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Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. The main objectives of the Meeting of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) Focal Points, that will take place in Athens, Greece from 16-19 September 2025, are: to review the progress achieved during the 2024-2025 biennium in the implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget approved by the 23rd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP23, Portorož, Slovenia, 5-8 December 2023); to review and approve a number of Draft Decisions; to review and approve the proposed biannual Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget 2026-2027, prepared by the Secretariat for submission to the 24th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP24, Cairo, Egypt, 2-5 December 2025); to review and approve the main elements of the Provisional Agenda of COP24.
2. The following proposed Provisional Annotated Agenda has been prepared by the Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

3. The Meeting will be opened at 10.00 (Athens Time, UTC+3) on 16 September 2025 by the President of the Bureau, Mr. Mitja Bricelj and the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP–Barcelona Convention, Ms. Tatjana Hema.

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/1 UNEP/MED WG.620/2/Rev.1
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.1/Rev.2

- 2.1 *Rules of Procedure*
4. 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).
- 2.2 *Election of Officers*
5. Subject to Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points will elect a President, four Vice Presidents and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties.
- 2.3 *Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*
6. Subject to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure mentioned at para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.620/1 and annotated in the present document will be proposed for adoption by the Meeting. The Meeting will review and adopt the agenda and the proposed timetable contained in the Annex to the present document, including as appropriate any other issues suggested to be addressed under the item “*Any Other Business*” of the provisional agenda.
- 2.4 *Organization of Work*
7. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the plenary sessions. Documentation will be in English and French.
8. It is expected that the MAP Focal Points will address all items of the Agenda during their four-day Meeting. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 19 September 2025 after adopting its Draft Report.

Agenda Items 3 and 4: Progress Report on Activities Carried Out during the 2024-2025 Biennium and Financial Implementation Report for 2022-2023 and 2024-2025

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/3
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.6/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.11 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.15 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.16 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.19

9. The Coordinator will present the document “*Progress Report on Activities Carried Out during the 2024-2025 Biennium*” (UNEP/MED WG.620/3) outlining the work done as well as the main achievements and challenges encountered in the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols since COP23. This document is complemented by information documents providing more detailed information on the progress achieved.

10. The Meeting is expected to review the progress achieved on the implementation of the PoW and Budget adopted by COP23 and discuss opportunities, challenges, and lessons learned.

Agenda Item 5: Specific Matters for Consideration and Action by the Meeting, including Draft Decisions

11. Under this agenda item the Meeting will consider a number of Draft Decisions addressing specific issues related to the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols as well as strategic and programmatic documents. Sub-items have been organized following a structure enabling a more efficient aggregation of draft decisions in a thematic manner.

12. The Secretariat has prepared for each specific Draft Decision working documents containing a Note by the Secretariat, the Draft Decision and, as applicable, Annexes to the Draft Decision. The brief introductory Note by the Secretariat contains details on the relevant mandate, background and process, objectives and substantive highlights, and links to the proposed 2026-2027 PoW outputs and budget, as appropriate.

5.1. Compliance and Reporting

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/4 UNEP/MED WG.620/6
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.11

13. The Coordinator, together with the Chair of the Compliance Committee, will introduce the main elements of the Draft Decision on “Compliance and Reporting” (UNEP/MED WG.620/4), which is related to the Adoption of the Rules of Procedures on Compliance; Adoption of Compliance Committee Activity Report for the Biennium 2024-2025; Adoption of the Programme of Work of the

Compliance Committee for the Biennium 2026-2027; Status of Reporting; Case of Mar Menor; Membership of the Compliance Committee.

14. The Coordinator will also introduce the main elements of the Draft Decision on the “Revised Reporting Format for the Implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols” (UNEP/MED WG.620/6), which includes proposed modifications on the reporting format under the LBS Protocol.

15. The Meeting is expected to review the Draft Decisions and provide its feedback in view of the finalization of the Draft Decisions, as appropriate, for COP24.

5.2. *MAP Governance, CC/RAC mandate and Partnerships*

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/5 UNEP/MED WG.620/5/Corr.1 UNEP/MED WG.620/12
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.12 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.13 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.18 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.19

16. The Coordinator will present the main elements of the Draft Decision on “Governance” (UNEP/MED WG.620/5 and UNEP/MED WG.620/5/Corr.1), addressing a number of issues, such as: new MoUs with Partners; new MAP Partners; Updated Constitutive Documents of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD); Renewed Non-Contracting Party Membership of the MCSD; 50/30 years Anniversary of MAP/Post-Rio Barcelona Convention at UNOC-3; Common Operational Principles for MAP Components; Plan of Action for a model Mediterranean Sea (PAMEx); Mediterranean Coast Day as a United Nations International Observance of Coast Day.

17. The Coordinator will also present the Draft Decision on the “Mandate of the Regional Activity Centre on Climate Change and Terms of Reference of its Focal Points” (UNEP/MED WG.620/12).

18. The Meeting is expected to review the proposed Draft Decisions and provide its feedback in view of their submission, as appropriate, to COP24.

5.3. *Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development*

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/7
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.16 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.20

19. Under this Agenda item, the Coordinator will introduce the Draft Decision on the “Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2026-2035” (UNEP/MED WG.620/7), which reflects an extensive and inclusive consultation process for the preparation of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2026-2035 and of its flagship initiatives, that has been implemented since October 2023, based on the COP 23 mandate.

20. The Meeting is expected to review the proposed Draft Decision and provide its feedback in view of its submission, as appropriate, to COP24.

5.4. *MAP Ecosystem Approach RoadMap and Policy*

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/9/Rev.1
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.6/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9

21. Under this Agenda item, the Coordinator and the Chair of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group (EcAp CG) meeting will submit to the MAP Focal Points the Outcome of the 12th Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group (Athens, Greece, 15 September 2025), for their consideration. The Outcome of the 12th Meeting of the EcAp CG will contain the draft decision addressing the EcAp Roadmap and Policy 2026-2035 and the upgraded Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme for the Mediterranean Sea and Coast (IMAP).

22. The Meeting is expected to review and discuss the Outcome of the 12th Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Coordination Group, and especially the Draft Decision on “Upgraded Ecosystem Approach Policy, Roadmap, and Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme for the Mediterranean Sea and Coast” (UNEP/MED WG.620/9/Rev.1) in view of its submission to COP24.

5.5. *Climate Change Adaptation Regional Framework*

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/8
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9

23. Under this Agenda item, the Coordinator will introduce the Draft Decision on the “Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas 2026-2035” (UNEP/MED WG.620/8), which reflects the preparation of the updated Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the period 2026-2035, as well as its framework for monitoring and evaluation, through an extensive and inclusive consultation process.

24. The Meeting is expected to review the proposed Draft Decision and provide its feedback in view of its submission, as appropriate, to COP24.

5.6. *Assessment Reports*

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/13
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.17

25. The Coordinator will present the Draft Decision “Assessment Studies: Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of the MedECC Special Report on interlinking climate change with the Water - Energy - Food - Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus in the Mediterranean Basin (MedECC Special WEFE Report)” (UNEP/MED WG.620/13).

26. The Meeting is expected to review the progress in the development of the Assessment Studies, referring to the MedECC Special Report interlinking climate change with the Water–Energy–Food–Ecosystems (WEFE) nexus in the Mediterranean Basin (UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.17), and discuss the Draft Decision in view of its submission, as appropriate, to COP24.

5.7. *Conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity, endangered species and ecosystems*

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/10 UNEP/MED WG.620/11
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.21 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.22 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.23 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.24

27. The Coordinator will introduce the Draft Decision on “Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean and Proposals for amendment of Annexes II and III of the SPA/BD Protocol” (UNEP/MED WG.620/10). This Draft Decision contains a proposal for amendments to the Common Criteria for proposing amendments to Annexes II and III of the SPA/BD Protocol, as well as a proposal for the inclusion of three species of cartilaginous fishes and six species of sponges to the Annex II and the removal of four cartilaginous fishes from Annex III and their inclusion in the Annex II of the Protocol.

28. The Coordinator will also present Draft Decision on “Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs), Strategies and Action Plans under the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, including the Post-2020 SAPBIO” (UNEP/MAP WG.620/11). This Draft Decision refers to a number of issues, namely the Mid-term assessment of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, the development of the Monitoring Framework for the assessment of the collective implementation of the Post-2020 SAPBIO, the outcomes of the Ordinary Periodic and Extraordinary Review of the areas included in the SPAMI List during the biennium 2024-2025, the ordinary reviews of SPAMIs expected in 2026-2027, the updating of Regional Action Plans and Strategies, and the evaluation of the Regional Action Plans Approach for selected species and habitats adopted under the SPA/BD Protocol and recommendations for the way forward.

29. The Meeting is expected to review and discuss the above Draft Decisions in view of their submission, as appropriate, to COP24.

5.8. *Marine Pollution from Ships*

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/14
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.15

30. The Coordinator will present the Draft Decision on the “Marine Pollution from Ships: Revision of the Terms of Reference of the Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL in the Mediterranean Sea (MENELAS) and Roadmap for Transitioning to Low Carbon Shipping in the Mediterranean Sea” (UNEP/MED WG.620/14). This Draft Decision contains a proposal for the revision of the Terms of Reference of the MENELAS network, as well as a Roadmap for Transitioning to Low Carbon Shipping in the Mediterranean Sea, which provides a structured, step-by-step framework to guide Contracting Parties and stakeholders in reducing GHG emissions from ships.

31. The Meeting is expected to review the proposed Draft Decision in view of its submission, as appropriate, to COP24.

5.9. *Offshore Action Plan*

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/15
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.14

32. The Coordinator will present the Draft Decision “*Updated Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan 2026-2035*” (UNEP/MED WG.620/15). This Draft Decision contains the Updated Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan 2026-2035, which is a continuation and revision of the current Mediterranean Offshore Action Plan.

33. The Meeting is expected to review and discuss the Draft Decision in view of its submission, as appropriate, to COP24.

5.10. *National Action Plans/Programmes of Measures to combat and prevent marine pollution*

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/16
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9

34. The Coordinator will present the Draft Decision “Implementation of Updated National Action Plans (NAPs), Containing Measures and Timetables for their Implementation” (UNEP/MED WG.620/16). This Draft Decision reflects the work on the Updated NAPs 2026-2035 and Programmes of Measures for the effective implementation of the LBS Protocol and the achievement of Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean.

35. The Meeting is expected to review and discuss the Draft Decision in view of its submission, as appropriate, to COP24.

5.11. *Programme of Work and Budget for 2026 - 2027*

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/17 UNEP/MED WG.620/17/Add.1
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.8

36. The Coordinator will introduce the proposed Programme of Work and Budget for 2026-2027, prepared on the basis of the UNEP/MAP Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2022-2027 and under the guidance of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, consulted with the MAP Focal Points and reviewed by the MAP Component Focal Points Meetings; as well as the main elements of the related decision (UNEP/MED WG.620/17 and UNEP/MED WG.620/17/Add.1). The Programme of Work and Budget is accompanied by Document UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.4 on the “Report on Financial Implementation of the 2022-2023 and 2024-2025 PoW”.

37. The Meeting is expected to review in depth the proposed PoW and Budget and the main elements of the Draft Decision and approve them, as appropriate, for submission to COP24.

Agenda Item 6: Preparation of the 24th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP24)

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/18
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.25

6.1. Provisional Agenda of COP24

38. The Coordinator will introduce the proposed elements of the Provisional Agenda of COP24 (UNEP/MED WG.620/18) as well as possible elements of the main theme of the COP24 high level segment, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties and the Host Country.

39. The Meeting is expected to discuss and provide inputs and guidance to the Secretariat on the preparation of the COP24 Provisional Agenda with a view to submit it for approval during the adoption session of the Meeting.

6.2. Ministerial Declaration: Process and Highlights

40. The Coordinator, together with the representative of Egypt, as Host Country of COP24, will introduce the process of preparation and the proposed main theme and key elements of the *Cairo Ministerial Declaration*.

41. The Chair of the MCSD will be expected to brief the MAP Focal Points on the discussions of the 21st MCSD Meeting on the contribution of the MCSD to COP24, for their consideration (UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.25).

42. The Meeting is expected to discuss and provide inputs and guidance on the preparation and content of the Cairo Ministerial Declaration.

Agenda Item 7: Any Other Business

43. Under this agenda item, the Meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other matters that may require attention, as agreed during the adoption of the agenda.

Agenda Item 8: Adoption of the Report

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/19
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.2

44. The Meeting will be invited to review and adopt the Draft Report submitted by the Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 9: Closure of the Meeting

45. The President is expected to close the Meeting at 17:30 on Friday, 19 September 2025.

TIMETABLE

1 st Day, Tuesday, 16 September 2025		
Time	Agenda Item	Documents
10:00 - 10:30	1. Opening of the Meeting 2. Organizational Matters	UNEP/MED WG.620/1 UNEP/MED WG.620/2/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.1/Rev.2
10:30 - 12:00	3. Progress Report on Activities Carried Out during the 2024-2025 Biennium 4. Financial Implementation Report for 2022-2023 and 2024-2025	UNEP/MED WG.620/3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.6/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.10 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.11 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.14 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.15 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.16 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.19
12:00 - 13:00	5.1. Compliance and Reporting	UNEP/MED WG.620/4 UNEP/MED WG.620/6 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.11
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:30 - 15:45	5.2. MAP Governance, CC/RAC mandate and Partnerships	UNEP/MED WG.620/5 UNEP/MED WG.620/5/Corr.1 UNEP/MED WG.620/12 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.8 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.12 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.13 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.18 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.19
15:45 - 16:15	5.3. Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development	UNEP/MED WG.620/7 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.16 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.20
16:15 - 16:45	6. Preparation of the 24 th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP24)	UNEP/MED WG.620/18 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.25
16:45 - 17:30	5.11. Programme of Work and Budget for 2026 - 2027	UNEP/MED WG.620/17 UNEP/MED WG.620/17/Add.1 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.4

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2nd Day, Wednesday, 17 September 2025		
Time	Agenda Item	Documents
09:30 – 10:15	5.4. MAP Ecosystem Approach RoadMap and Policy	UNEP/MED WG.620/9/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.6/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9
10:15 - 11:00	5.5. Climate Change Adaptation Regional Framework	UNEP/MED WG.620/8 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9
11:00 - 11:45	5.6. Assessment Reports	UNEP/MED WG.620/13 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.17
11:45 - 12:30	5.7. Conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity, endangered species and ecosystems	UNEP/MED WG.620/10 UNEP/MED WG.620/11 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.21 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.22 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.23 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.24
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:00 - 15:00	5.8. Marine Pollution from Ships	UNEP/MED WG.620/14 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.15
15:00 - 16:00	5.9. Offshore Action Plan	UNEP/MED WG.620/15 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.14
16:00 - 17:00	5.10. National Action Plans/Programmes of Measures to combat and prevent marine pollution	UNEP/MED WG.620/16 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.9

3rd Day, Thursday, 18 September 2025		
Time	Agenda Item	Documents
09:30 - 12:30	5.11. Programme of Work and Budget for 2026 - 2027	UNEP/MED WG.620/17 UNEP/MED WG.620/17/Add.1 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.8
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:00 - 16:00	5.11. Programme of Work and Budget for 2026 - 2027 (<i>cont'd</i>)	UNEP/MED WG.620/17 UNEP/MED WG.620/17/Add.1 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.8
16:00 - 16:30	6. Preparation of the 24 th Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP24) (<i>follow-up</i>)	UNEP/MED WG.620/18 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.25
16:30 - 17:00	7. Any Other Business	

4th Day, Friday, 19 September 2025		
Time	Agenda Item	Documents
14:30 - 17:15	8. Adoption of the Report	UNEP/MED WG.620/19 UNEP/MED WG.620/Inf.2
17:15 - 17:30	9. Closure of the Meeting	