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UNEP/MAP GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem

Fourth Steering Committee Meeting of the Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (MedPartnership)

17-20 February 2014, Hammamet, Tunisia

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA



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Monday, 17 February: STEERING COMMITTEE DAY 1:

- 08:45 – 09:30** Registration of participants
- 09:30 – 09:45** Opening of the meeting and welcome address by the Minister of Environment of Tunisia (to be confirmed).
The meeting will be opened by the Minister of Agriculture and Environment of Tunisia
- 09:45 – 10:00** Welcome by the president of the Bureau of the Barcelona Convention Prof. Dr. Mehmet Emin Birpinar (to be confirmed)
The President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention will welcome the participants to the 4th Steering Committee of the MedPartnership.
- 10:00 – 10:15** Introduction of the meeting by Ms. Maria Luisa Silva Mejias, Coordinator of the Barcelona Convention Secretariat
Ms. Maria Luisa Silva Mejias will present the priorities by the last meeting of contracting parties of the Barcelona Convention and their link with the project as well as the main objectives of the meeting.
- 10:15 – 10:45** **Coffee break**
- 10:45 – 12:45** Climate Variability adaptation and policy framework relevant for the Mediterranean. Key note presentations and discussion.
This session will focus on the Mediterranean dimension of Climate Variability, its implications on coastal zones and the necessary adaptation and policy framework. A panel of high level experts will deliver key note presentations on these issues.
- 13:00 – 14:30** **Lunch break**
- 14:30 – 14:45** Election of officers
The meeting shall elect Co-Chair persons and two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur from among the members of the Steering Committee.
Decision: The meeting's officers elected.
- 14:45 – 15:00** Adoption of the agenda of the meeting
The Provisional Agenda was distributed to the participants. The meeting may wish to adopt the proposed agenda and timetable amended as appropriate.
Decision: Agenda of the meeting adopted
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15:00 – 15:15 Introduction to Climate Variability session: Objectives, structure of the session, method of work, expected results
The Integration of climate variability and change into national strategies to implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean project will be presented with a view of informing the members of the Steering Committee on its structure, objectives, background and expected impacts.
Mr. Lorenzo Galbiati – MedPartnership Project Manager
Document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 389/Inf. 8, 9 and 10

15:15 – 15:45 Introduction to the Inception Report of the project “Integration of Climatic Variability and Change into National Strategies to Implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean”
The Inception Report of the project “Integration of Climatic Variability and Change into National Strategies to Implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean” will be presented. The goals of the Inception Report are to provide additional clarity on the project and facilitate integration among the Project’s components, providing detailed guidance and instructions for the implementation of the project. The Inception Report aims to harmonize, interrelate and integrate actions’ implementation within individual Project activities.
Ms. Virginie Hart – MedPartnership Marine and Coastal Expert
Document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 389/3 and 389/Inf. 7

15.45 – 16:15 **Coffee break**

16:15 – 18:00 Presentation of the Activities: Plan of work and budget of the Climate Variability sister project: activities and demonstrations
Presentation of the 2014-2015 revised work plan and budget of the Climate Variability project will be presented with a view of informing the members of the Steering Committee on these issues. Presentations of the activities and demonstration ongoing in Croatia and Tunisia will be given during this session.
Plan Blue, GWP-Med, PAP-RAC and UNEP GRID Geneva Tunisia and Croatia
Mr. Lorenzo Galbiati – MedPartnership Project Manager
The participants will discuss the revised work plan and budget.
Decision: Revised 2014-2015 work plan and budget of the Climate Variability project approved.
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18:00 – 18:30 General discussion and recommendations of the Steering Committee

18:15 – 18:30 **Announcements**

An evening dinner in Hammamet will be organized by the MedPartnership for the participants

Tuesday, 18 February: STEERING COMMITTEE DAY 2:

- 09:00 – 09:15** Introduction to the MedPartnership session: Objectives, structure of the meeting, method of work, expected results.
The participants will be given information on the purpose, objectives, structure, organization, method of work and expected results of the meeting.
Mr. Lorenzo Galbiati – MedPartnership Project Manager
Decision: Meeting's objectives, structure and work methods approved and note taken on expected results.
- 09:15 – 10:00** Presentation of Mid-Term Evaluation and Management Unit response.
The participants will be given information on the main findings, conclusions and recommendations raised by the Mid Term Evaluation (MTE) of the MedPartnership. The implementation plan of the MTE will be explain with reference to the decision taken by the PMU and the coordination group meeting held in Athens in November 2013.
Mr. Lorenzo Galbiati – MedPartnership Project Manager
Decision: Coordination group response to the MTE approved and note taken on expected results.
Document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 389/6 & WG. 389/Inf. 5
- 10:00 – 10:30** Introduction to the MedPartnership progress for 2012 and 2013, followed by general discussion.
The 2012 and 2013 progress will be presented with a view of informing the members of the Steering Committee and give an overview of the state of implementation of the project.
Mr. Lorenzo Galbiati – MedPartnership Project Manager
The GEF eligible countries' representatives, as well as representatives of other Mediterranean countries present at the meeting, donors and other participants are expected to briefly reflect on the progress of their national activities and new priorities. The UNEP DEPI representative may give its view on how the project's 2012 and 2013's achievements fit into wider perspective of the UNEP's broader strategy in International Waters (Countries' and donors' representatives).
Document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 389/Inf. 3 & WG. 389/Inf. 4
- 10:30 – 11:00** **Coffee break**
- 11:00 - 11:30** Presentation of the 2013 Project Implementation Review.
The 2012-2013 Project Implementation Review (PIR) will be presented with a view of informing the members of the Steering Committee on its structure, objectives, background and expected impacts.
Ms. Virginie Hart – MedPartnership Marine and Coastal Expert
Document: UNEP(DEPI)/MED WG. 389/7 & WG. 389/Inf. 6
- 11:30 – 13:00** Component 1: Integrated approaches for the implementation of the SAPS and NAPS: ICZM, IWRM ad management of coastal aquifers.

The achievements, outputs and future planning for Component 1 will be presented by UNESCO-IHP, PAP/RAC and GWP-Med (15 minutes each). The presentation shall remind Steering Committee on the vision and objectives of the component, to highlight one or two good case studies, and to present the important issues for the Steering Committee to discuss. The focus will be on the progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the MedPartnership. UNESCO-IHP, PAP/RAC and GWP-Med will also provide an overview of the future activities as well as the strategy to ensure long term sustainability of the project outputs.

UNESCO-IHP, PAP-RAC and GWP-Med.

The participants shall discuss the achievements of the Component 1 of the Regional Project of the MedPartnership

Decision: Recommendations and agreement on future planning of Component 1 activities.

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 – 15:30

Component 2: Pollution from land based activities, including persistent organic pollutants: implementation of SPA-MED and related NAPS.

The achievements, overall output and future planning for Component 2 will be presented by MEDPOL and CP/RAC (15 minutes each). The presentation shall remind Steering Committee on the vision and objectives of the component, to highlight one or two good case studies, and to present the important issues for the Steering Committee to discuss. The focus will be on the progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the MedPartnership. MEDPOL and CP/RAC will also provide an overview of the future activities as well as the strategy to ensure long term sustainability of the project outputs.

MEDPOL and CP/RAC.

The participants shall discuss the achievements of the Component 2 of the Regional Project of the.

Decision: Recommendations and agreement on future planning of Component 2 activities.

15:30 – 17:00

Component 3: Conservation of biological diversity: implementation of SAP-BIO and related NAPS

The achievements, overall output and future planning for Component 3 will be presented by SPA/RAC, WWF-MedPO and FAO (15 minutes each). The presentation shall remind Steering Committee on the vision and objectives of the component, to highlight one or two good case studies, and to present the important issues for the Steering Committee to discuss. The focus will be on the progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the MedPartnership. SPA/RAC, WWF-MedPO and FAO will also provide an overview of the future activities as well as the strategy to ensure long term sustainability of the project outputs.

SPA/RAC, WWF-MedPO and FAO.

The participants shall discuss the achievements of the Component 3 of the Regional Project of the MedPartnership.

Decision: Recommendations and agreement on future planning of Component 3 activities.

17:00 – 17:30 **Coffee break**

17:30 – 18:00 Component 4: Project co-ordination, NGO involvement, replication and communication strategies, management and monitoring and evaluation (M&E).
The MedPartnership PMU and MIO-ECSDE will present highlights and issues related to the coordination of the MedPartnership (20 minutes), current activities for the involvement of NGOs and future planned activities
PMU and MIO-ECSDE.
The participants shall then discuss the achievements and propose measures for their improvement.
Decision: Recommendations and agreement on future planning of Component 4 activities.

18:00 – 18:30 General discussion and recommendation of the Steering Committee

Wednesday, 19 May: STEERING COMMITTEE DAY 3

09:00 - 09:30 Communication Strategy: Results and discussion on future focus
Communication strategy with a focus on the achieved results and proposal for future strategy will be presented.
Ms. Hoda El Turk – MedPartnership Communication Officer
MIO-ECSDE
The participants shall then discuss the propose strategy for its improvement.
Decision: Recommendations and agreement on the communication Strategy.

09:30 – 10:15 National coordination and inter-ministerial committees
Ideas and proposal to reinforce national coordination and inter-ministerial committees will be presented. Mediterranean countries present at the meeting, donors and other participants are expected to briefly present their point of view on these issues.
Mr. Lorenzo Galbiati – MedPartnership Project Manager
The participants shall then discuss the propose strategy for its improvement.
Decision: Recommendations and agreement on the national coordination and inter-ministerial committees.

10:15 - 10:45 Replication activities to promote long term sustainability
Presentation of the Mediterranean Environmental Replication Strategy “MEReS”. Presentation of the proposed 2013-2014 work-plan for the replication actions
Ms. Virginie Hart – MedPartnership Marine and Coastal Expert
The participants shall then discuss the proposed work plan for its improvement
Decision: Recommendations and agreement on the Presentation of the Mediterranean Environmental Replication Strategy “MEReS” and 2013-2014 work plan.
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10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 – 12:30

2014-2015 work plan and budget

The revised Regional Project's overall work-plan and 2014 work-plan will be presented together with the List of Meetings and events in 2014.

Ms. Virginie Hart – MedPartnership Marine and Coastal Expert

The Regional Project's revised budget will be presented, followed by discussion.

Ms. Kumiko Yata kai – Fund / Administrative officer

Mr. Lorenzo Galbiati – MedPartnership Project Manager

The participants will discuss the revised Regional Project's revised budget together with the overall work-plan, the 2014 work-plan and List of Meetings.

Decision: Revised Regional Project's budget, overall Work-plan and 2014 Work-plan approved.

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12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch break**

**Afternoon (13:30 – 18:30): Field visit at Gar El Melah
Coastal Aquifers Management Demonstration project**

Thursday 20 February

STEERING COMMITTEE DAY 4

09:00 – 10:30

Looking ahead: GEF VI strategy. Ideas for the follow up of the MedPartnership and tour-de-table with the countries.

Presentation of the GEF VI strategy will be given to the participants. Ideas and proposal on future key issues to be tackled in the Mediterranean together with ideas to ensure the long term sustainability of the results achieved by the MedPartnership will be discussed. Mediterranean countries present at the meeting, donors and other participants are expected to briefly present their point of view on these issues.

Mr. Lorenzo Galbiati – MedPartnership Project Manager

GEF Secretariat

UNEP DEPI representative

Decision: Recommendations and agreement on the next phase of the MedPartnership project.

10:30 – 11:00

Proposals for the final Steering Committee meeting and final event for the conclusion of the MedPartnership

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 11.45 Any other business

11:45 – 12.30 Conclusions and recommendations of the meeting