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Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment  
and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

Naples, Italy, 2-5 December 2019

**Agenda Item 6: Date and Place of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties**

**Indicative Calendar of Main UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events**

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### **Note by the Secretariat**

With the view to facilitate the planning and participation at MAP meetings, the Secretariat has prepared for information purposes an indicative calendar of the main institutional meetings of the UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system and of major international events of MAP relevance.

In preparing this indicative calendar, the Secretariat took into account two important criteria: a) the Twenty Second Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22) should be held before the end of 2021; and b) overlapping with already planned major global relevant meetings should be avoided.

Dates and venues of the proposed UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention meetings will be confirmed and updated as appropriate at a later stage in consultation with the Bureau of the Contracting Parties. The Secretariat will review and update the calendar accordingly, and complete it with other policy, technical and thematic meetings of the MAP system, as appropriate.

**A. Indicative Calendar of Main UNEP/MAP Meetings in the Biennium 2020-2021**

<b>Organizers</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>2020</b>			
Secretariat	ECP Meeting	28-29 January	Athens, Greece ( <i>tbc</i> )
Secretariat	89 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	1-2 or 7-8 April	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the MCSDD Steering Committee	5-6 or 12-13 May	Podgorica, Montenegro
Secretariat	16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee	23-25 June	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting on the Preparation of the Regional Plans on Pollution	September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	ECP Meeting	6-7 October	( <i>tbc</i> )
Secretariat	Meeting on the Preparation of the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships	October	Malta
Secretariat	1 <sup>st</sup> meeting on the Preparation of SAP BIO	October/November	( <i>tbc</i> )
Secretariat	90 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau and 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of the SC/OEWG on the Medium-Term Strategy	10-13 November	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the MCSDD Steering Committee	15-16 December	Athens, Greece
<b>2021</b>			
Secretariat	ECP Meeting	19-20 January	( <i>tbc</i> )
Secretariat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting on the Preparation of the Regional Plans on Pollution	February	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting on the Preparation of SAP BIO	March/April	( <i>tbc</i> )
MAP Components	Two/Three-days Meetings of MAP Components' Focal Points	May	( <i>tbc</i> )
Secretariat	ECP Meeting	12 April	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Meeting of the MAP Focal Points on the Medium-Term Strategy	13-15 April	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	91 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Bureau and 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the SC/OEWG on the Medium-Term Strategy	18-21 May	( <i>tbc</i> )

Secretariat	17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee	10-11 June	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD	16-18 June	Slovenia ( <i>tbc</i> )
Secretariat	ECP Meeting	5 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group	6 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Meeting of the MAP Focal Points	7-10 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22)	7-10 December ( <i>tbc</i> )	Egypt ( <i>tbc</i> )

**B. Indicative Calendar of Major International Events in the Biennium 2020-2021**

Organizers	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
<b>2020</b>			
IOC-UNESCO, EC, UNEP/MAP, Mediterranean Science Commission	Mediterranean Regional workshop - UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)	21-23 January	Venice, Italy
The Economist Group	World Ocean Summit 2020	9-10 March	Tokyo, Japan
UN CBD	Meeting of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI)	21-24 April	Busan, Republic of Korea
UN	4 <sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument on ABNJ	First half of 2020	New York, USA
Prince Albert II Foundation	Human Health and the Ocean	11-13 May	Monaco
Governments of Kenya and Portugal	2020 UN Ocean Conference	2-6 June	Lisbon, Portugal
IUCN	IUCN World Conservation Congress	11-19 June	Marseille, France
G7	46 <sup>th</sup> G7 Summit	10-12 June <i>(tbc)</i>	USA
Government of the Republic of Palau	Our Ocean Conference 2020	August <i>(tbc)</i>	Palau
UN	75 <sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 75)	15-30 September	New York City, U.S.A.
UN CBD	COP 15 to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (2020 UN Biodiversity Conference)	5-10 October	Beijing, China
UNEP	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5)	5-9 October	Bonn, Germany
MedPAN and SPA/RAC	2020 Forum of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean	October 2020 <i>(tbc)</i>	Monaco <i>(tbc)</i>
GFCM	44 <sup>th</sup> GFCM Session	October / November <i>(tbc)</i>	<i>(tbc)</i>
UNFCCC	COP 26 of UN FCCC (UN Climate Change Conference)	9-20 November	United Kingdom, in partnership with Italy <i>(tbc)</i>
G20	G20 Summit	21-22 November <i>(tbc)</i>	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Vienna Convention /	12 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the Vienna	23-27 November	<i>(tbc)</i>

Montreal Protocol	Convention / 32 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol		
Minamata Convention on Mercury	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP4)	November	<i>(tbc)</i>
Bern Convention	40 <sup>th</sup> Standing Committee Meeting	December <i>(tbc)</i>	<i>(tbc)</i>
<b>2021</b>			
UNEP	UNEA-5	22-26 February	Nairobi, Kenya
IUCN and CPAWS	5 <sup>th</sup> International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC5)	26 September – 1 October	Vancouver, Canada
BRS Secretariat	Meeting of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	May	Nairobi, Kenya
FAO/GFCM	45 <sup>th</sup> GFCM Session	October / November <i>(tbc)</i>	<i>(tbc)</i>
UNECE	9 <sup>th</sup> Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference	3-5 November <i>(tbc)</i>	Cyprus
FAO/GFCM	2 <sup>nd</sup> GFCM FISH FORUM	December	Turkey
G7	G7 Summit	<i>(tbc)</i>	<i>(tbc)</i>
G20	G20 Summit	<i>(tbc)</i>	<i>(tbc)</i>