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Corinth, Greece, 24-26 June 2025

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), the 21st Meeting of the MCSD is convened on 24-26 June 2025 in Corinth, Greece.

2. The primary objective of the Meeting is to review, endorse and recommend the updated Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) presented in the document UNEP/MED WG.625/5, and its flagship initiatives, for submission to the 24th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP24, Cairo, Egypt, 2-5 December 2025).

3. The Meeting will also address the partially reviewed MCSD Membership for the Biennium 2026-2027, the evaluation of the implementation of the current MSSD and its Flagship Initiatives, the sustainability considerations in relation to the proposed UNEP/MAP 2026-2027 Programme of Work and Budget (PoW) as well as possible inputs of the 21st MCSD Meeting to COP 24..

4. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for the plenary sessions. Working documents are prepared in English and French. The list of Documents is provided in Document UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.1. Participants are encouraged to download the documentation on their computers in advance of the session. No hard copies of the documents will be disseminated during the meeting.

5. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda (UNEP/MED WG.625/1/Rev.1) were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

6. The meeting will be opened at 09:30 local time in Greece (GMT+3), on Tuesday, 24 June 2025, by Ms. Anne-France Didier, President of the MCSD. The Coordinator of the UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention Secretariat will also make opening remarks.

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

a) Election of the Steering Committee

b) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

c) Organization of Work

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.625/1/Rev.1	Provisional Agenda
	UNEP/MED WG.625/2	Provisional Annotated Agenda
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.1	Provisional List of Documents
	UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.2	Provisional List of Participants

7. The meeting will proceed to the election of the MCSD Steering Committee which, according to Rule 17 of the Rules and Procedure of the MCSD, is composed of a President, five Vice-presidents and a Rapporteur, on the basis of an equitable geographical distribution, and shall include four members representing the Contracting Parties, including *ex officio* the President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, and three representatives from the six groups foreseen by the Terms of Reference of the MCSD.

8. The meeting will be invited to review and adopt the Provisional Agenda contained in Document UNEP/MED WG.625/1/Rev.1 and annotated in the present document.

9. It is expected that the MCSD will discuss all the items of the Agenda during its three-day meeting, including the adoption of conclusions and recommendations. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 17:30 on Thursday, 26 June 2025.

10. At the end of the first day, Plan Bleu/RAC will present the Report "The Mediterranean by 2050: A Foresight by Plan Bleu" (MED2050 Report), and at the end of the second day the Coordinator will present the Mediterranean Sea Programme: Enhancing Environmental Security (MedProgramme) 2020-2026.

11. The Report of the 21st Meeting of the MCSD will be distributed to the Members of the MCSD for their perusal, comments and approval at a later stage through electronic means.

Agenda Item 3: Report by the Coordinator on Sustainable Development Activities for the period June 2023 – May 2025

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.625/3	Progress Report for the period June 2023 – May 2025
Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.3	Update on Flagship Initiatives and activities toward the implementation of the MSSD
	UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.4	Mediterranean Sustainability and SCP Dashboard
	UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.5	MSSD Core indicators and new Dashboard Indicators
	UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.6	Reports of extended MCSD Steering Committee meetings
	UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.7	Report of the ad hoc Thematic MCSD Meeting of 12-13 February 2025
	UNEP/1ED WG.625/Inf.8	Report MSSD Thematic WGs Meetings
Reference Documents	Report of the 20th MCSD Meeting Report of the 25th MCSD Steering Committee Meeting	

12. The Coordinator will present the progress in MCSD and MSSD related developments since the 20th Meeting of the MCSD (14-16 June 2023, Marseille, France), as contained in Document UNEP/MED WG.625/3.

13. The Members of the MCSD will be invited to briefly report on their own efforts to support the MSSD implementation and the work of the MCSD and to comment on the Progress Report. The MCSD Members and partners that lead or contributed to the implementation of the MSSD Flagship Initiatives are encouraged to present their main achievements, challenges, and perspectives.

14. Under this Agenda item Plan Bleu/RAC and SCP/RAC will introduce the relevant section of the Document UNEP/MED WG.625/3 presenting the work done and perspectives for strengthening the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard.

15. The MCSD will be invited to provide comments, as appropriate.

Agenda Item 4: Evaluation of the 2016-2025 MSSD implementation

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.625/4	2016-2025 MSSD Final Evaluation

16. Under this Agenda Item the Secretariat will present the 2016-2025 MSSD Final Evaluation (UNEP/MED WG.625/4) for the MCSD Meeting consideration.

17. It is expected that the MCSD reviews and endorses the recommendations of the 2016-2025 MSSD Final Evaluation, as appropriate.

Agenda Item 5: MSSD 2026-2035 and its flagship initiatives

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.625/5	Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2026-2035
	UNEP/MED WG.625/6	MSSD 2026-2035 flagship initiatives

a) MSSD 2026-2035

18. The Secretariat will present the proposed MSSD 2026-2035, as included in document UNEP/MED WG.625/5.

19. The Members of the MCSD are expected to review and endorse the document for submission to MAP Focal Point Meeting (Athens, Greece, 16-19 September 2025) and subsequently to the COP24 for endorsement (Cairo, Egypt, 2-5 December 2025).

b) Flagship initiatives

20. The Secretariat and the lead partners will present the simplified concept notes of the MSSD flagship initiatives, as requested by the Thematic Ad Hoc MCSD Meeting of 12-13 February (Istanbul, Türkiye) and presented in the document UNEP/MED WG.625/6.

21. The MCSD Members are expected to review and endorse the concept notes and express their potential interest in participating and contributing to their implementation as appropriate.

Agenda item 6: Specific Issues

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.625/7	Report on Specific Issues

a) MCSD Membership for the Biennium 2026-2027

22. The Secretariat will briefly introduce the needs for and the process of the partial renewal of the MCSD Membership for the Biennium 2026-2027 and with reference to five out of six group of stakeholders (Local Authorities, Socio-economic Stakeholders, Non-Governmental Organizations, Intergovernmental Organizations and Parliamentarians).

23. The MCSD Members are invited to provide their comments and guidance to the Secretariat in view of the submission of the partially renewed MCSD membership for the Biennium 2026-2027 to the COP24.

b) Sustainability Considerations in UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2026-2027

24. The Secretariat will present the sustainability considerations of the proposed UNEP/MAP 2026-2027 Programme of Work (PoW).

25. The MCSD Members are expected to provide comments.

c) Inputs for the 21st MCSD Meeting to COP 24

26. The Secretariat will inform the MCSD on the COP 24 preparations including the preparation of its Ministerial Declaration and the Ministerial Session of COP 24.

27. The MCSD Members are expected to exchange views on the process and the identification of issues of relevance on Sustainable Development and for the Ministerial Declaration and the Ministerial Session of COP 24.

d) 2016 Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas

28. The Secretariat will present the main elements of the updated Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas (RCCAF).

29. The MCSD members are expected to provide comments in order to support the update process and ahead of the submission to the MAP Focal Points Meeting and to COP 24 (December 2025).

Agenda Item 7: Next Meeting of the MCSD

30. The MCSD is expected to decide upon the date, venue and indicative agenda of 22nd Meeting of the MCSD, to be set for May/June 2027.

Agenda Item 8: Any Other Matters

31. The meeting will consider other issues that may be raised by its participants.

Agenda Item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations

32. The Rapporteur will submit for adoption a set of conclusions and recommendations based on the discussions under all agenda items.

33. The report of the meeting will be circulated to the Members of the MCSD at a later stage for adoption.

Agenda Item 10: Closure of the Meeting

34. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the MCSD at approximately 17:30 on Thursday, 26 June 2025.

Timetable

(Greece local time, Time: GMT+3)

Tuesday, 24 June 2025		
Time	**Agenda Item**	**Documents**
10:00 – 10:30	Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
10:30 – 11:00	Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters a) Election of the Steering Committee b) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda c) Organization of Work	UNEP/MED WG.625/1/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.625/2 UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.1 UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.2
11:00- 13:00	Agenda Item 3: Report by the Coordinator on Sustainable Development Activities for the period June 2023 – May 2025	UNEP/MED WG.625/3 UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.6 UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.7 UNEP/MED WG.625/Inf.8
13:00 – 14:30	*Lunch break*	
14:30 – 15:30	Agenda Item 4: Evaluation of the 2016-2025 MSSD implementation	UNEP/MED WG.625/4
15:30 – 17:00	Agenda Item 5: MSSD 2026-2035 and its flagship initiatives a) MSSD 2026-2035	UNEP/MED WG.625/5
17:00 – 17:30	*Presentation of the Report "The Mediterranean by 2050: A Foresight by Plan Bleu" (MED2050 Report)*	
Wednesday 25 June 2025		
Time	**Agenda Item**	**Documents**
10:00 – 13:00	Agenda Item 5: MSSD 2026-2035 and its flagship initiatives a) MSSD 2026-2035 (Continuation)	UNEP/MED WG.625/5
13:00 – 14:30	*Lunch break*	
14:30 – 17:00	Agenda Item 5: MSSD 2026-2035 and its flagship initiatives a) MSSD 2026-2035 (Continuation)	UNEP/MED WG.625/5
17:00 – 17:30	*Presentation of the Mediterranean Sea Programme: Enhancing Environmental Security (MedProgramme) 2020-2026*	
Thursday 26 June 2025		
09:30 –12:30	Agenda Item 5: MSSD 2026-2035 and its flagship initiatives b) Flagship initiatives	UNEP/MED WG.625/6
12:30– 14:30	*Lunch break*	
14:30 – 16:15	Agenda item 6: Specific Issues a) Updated MCSD Membership for the Biennium	UNEP/MED WG.625/7

	2026/2027 b) Sustainability Considerations in UNEP/MAP Programme of Work 2026-2027 c) Inputs for the 21st MCSD Meeting to COP 24 d) RCCAF	
16:15 – 16:45	Agenda Item 7: Next Meeting of the MCSD Agenda Item 8: Any Other Matters	
16:45 – 17:30	Agenda Item 9: Conclusions and Recommendations Agenda Item 10: Closure of the Meeting	UNEP/MED WG.625/8 – to be issued after the meeting