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Athens, Greece, 6-7 March 2025

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. Following the kind offer of the Government of Greece, and in consultation with the Members of the PAMEx Steering Committee, the 4th Steering Committee Meeting of the Plan of Action for a model Mediterranean Sea (PAMEx) by 2030 and its Local Investment Finance Facility (PLIFF) will be convened on 6-7 March 2025 in Athens, Greece.
2. The main objectives of the Meeting are to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the Plan of Action for a model Mediterranean Sea (PAMEx) by 2030 since the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting, to present and discuss the PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025, propose communication and visibility activities, receive update on PLIFF implementation and present the PLIFF Road Map for 2025.
3. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the plenary sessions. Working documents will be in English and French. Participants are encouraged to download documentation on their computers in advance of the session.
4. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda (UNEP/MED WG.611/1) were prepared by the PAMEx Technical Secretariat to assist the Meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

5. The Meeting will be opened at 10:00 on Thursday, 6 March 2025, by Honorary Professor Mr Christos Zerefos, Secretary General of the Academy of Athens. The introduction to the Meeting will be made by Mr Petros Varelidis, Secretary General for Natural Environment and Water, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy, and current Chair of the Steering Committee, followed by opening remarks by the Coordinator of the UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention, Ms Tatjana Hema.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

- a) *Organization of Work*
- b) *Adoption of the Provisional Agenda*

Working and Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.611/1	Provisional Agenda
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6. The Chair of the Steering Committee will open Agenda item 2 and will give the floor to the Coordinator of the UNEP/MAP who will present the Provisional Agenda and organization of work as indicated in document UNEP/MED WG.611/1.
7. The Meeting will be invited to review and adopt the Provisional Agenda (document UNEP/MED WG.611/1) and annotated in the present document.
8. It is expected that the PAMEx members will discuss all the items of the Agenda during its one day and a half Meeting, including the adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 13:00 on Friday, 7 March 2025.
9. The Report of the 4th Steering Committee Meeting will be distributed to the Members of the PAMEx Steering Committee after the Meeting, for their perusal, comments and approval through electronic means.

Agenda item 3: Update on Progress of PAMEx Implementation

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.611/3	Progress report on PAMEx Implementation since the last Meeting of the Steering Committee
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10. The Chair of the Steering Committee will open Agenda item 3 recalling that this is the second SC Meeting under the Greek Presidency of the Initiative and thanking France for its support to the PAMEx initiative and to the organization of this Meeting, and for ensuring that its Technical Secretariat is again operational since early December 2024.

11. The Chair of the Steering Committee will stress that this session is devoted to reporting on PAMEx achievements since the last Meeting of the Steering Committee of 3rd December 2024 and will give the floor to PAMEx Technical Secretariat, who will outline the main elements of the Progress report on PAMEx Implementation since the last Meeting of the Steering Committee (UNEP/MED WG.611/3).

12. The Members of the PAMEx Steering Committee will be invited by the Chair of the Steering Committee to share their comments in view of validating the Progress report on PAMEx Implementation since the last Meeting of the Steering Committee.

Agenda item 4: PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025

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13. The Chair of the Steering Committee will open Agenda item 4, highlighting that it will provide the way forward by establishing an indicative list of activities to be undertaken under PAMEx in 2025.

14. The Chair will give the floor to the PAMEx Technical Secretariat who will outline the list of activities proposed in the PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025 (UNEP/MED WG.611/4), underlining that they are based on discussions from previous Steering Committee Meetings and suggestions from Axis leaders received in writing prior to the Meeting.

15. The Coordinator of UNEP/MAP will also present activities from MAP Programme of Work (PoW) contributing to PAMEx priorities. All PAMEx members will be invited to share with the meeting information about their activities that could contribute to PAMEx.

16. The Chair of the Steering Committee will then open the discussion Axis per Axis. The four PAMEx priority Axes are:

- a) Axis 1: Raise the ambition for the preservation of marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean
- b) Axis 2: Promote and develop sustainable fishing to end overfishing by 2030
- c) Axis 3: Redouble efforts to combat marine pollution, particularly so that no plastic is discharged into the Mediterranean by 2030
- d) Axis 4: Promote maritime transport practices which protect the marine environment and combat climate change

17. During the discussion in each Axis, the Chair will call on participants to provide any additional comments and suggestions on the proposals made by Axis leaders and the PAMEx Technical Secretariat for each Axis, as presented in the proposed PAMEx Programme of Work for

2025 document (UNEP/MED WG.611/4). The Members of the Steering Committee, besides comments on deliverables, are also expected to express their potential interest in leading the proposed activities and indicate potential financial options for their implementation.

18. Short presentations of relevant case studies/projects will also take place under each Axis to further enrich discussions and help formulate new ideas and prospects of scaling up actions. The Chair will invite identified presenters to give their presentations under the corresponding Axis, as follows:

On Axis 1: the Chair will invite:

- i) Ms Aimilia Drouga, Expert on Marine Biodiversity, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy, to present the project on “Establishment of monitoring and early warning systems for passing by ships, to timely identify large marine mammals (SAvE Whales)” (presentation in person);
- ii) Mr Philippe Amar, LANEGO, and Mr Zacharias Siokouros, CEO of the Cyprus Marine and Maritime Institute (CMMI) to present the France/Cyprus project on “MPA monitoring and protection based on nature based artificial reefs protected by resident drones (EONIOS)” (presentation online)

On Axis 3: the Chair will invite:

- i) Prof. Konstantinos Topouzelis, Co-founder of SciDrones, University of the Aegean, Greece, to present the project on “Coastal Marine Litter Observatory (CMLO): Enabling Smarter Policies with AI and Drones” (presentation online);
- ii) Mr Yannis Spanos, Project PARALIES Coordinator, Greece, to present the “Project PARALIES: A bottom-up initiative catalysing private sector involvement and promoting awareness towards the protection and restoration of coastal and marine environment against marine litter” (presentation in person).

On Axis 4: the Chair will invite the representative of the Hellenic Ministry of Shipping and Insular Policy to present progress in implementing the commitment of “equipping at least 12 Greek ports with cold ironing by 2030”.

19. At the end of each session the Chair of the Steering Committee, with the assistance of the PAMEx Technical Secretariat, will provide a brief conclusion and will move to the next session.

20. At the end of the discussions of this Agenda item, the Chair of the Steering Committee will conclude the session and the PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025 will be adopted.

Agenda item 5: Contribution to the preparations for the forthcoming UNOC-3

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21. The Chair of the Steering Committee will open Agenda item 5 highlighting that UNOC-3 will be a major event providing good opportunities for PAMEx to showcase the unique experience of the Mediterranean with regards to regional sea cooperation and management. Then the Chair will give the floor to the Coordinator of the UNEP/MAP.

22. The Coordinator of the UNEP/MAP will present the planned arrangements under UNOC-3 and the opportunities to promote PAMEx achievements as highlighted in the PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025 (UNEP/MED WG.611/4).

23. The Members of the PAMEx Steering Committee are expected to provide comments and suggestions with regard to participation in UNOC-3 activities.

24. After the discussion has ended the Chair of the Steering Committee will conclude the session on Agenda item 5.

Agenda item 6: PAMEx Communication activities

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25. The Chair of the Steering Committee will open Agenda item 6 underlining that communication activities will be essential to improve PAMEx visibility as well as the visibility of the Mediterranean and its experience and pioneering role, in general, at the global level.

26. The Chair will give the floor to the Coordinator of the UNEP/MAP, who will present a list of international and regional events with good opportunities to improve the visibility of the PAMEx Initiative at the global and regional levels, while positioning the Mediterranean as a model regional Sea worldwide.

27. The Members of the PAMEx Steering Committee are expected to provide comments and ideas to contribute to the proposed PAMEx communication activities.

28. After the discussion has ended, the Chair of the Steering Committee will conclude the session on Agenda item 6.

Conclusions and closure of day 1 of the Meeting

In closing day 1 of the Meeting, the Chair of the Steering Committee, with the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP, will take stock of exchanges during the day and will highlight the main results achieved.

Opening of day 2 of the Meeting

29. The Chair of the Steering Committee will welcome the participants to the second day of the Steering Committee Meeting and will open the Agenda item 7, giving the floor to the Coordinator of the UNEP/MAP.

Agenda item 7: PLIFF and Blue Finance for the Mediterranean

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG.611/5	PLIFF Road Map 2025
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30. The Coordinator of the UNEP/MAP will introduce the session recalling that raising sufficient funds is essential for the preservation and sustainable development of the Mediterranean Sea. Then, she will give the floor to Mr Christophe Nuttall, Secretary General of PLIFF, who will facilitate (online) the session on PLIFF.

31. Mr Christophe Nuttall will present the PLIFF Road Map for 2025 (UNEP/MED WG.611/5) which sets the main objectives and targets to be achieved in 2025, as well as the main milestones. He will then facilitate the session which will focus on projects currently under development and partnerships to be consolidated as part of the PLIFF roll-out. Mr Christophe Nuttall will be introducing the speakers who represent PLIFF's key partners including:

- Mr Anisse Terai, TELL Group: PLIFF Green Port portfolio of projects (online);
- Mr Olivier Stintzy, Edifice Capital PLIFF: Zero Plastic portfolio of projects (online);
- Mr Matthew McLucky, POSAIDON Capital: PLIFF biodiversity: Green bonds for the Mediterranean (online);
- Mr Enrique Manzanares, Delimara Ltd and University of Loyola, Spain: Conclusion of operationalization (in person);
- Mr. Andrea Tinagli, EIB Senior Official at the Union for the Mediterranean: Partnership between Blue Med Partnership under the UfM – ERBD leadership (online);
- Mr Kamal Dadi, Deputy Director, AFD Partnership: AFD signing the PLIFF Charter, Progress achieved and next steps: (online);
- Mr Michael Kokkinos, President and CEO, Hellenic-Spanish Chamber of Commerce, Greece: Signing the PLIFF Charter: Progress achieved and next steps (in person);
- Mr Cyprien Fonvielle, CEO NEEDE, MEDTRAIN Cité Bleue: (online).

32. After the discussion has ended, the Chair of the Steering Committee will conclude the session on Agenda item 7.

Agenda item 8: Any Other Matters

33. The meeting will consider other issues that may be raised by the participants.

Agenda item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations

34. The Chair of the Steering Committee will submit for adoption a set of Conclusions and Recommendations based on the discussions under all Agenda Items.

35. The full report of the meeting will be circulated to the PAMEx Members at a later stage for adoption.

Agenda item 10: Closure of the Meeting

36. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the PAMEx at approximately 13:00 on Friday, 7 March 2025.

Timetable

(The timetable is the local time of Athens, Time: GMT+3)

Thursday, 6th March 2025		
Time	Agenda item	Documents
09:45 - 10:00	Arrival of participants and Registrations	
10:00 - 10:15	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
10:15 - 10:20	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters: Organization of Work and Adoption of the Agenda	UNEP/MED WG.611/1 Provisional Agenda UNEP/MED WG.611/2 Provisional Annotated Agenda UNEP/MED WG.611/Inf.1 Provisional List of Documents UNEP/MED WG.611/Inf.2 Provisional List of Participants
10:20 - 10:40	Agenda item 3: Update on Progress of PAMEx Implementation	UNEP/MED WG.611/3 Progress report on PAMEx Implementation since the last Meeting of the Steering Committee
10:40 - 11:45	Agenda item 4: PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025 a) Presentation of PAMEx proposed Programme of Work for 2025 b) Axis 1: Marine and Coastal Biodiversity	UNEP/MED WG.611/4 PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025
11:45 - 12:00	Coffee Break	
12:00 - 13:00	Agenda item 4: PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025 (<i>Cont'</i>) c) Axis 3: Addressing Marine Pollution	UNEP/MED WG.611/4 PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30 - 15:30	Agenda item 4: PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025 (<i>Cont'</i>) d) Axis 4: Sustainable Maritime Transport	UNEP/MED WG.611/ 4 PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025
15:30 - 16:00	Agenda item 4: PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025 (<i>Cont'</i>) e) Axis 2: Sustainable Fisheries f) Adoption of PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025	UNEP/MED WG.611/4 PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025
16:00 - 16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15 - 17:00	Agenda item 5: Contribution to the preparation for the forthcoming UNOC-3	UNEP/MED WG.611/4 PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025
17:00 - 17:20	Agenda item 6: PAMEx Communication activities	UNEP/MED WG.611/4 PAMEx Programme of Work for 2025
17:20 - 17:30	Conclusions and closure of day 1 of the meeting	
17:45 - 18:30	Reception hosted by the Greek Presidency	

Friday, 7 th March 2025		
Time	Agenda item	Documents
10:00 – 10:10	Opening of day 2 of the meeting	
10:10 - 12:00	Agenda item 7: PLIFF and Blue Finance for the Mediterranean	UNEP/MED WG.611/5 PLIFF Road Map 2025
10:10 - 11:15	a) PLIFF update and Road Map for 2025	
11:15 - 12:00	b) Partnership and support to PLIFF	
12:00 - 12:15	Coffee Break	
12:15 - 12:30	Agenda item 8: Any Other Matters, including Date and Venue of the next SC Meeting	
12:30 - 13:00	Agenda item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations	
13:00	Closure of the Meeting	