





**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA****Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

08.00 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 09.30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

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.*

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 for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda*

09.30-10.00 Brief presentation of MCSD progress report including the activities by MAP components (Secretariat)

*This session aims at informing the members about the activities carried out by the Secretariat since the last meeting of the Commission in Nicosia, Cyprus in 2006 for the implementation of the MCSD programme of work for 2007 as well as the recommendations of the meeting of the Contracting Parties in Portoroz, 2005. Details will also be given about the activities carried out by MAP components in relation to the MCSD programme of work.*

Discussion

10.00-11.00 Implementation Plan for the period 2008-2011 and the Programme of Work 2008-2009 (Secretariat)

Discussion

*In this session, the Secretariat will present for the consideration of the Commission members the Implementation Plan for the period 2008-2011 and the work programme for the biennium 2008-2009 for the continued implementation of the MCSD objectives outlining also expected outputs, resources required, risks and indicators.*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 Climate Change in the Mediterranean

Presentation by Mr Filippo Giorgi, Head of Earth System Physics Section, the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics

*Mr. Filippo Giorgi has been invited to give an overview of the situation and possible impacts of climate change in the Mediterranean. At the end of the presentation, members will have the opportunity to engage in a question and answer session with the Keynote speaker.*

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.30 Breakout sessions: - (i) Energy and Climate Change  
(ii) Tourism and Climate Change

*In order to give the members of the Commission the opportunity to discuss in greater detail climate change as it relates to energy and tourism, two thematic issues in the MCSD programme of work for the cycle 2007-2008, it is proposed to organize two breakout sessions with the objective of discussing these two issues and to arrive at conclusions and make recommendations on how the MCSD could take these discussions forward in its programme of work.*

*The discussion on Energy and Climate Change will be introduced by Mr. Mr Mustafa Faid, General Director of the OME (Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Energie).*

*Mr Raphael BILLE, Chef de projet, Adaptation au changement climatique dans les zones côtières, Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (IDDRI) will introduce the discussions on Tourism and Climate Change*

*Background papers will be prepared and disseminated on both thematic issues to guide the discussions in the breakout sessions.*

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00 – 18.00 Presentations from Breakout sessions on the thematic issues of energy and climate change and tourism and climate change.

*Presentations about the discussions in the breakout sessions will be made to the plenary. Conclusions and/or recommendations coming from the breakout sessions will be discussed in plenary. On the basis of the discussions the Secretariat will prepare draft conclusions and recommendations for the consideration by the plenary on the second day of the MCSD meeting.*

End of Day One

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007**

09.00 – 11.00 MCSD Thematic Work Programme

- Presentation of the MSSD IC Strategy (INFO/RAC)

*Following the decision by the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD in Nicosia in 2006 for the elaboration of the Information and Communication Vision of the MSSD into a Strategy, INFO/RAC will present for the consideration and approval of the Commission the proposed draft Information and Communications Strategy for the MSSD (UNEP(DEPI)/MED. WG.313/4)*

Discussion and Approval

- Water Demand Management (BP/RAC)

Discussion

*A presentation will be made about the outcome of the 3rd Regional Workshop on “Water Demand Management in the Mediterranean, progress and policies” organized by the Blue Plan (19-21 May, 2007 – Zaragoza, Spain) as the lead centre of the working group on the thematic issue of Water Resources. The main conclusions and recommendations of the regional workshop will be presented to the members of the Commission for their consideration and approval.*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 MCSD Thematic Work Programme (cont.)

- Energy Efficiency and Renewables (BP/RAC)

Discussion

*A presentation will be made about the outcome of the Concluding Seminar on Energy Efficiency and Renewables organized by the Blue Plan (29 – 30 March, 2007-Monaco) as the lead centre. The main conclusions and recommendations from the seminar will be presented to the members of the Commission for their consideration and approval.*

- Sustainable Development Indicators (BP/RAC)

Discussion

*The members of the Commission will be appraised about the progress registered by Blue Plan in the development of Sustainable Development Indicators for the MSSD.*

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 15.30 SIA/EMFTA Monitoring Mechanism

*Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane from the Sustainable Development and Productivity Division (SDPD) of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) will make a presentation about the SIA/EMFTA monitoring mechanism that would need to be set up after the project ends in June 2007, in order to seek the feedback of the MCSD about the feasibility of the recommendations before they are proposed to the EC.*

15.30-16.30 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. These conclusion and recommendations will then be submitted to the 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties for adoption.*

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00 – 18.00 Other matters

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

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.*

Closure of the meeting

*Following the usual courtesies the meeting will be closed at 18.00hrs.*