

**SECOND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM
(MEDPARTNERSHIP)**

Damascus, Syria, 15 – 17 March 2011

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2011

- 09:00 – 09:30 **Registration of participants**
- 09:30 – 09:45 **Opening of the meeting and welcome addresses**
The meeting will be opened by Ms. Kawkab al-Sabah Dayeh, the Minister of State for Environment Affairs of Syria, by co-chairs, the President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention (Morocco) and Ms. Maria Luisa Silva Mejias, the MAP Coordinator, and by Mr. Ivan Zavadsky of the GEF Secretariat.
- 09:45 – 10:00 **Election of officers**
The meeting shall elect from among the representatives of the members of the Steering Committee two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.
Decision: *The meeting's officers elected*
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Adoption of the agenda of the meeting**
The Provisional Agenda prepared by the Project Management Unit was distributed to the participants. The meeting may wish to adopt the proposed agenda and timetable amended as appropriate. Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, English and French will be available in all plenary sessions throughout the meeting.
Decision: *Agenda of the meeting adopted*
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Introduction to the meeting: Objectives, structure of the meeting, method of work, expected results**
The Meeting may wish to decide that it should meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. subject to adjustments as necessary. The participants will be given information on the purpose, objectives, structure, organization, method of work and expected results of the meeting (Mr. Ivica Trumbic).
Decision: *Meeting's objectives, structure and work methods approved and note taken on expected results*
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Introduction to the 2010 Annual Report**
The Draft 2010 Annual Report will be presented with a view of informing the members of the Steering Committee on its structure, objectives, background and expected impacts. The report, prepared by UNEP/MAP PMU with the assistance of the executing partners, predominantly focuses on the implementation of the Regional Project in 2010, with a brief section on the status of the World Bank Investment Fund projects (Mr. Ivica Trumbic).
- 10:45 – 11:15 **General discussion on the 2010 Annual Report**
The GEF eligible countries' representatives, as well as representatives of other Mediterranean countries present at the meeting, donors and other participants are expected to briefly reflect on the presentation of the Annual Report. Their suggestions and proposals to improve the project's implementation will be welcome. Countries may also present their position on the current and new priorities in the context of the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystem. GEF Secretariat's representative may give its view on how the project's 2010 achievements fit into wider perspective of the GEF International Waters focal area (Countries' and donors' representatives).

- 11:15 – 11:45 **Coffee break**
- 11:45 – 12:15 **Presentation of achievements: Components 1 and 2**
The partners within each component will have a joint 15 minutes presentation. The presentations shall remind Steering Committee on the vision and objectives of the component, to highlight one or two good case studies, and to present the important issues for the Steering Committee to discuss. The focus of each presentation should be on the progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the MedPartnership. The presentations should stress the activities related to the integrative character of each component (Project partners in Component 1 and 2).
- 12:15 – 13:00 **Discussion**
The participants shall discuss the achievements of the components 1 and 2 of the Regional Project of the MedPartnership and propose measures for their improvement.
Decision: Approval of the results of components 1 and 2 in 2010
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch break**
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Presentation of achievements: Components 3 and 4**
The partners within each component will have a joint 15 minutes presentation. The presentations shall remind Steering Committee on the vision and objectives of the component, to highlight one or two good case studies, and to present the important issues for the Steering Committee to discuss. The focus of each presentation should be on the progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the MedPartnership. The presentations should stress the activities related to the integrative character of each component (Project partners in Component 3 and 4).
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Discussion**
The participants shall discuss the achievements of the components 3 and 4 of the Regional Project of the MedPartnership and propose measures for their improvement.
Decision: Approval of the results of components 3 and 4 in 2010
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee break**
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Communication and Visibility Strategy: Presentation**
The Communication and Visibility Strategy has been amended and the draft for discussion finalized after the meeting of the Communication Focal Points in Rome in January 2011. The Strategy will be presented and the redesigned MedPartnership web site introduced to the participants (Ms. Thomie Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE).
- 17:00 – 18:00 **Discussion and adoption of the Communication and Visibility Strategy**
The participants will discuss the Strategy and give proposals for its finalisation and implementation.
Decision: Approval of the Communication and Visibility Strategy with eventual amendments
- 18:00 **Closure of the first day and announcement**

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2011

- 09:00 – 09:30 **Replication: Portfolio Assessment**
Overall Portfolio Assessment and Replication Plan will be presented. It includes an analysis and assessment of a number of “stress reduction practices” undertaken by the MedPartnership’s executing partners that could be potentially replicated as well as the recommendations for a Replication Plan to be implemented during the lifespan of the MedPartnership and beyond (Mr. Andrea Merla, UNEP/MAP Consultant).

- 09:30 – 10:00 **Discussion**
The participants will discuss the Overall Portfolio Assessment and Replication Plan and give proposals for its finalization.
Decision: Approval of the Overall Portfolio Assessment and Replication Plan with eventual amendments
- 10:00 – 10:30 **The Sustainable Med: Presentation of achievements**
Sustainable Med is a major initiative of the World Bank in the Mediterranean Region and one which is directly related to the implementation of the project, as the Sustainable Med has replaced the Investment Fund. The achievements of Sustainable Med in 2010 will be presented, as well as the current status of activities and prospects in 2011 and subsequent years. (Mr. Gilles Pipien, World Bank).
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Presentation of the 2011 Workplan**
The revised Regional Project's overall workplan and 2011 workplan will be presented together with the List of meetings and events in 2011. Special reference will be made to the changes in the partners' programmes of work (Ms. Virginie Hart).
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30 - 13:00 **Discussion and adoption of the 2011 Workplan**
The participants will discuss the revised overall Regional Project's workplan and 2011 workplan and list of meetings.
Decision: Revised overall Regional Project's Workplan and 2011 Workplan approved.
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch break**
- 14:30 – 15:30 **Presentation and adoption of the 2011 budget**
The revised Regional Project's budget will be presented (Mr. Giorgos Petridis).
Decision: The revised Regional Project's budget approved
- 15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee break**
- 16:00 – 16:20 **Introduction to the Press Conference**
The press conference is organized as a major media event during the Steering Committee Meeting. In addition to presenting the overall objectives and expectations of the MedPartnership, the focus will be on the activities in Syria. The press conference is addressed to the Syrian and the journalists from the surrounding countries, and to the representatives of Syrian administration, associations and NGOs. Ms. Kawkab al-Sabah Dayeh, Minister of State for Environmental Affairs of Syria (TBC), Ms. Maria Luisa Silva Mejias, Coordinator, UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan, Mr. Ivan Zavadsky, Senior Advisor, GEF Secretariat and Mr. Ivica Trumbic, Project Manager, MedPartnership will introduce the subject..
- 16:20 - 16:40 **Shaping the future of the Mediterranean Coasts: Celebrating the ICZM Protocol**
On November 2010, Syria ratified the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol, which now enters into force. The ICZM Protocol, which is a unique legal instrument in the entire international community, is a key tool for sustainable coastal development, as it provides an effective way of ensuring that human actions are undertaken with a concern for balancing economic, social and environmental goals and priorities in a long-term perspective. Syria becomes the first among the Mediterranean countries to have ratified the Barcelona Convention, its seven Protocols and all its amendments (Mr. Marko Prem, Ms. Daria Povh Skugor and Mr. Brian Shipman, PAP/RAC).
- 16:40 - 17:00 **Syria's National Action Plan for Land Based Sources of Pollution and demonstration projects in MedPartnership**
Syria's achievements in implementing the NAP for LBS and activities in the MedPartnership will be presented (Mr. Saverio Civili, MEDPOL).

17:00 – 18:00 **Press Conference**
The journalists and other attendees will ask questions related to the activities of MedPartnership to the panel of the Press Conference presenters.

DAY 3: THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2011

09:00 – 09:15 **Presentation of the IWC6 Conference (Dubrovnik, October 2011)**
The 6th biannual GEF International Waters Conference will take place in Dubrovnik on 17-20 October 2011. UNEP/MAP will be the international host of the conference. The objectives and agenda of the conference will be presented (Mr. Ivan Zavadsky, GEF Secretariat and Mr. Ivica Trumbic, member of IWC6 Steering Committee).

09:15 – 09:30 **Date and place of the next Coordination Group and Steering Committee meetings**
Discussion and proposals on the date and place of the next meetings of SPCG and SPSC.
Decision: *Date and place of next SPCG and SPSC meetings approved.*

09:30 – 09:45 **Any other business**

09:45 – 11:00 **Conclusions and recommendations of the meeting**
Meeting's co-chairs will propose conclusions and recommendations.
Decision: *Conclusions and recommendations adopted*

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

PARALLEL SESSIONS (11:30 – 18:00)

Session 1: Meeting of the Steering Committee on the GEF Project "Integration of Climatic Variability and Change into National Strategies to Implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean"

11:30 – 11:45 **Opening of the meeting: Adoption of the Agenda, structure of the meeting, expectations, results to be achieved**
The Meeting will be opened by Ms Kelly West, UNEP and Mr. Ivica Trumbic, Project Manager of the MedPartnership. The chairmen will propose the Agenda of the meeting and after its adoption, Mr. Ante Baric, Consultant will explain the objectives of the meeting and results to be achieved.

11:45 – 12:30 **Presentation and discussion of the report on regional experience on climate variability and change monitoring and prediction**
The main findings in the regional report on the regional experience on climate variability and change monitoring and prediction will be presented. The presentation will be focused on capacity gaps and country proposals for activities within the project. The presentation will be followed by discussion (Mr. Silvio Gualdi, Consultant).

12:30 – 13:15 **Presentation and discussion of the report on regional experience on assessing impacts of climate variability and change**
The regional report on the regional experience on climate variability and change impacts and country proposals for the activities of the project will be presented. The presentation will be followed by discussion (Ms. Maria Snoussi, Consultant).

13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch break**

- 14:30 – 16:30 **Presentation and discussion of draft Project document, appraisal and endorsement**
The procedure of preparing of the draft project document and activities proposed in the document will be described. In addition, the results of appraisal and endorsement processes will be presented. The presentation will be followed by discussion. Participants may propose amendments and finally they will decide on the approval of the project document (Mr. Ante Baric, consultant).
- 16:30 – 16:45 **Coffee break**
- 16:45 – 17:00 **Approval of the financial report for the PPG phase**
The financial report for the PPG phase will be presented and the approval will be sought by the meeting (Mr. Giorgos Petridis).
- 17:00 – 18:00 **Way Forward**
Further steps and activities that should be undertaken by UNEP/MAP and UNEP in developing the project document before its submission to the GEF for approval will be explained (Ms. Kelly West, Task Manager, UNEP).
- Session 2:** Executing Partners of the MedPartnership, which will not attend the PPG Meeting (Session 1) will have a series of internal meetings to plan their joint activities in 2011.
- 18:00 **Closure of the meeting**