies the meeting will be closed at 18.00hrs by the President of the MCSD.