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Istanbul, Türkiye, 12-13 February 2025

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Note:

Document UNEP/MED WG. 600//Inf.6, Reports of the meetings of the extended Steering Committee of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development has been added to the list of Information Documents and under Agenda Item Agenda item 4: Updated MSSD for 2026-2035 period. By consequence the Document 'Elements for the updated Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas (RCCAF)' is now listed as UNEP/MED WG. 600/Inf.7

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), following the kind offer of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Istanbul Centre, and in consultation with the Members of the MCSD Steering Committee, the Thematic ad-hoc Meeting of the MCSD is convened on 12-13 February 2025 in Istanbul, Türkiye.
2. The objective of the Meeting is to hold a thematic discussion on the outcomes of the final evaluation of the current 2016-2025 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), on the first draft of the updated 2026-2035 MSSD, including its flagship initiatives, as well as on the initial elements of the updated Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas (RCCAF).
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 the documentation on their computers in advance of the session.
4. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda (UNEP/MED WG.600/1) were prepared by the 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 Wednesday, 12 February 2025, by Ms. Anne-France Didier, President of the MCSD. Following a welcome address from the representative of Republic of Türkiye as host Country and the Director of the OECD Istanbul Centre, the Coordinator of the UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention Secretariat will also make opening remarks.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

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

Working and Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.600/1	Provisional Agenda
	UNEP/MED WG.600/2/Rev.1	Provisional Annotated Agenda
	UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.1/Rev.1	Provisional List of Documents
	UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.2	Provisional List of Participants

6. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols will apply *mutatis mutandis* to this meeting.
7. The members of the Steering Committee of the MCSD elected by the 20th meeting of the MCSD of 14-16 June 2023, will serve as officers of the meeting.
8. The meeting will be invited to review and adopt the Provisional Agenda as indicated in document UNEP/MED WG.600/1 and annotated in the present document.
9. It is expected that the MCSD will discuss all the items of the Agenda during its two-day meeting, including the adoption of conclusions and recommendations. It is envisaged to close the meeting at 18:00 on Thursday, 13 February 2025.
10. The Report of the Thematic ad-hoc Meeting of the MCSD will be distributed to the Members of the MCSD after the meeting, for their perusal, comments and approval through electronic means.

Agenda item 3: Final Evaluation of the 2016-2025 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD)

Working and Information Documents	UNEP/MED WG.600/3	MSSD Final Evaluation Report
	UNEP/MED WG. 600//Inf.3	Flagship initiatives factsheets

11. The Coordinator will shortly introduce the MSSD revision approach, process and timeline, as discussed during the 20th meeting of the MCSD of 14-16 June 2023 in Marseille, France, and further detailed and validated by the 25th Steering Committee meeting of the MCSD of 18-19 April 2024, Athens, Greece.

12. The Secretariat will present the main elements and recommendations of the MSSD Final Evaluation Report (UNEP/MED WG.600/3), prepared by an independent expert. The report is based on the outcomes of the 2016-2025 MSSD Mid-Term Evaluation (UNEP/MED WG.493/5), on the MSSD Dashboard indicators and on the most recent relevant reports published by the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system. The updated factsheets of the current flagship initiatives as presented in the document UNEP/MED WG. 600//Inf.3 will integrate the information.

13. The Members of the MCSD will be invited to share their comments in view of validating the MSSD Final Evaluation Report.

Agenda item 4: Updated MSSD for 2026-2035 period

Working Documents	UNEP/MED WG.600/4	Updated MSSD 2026-2035
	UNEP/MED WG.600/5	MSSD Flagship initiatives
	UNEP/MED WG. 600//Inf.3	Flagship initiatives factsheets
	UNEP/MED WG. 600//Inf.4	MSSD indicators
	UNEP/MED WG. 600//Inf.5	Outcomes of the MSSD revision thematic Working Groups
	UNEP/MED WG. 600//Inf.6	Reports of the meetings of the extended Steering Committee of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable

14. Under this Agenda Item, the Secretariat will present the updated MSSD 2026-2035, as included in document UNEP/MED WG.600/4. The Members of the MCSD will be invited to work on the text as need be.

15. The Secretariat will present the new MSSD flagship initiatives that are presented in document UNEP/MED WG.600/5 and will explain how they have been integrated within the updated MSSD and with the current MSSD flagship initiatives. The discussion will be supported also by the updated factsheets of the current flagship initiatives, as presented in document UNEP/MED WG. 600/Inf.3.

16. The MCSD Members are expected to provide comments, especially on the planned objectives, concrete actions and deliverables and to express their potential interest in leading the new flagship initiatives and indicate potential financial options for the implementation.

17. Plan Bleu/RAC will introduce a proposal for the updated list of MSSD indicators and core indicators, as presented in document UNEP/MED WG. 600/Inf.4. The aim is to further adapt and fine tune the existing MSSD Dashboard indicators to the monitoring needs of the MSSD focusing on a

limited number of core indicators that provide aggregated data on a number of compelling issues and topics, and to be also used for effective communication and outreach. The MCSD Members are expected to provide comments.

Agenda item 5: Elements for the updated 2016 Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas (RCCAF)

Working Document	UNEP/MED WG. 600/Inf.7	Elements for the updated Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas (RCCAF)
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18. The Secretariat will present the initial elements for the updated Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas (RCCAF), as per document UNEP/MED WG. 600/Inf.7.

19. The MCSD members are expected to provide comments on the initial elements for the updated RCCAF, with the objective to further feed the update process. The updated draft of the RCCAF will then be submitted for discussion to the 26th MCSD Steering Committee meeting, and subsequently to the 21st MCSD meeting, before submission to the MAP Focal Points Meeting and to COP24 (Cairo, Egypt, 2-5 December 2025).

Agenda item 6: Any Other Matters

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

Agenda item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations

21. The Rapporteur will submit for adoption a set of conclusions and Recommendations based on the discussions under all Agenda Items.

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

Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting

23. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President of the MCSD at approximately 18:00 on Thursday, 13 February 2025.

Timetable

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

Wednesday, 12 February 2025		
Time	Agenda item	Documents
10:00 – 10:30	Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
10:30 – 10:45	Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters a) <i>Adoption of the Provisional Agenda</i> b) <i>Election of the Officers</i> c) <i>Organization of Work</i>	UNEP/MED WG.600/1 UNEP/MED WG.600/2/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.1/Rev.1 UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.2
10:45- 13:00	Agenda item 3: Final Evaluation of the 2016-2025 Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD)	UNEP/MED WG.600/3 UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.3
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 16:00	Agenda item 4: Updated MSSD for 2026-2035 period	UNEP/MED WG.600/4 UNEP/MED WG.600/5 UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.6
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Break</i>	
16:30 – 17:30	Agenda item 4: Updated MSSD for 2026-2035 period (Continuation)	UNEP/MED WG.600/4 UNEP/MED WG.600/5 UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.600/Inf.6

Thursday 13 February 2025		
Time	Agenda item	Documents
10:00 – 11:30	Agenda item 4: Updated MSSD for 2026-2035 period (Continuation)	UNEP/MED WG.600/4 UNEP/MED WG.600/5 UNEP/MED WG.600//Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.600//Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.600//Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.600//Inf.6
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Break</i>	
12:00 – 13:00	Agenda item 4: Updated MSSD for 2026-2035 period (Continuation)	UNEP/MED WG.600/4 UNEP/MED WG.600/5 UNEP/MED WG.600//Inf.3 UNEP/MED WG.600//Inf.4 UNEP/MED WG.600//Inf.5 UNEP/MED WG.600//Inf.6
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 – 17:00	Agenda item 5: Elements for the updated 2016 Regional Climate Change Adaptation Framework for the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Areas (RCCAF)	UNEP/MED WG.600//Inf.7
17:00 – 17:15	Agenda item 6: Any Other Matters	
17:15 – 18:00	Agenda item 7: Conclusions and Recommendations	
18:00	Agenda item 8: Closure of the Meeting	