

Annotated Provisional Agenda

Introduction

The main objectives of the MAP Focal Points Meeting are to discuss and provide guidance to the Secretariat on next steps related to Extended Functional Review of UNEP MAP system, as well as on the priorities and principles for the preparation of the programme of work for 2014–2015 biennium. Based on the guidance received, the Secretariat will further develop both documents for consideration by the next MAP Focal Points meeting in September 2013 and adoption by the Eighteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties (December 2013)

The following annotations to the proposed provisional agenda for the present meeting were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 22 April 2013 by the Executive Secretary and Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan – Barcelona Convention.

Agenda item 2: Organizational matters

a) Rules of procedure for meeting of the MAP Focal Points

The rules of procedure for meetings and conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the present meeting (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI).

b) Election of officers

Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the meeting of the MAP Focal Points shall elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, four Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 376/1 and annotated in the present document will be proposed for adoption by the meeting. The meeting will review and adopt the proposed timetable presented in the Annex to the present document (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 376/2).

d) Organization of work

The annotated provisional agenda for the meeting (UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 376/2) identifies issues for discussion and the related documents. Meeting documents also propose possible actions to be taken by the MAP Focal Points meeting.

Interpretation in English and French will be provided during the meeting. At the end, the delegates will be invited to review and adopt the report of the meeting, drafted by the Secretariat.

Agenda item 3: Functional Review of the United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) System

The Extended Functional Review of UNEP/MAP system was based on Operational Paragraph 10 of decision IG.20/13 on Governance adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention at its 17th meeting in Paris. Methodologically it has been carried out in accordance to the guidance received by the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention in their meeting in July 2012 (Paris, France). The Executive Secretary of UNEP/MAP will introduce the item and the company who conducted the review (Dalberg experts Ms. Johannah Bernstein and Mr. Wijnand deWit) present to MAP Focal Points their report followed by a discussion by participants. The discussion will be structured in two parts. During the first part, the focus will be on the business models and the financial sustainability; the second part will focus on strategy and operations, governance and the implementation plan.

Expected outcome: The meeting of the MAP Focal Points is expected to provide their views on the proposals made by the Review and recommendations on the way forward.

Information document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 376/Inf.3	Functional Review of the United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) System
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 376/Inf.5	Note by UNEP on the Extended Functional Review
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG 376/Inf.4	Note by IMO on the Extended Functional Review

Agenda item 4. Validation of Recruitments

Following the request of the 76th Bureau, UNEP/MAP will present for validation by MAP Focal Points the Secretariat's proposal to unfreeze two posts approved by COP17 which were vacated due to the departure of ex-incumbents in 2012.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.376/5	Validation of Recruitments

Agenda item 5: Preliminary discussions on Biennium MAP Programme of Work 2014-2015

The Executive Secretary and Coordinator of UNEP/MAP will summarize MAP views on results achieved and remaining gaps in the implementation of the Five Year POW (2010-2014); issues to consider next biennium based on the status of implementation of the current Programme of Work; emerging new issues relevant in the preparation of the Biennium Programme of Work; and possible guiding principles and priorities for 2014 – 2015 Programming. A discussion will follow the presentation.

Expected outcome: The meeting of the MAP Focal Points is expected to provide their guidance.

Working document	
UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG.376/4	Preliminary discussions on MAP Programme of Work for the 2014-2015 biennium

Agenda Item 6: Any other business

Other issues relevant to the Mediterranean Action Plan which might be brought to the attention of the meeting under this Agenda item by participants at the meeting or by the Secretariat will be discussed under this agenda item. Any proposal with regard to this agenda item is expected to be made during the session when the provisional agenda and its annotations, including the timetable will be considered for adoption.

At the time of the preparation of the annotated provisional agenda, the Secretariat had no issues to raise under this item.

Agenda Item 7: Adoption of the report of the meeting

At its last session the meeting of the MAP Focal Points will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on its work prepared by the Secretariat.

Agenda Item 8: Closure of the meeting

It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the President at 18:30 p.m. on Tuesday 23 April 2013.

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DATE	PLENARY
Monday, 22 April 2013	
08:30 – 09:30 a.m.	Registration
09:30– 09:45 a.m.	Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting Agenda item 2: Organizational matters a) <i>Rules and Procedures</i> b) <i>Election of officers</i> c) <i>Adoption of the agenda</i> d) <i>Organization of work</i>
09:45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3: Extended Functional Review of UNEP MAP system
12.30 – 14.00 p.m.	Lunch Break
14.00 – 16.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3: Extended Functional Review of UNEP MAP system (continued)
16:30-17:00 p.m.	Agenda item 4: Validation of Recruitments
Tuesday, 23 April 2013	
09.30 a.m.– 12.00 p.m.	Agenda item 5: Preliminary discussions on Biennium MAP Programme of Work 2014-2015
12.00 – 12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 6: Any other business
12.30 – 15.30 p.m.	Lunch Break
15.30 – 18.30 p.m.	Agenda item 7: Adoption of the report Agenda item 8: Closure of the meeting