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Fifth Meeting of the Executive Coordination Panel

Tunis, Tunisia, 26-27 February 2009

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**



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### INTRODUCTION

1. At the kind invitation of the Director of the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas, the Executive Coordination Panel agreed to organize the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ECP at premises of RAC/SPA, International Centre for Technologies and the Environment (CITET) Boulevard du Leader Yasser Arafat, Tunis.

2. The following annotations to the provisional agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

#### **Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting**

3. The meeting will be opened at 09.00 hrs on Thursday, 26th February 2009 by the MAP Coordinator. It will follow the time-table which is attached.

#### **Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work**

4. The meeting will review and adopt the Provisional Agenda. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available.

5. It is expected that the Executive Coordination Panel will address all the items of the Provisional Agenda during the two-day meeting and approve a number of decisions. It is envisaged to close the 5th Meeting of the ECP at 18.00 hrs on Friday, 27th February 2009. The report of the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and approved at the end of the meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 3: Update of the Meeting of the Bureau**

6. The MAP Coordinator will update the members of the ECP about the discussions and recommendations/decisions of the Meeting of the Bureau held on 10-11 February, 2009. A copy of the Bureau decisions is presented as doc. UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.5/Inf.3.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Ecosystem Approach Activities**

##### Agenda item 4.1: The EC/MAP project

7. Under this item of the agenda, the ECP is expected to:
- (i) review all project activities including responsibilities and time schedules;
  - (ii) discuss the preparation of assessment documents:-
    - (a) MEDPOL and SPA/RAC will present their proposals for TOR of the national experts and area groups as well as the annotated table of contents;
    - (b) Blue Plan will present the table of contents with time schedule for the socio-economic analysis;
    - (c) INFO/RAC will present initial ideas for the communication and participation plan.

Agenda item 4.2: Implementation of the Ecosystem approach road map

8. MEDPOL and SPA/RAC will present the results/experience of the preliminary meeting (Athens, 15 December 2008) as well as those of the internal meeting held in SPA/RAC concerning the ecological and operational objectives of their components.

9. A proposal will be presented by the Secretariat for the completion of the first five steps of the road map by July 2012. The meeting will review, discuss alternatives and agree on a programme of work with time schedule having in mind also the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

**Working Document:** UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.5/3 Main working document on Ecosystem approach

- Chapter 1 Proposal for the completion of the first five steps of the road map by July 2012 (Secretariat);
- Chapter 2 TOR for the national delegates for the group areas (MEDPOL and SPA/RAC);
- Chapter 3 Proposal about methodology and timeframe for the socio-economic analysis (Blue Plan);
- Chapter 4 Outline of communication and participation plan (INFO/RAC).

**Information Document:** UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.5/Inf.4 Approved EC/MAP Project

**Agenda item 5: Five-year Strategic Programme of Work of MAP**

10. At the last ECP meeting held in Athens on 16 December, 2008 it was agreed to circulate the following four cross-cutting issues by 15 January 2009 to be adopted by the ECP by the end of January, 2009 through electronic means:-

- (i) Climate change (BP)
- (ii) Harmful substances and hazardous waste (MEDPOL/CP/RAC/REMPEC)
- (iii) Resource Efficiency-sustainable consumption and production (CP/RAC & SPA/RAC)
- (iv) Integrated coastal zone management/ecosystem management (PAP/RAC)

11. It was also agreed that the cross-cutting themes should be further developed according to the model used by Blue Plan for the preparation of climate change theme.

12. The ECP meeting will discuss and approve the Five Year Strategic Work Programme of Work of MAP on the basis of the above four cross-cutting issues.

**Working Document:** UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.5/4 Main working document on Five-year Strategic Programme of Work of MAP

- Chapter 1 Climate change (BP)
- Chapter 2 Harmful substances and hazardous waste (MEDPOL/CP/RAC/REMPEC)
- Chapter 3 Resource Efficiency-sustainable consumption and production (CP/RAC & SPA/RAC)
- Chapter 4 Integrated coastal zone management/ecosystem management (PAP/RAC)

**Agenda item 6: 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD**

13. The Secretariat will inform the ECP about the latest developments with respect to the on-going preparations for the organization of the 13th Meeting of the MCSD. A revised Draft Agenda for the 13th Meeting will be presented to the meeting. The Draft Agenda takes into

account the out come of the talks with the Egyptian Authorities who will be hosting the meeting, as well as the discussions with the Climate Change Adaptation Unit (CCAU) of DEPI and the Blue Plan with respect to the preparation of the meeting documents.

**Information Document:** UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.5/Inf.5 Draft Agenda for the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD

**Agenda Item 7: Programme of Work and Budget 2010-2011**

14. The ECP will engage in a general discussion about the preparation of the Programme of Work and Budget 2010-2011, including the budgetary allocations, keeping in mind that, in view of the fact that no request will be made to the Contracting Parties for an increase in their contributions to the MTF, all the MAP components will be allocated the same level of funding that they had for the biennium 2008-2009.

**Agenda item 8: Information and Communication Activities**

Agenda item 8.1: Review of MAP Information Strategy

15. According to the Programme of Work and Budget 2008-2009 (Communication and Information) and in accordance with the Governance Paper (UNEP/DEPI/MED WG.320/4), MAP's Information Strategy should be reviewed and updated, identifying (a) objectives and draft general principles of a common MAP IC strategy and (b) operational modalities related to (i) ordinary information management and dissemination issues; and (ii) cases of emergency defining the modalities and responsibilities of operation of the MAP components and the Secretariat and, how to raise visibility and mobilize responses in a coordinated manner in special circumstances.

16. The ECP meeting will review a draft outline of MAP's Information Strategy prepared by the Information Unit of MEDU.

**Working Document:** UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.5/5 Draft outline of MAP's Information Strategy

Agenda item 8.2: Information and Communication activities for 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties

17. The ECP meeting will make proposals and discuss the information and communication activities that should be organized during the 16th Meeting of the Contracting Parties on 4-6 November 2009 in Marrakech, Morocco, including agreeing on the messages to be conveyed, identifying resources and assigning tasks and responsibilities.

**Agenda item 9: Host Country Agreement Template and Mandates of MAP components**

18. The ECP meeting will review and approve the Mandates of MAP Components and discuss the various comments submitted to the Secretariat with respect to the Host Country Agreement Template and agree on the way forward.

**Working Document:** UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.5/6 Host Country Agreement Template and Mandates of MAP components

**Agenda item 10: Timetable for submission of documents for the Meeting of MAP Focal Points**

19. The ECP meeting will discuss and agree on the timetable prepared by the Secretariat for the submission of documents for the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points.

**Working Document:** UNEP(DEPI)/MED ECP.5/7 Proposed timetable for the submission of documents for Meeting of MAP FPs

**Agenda item 11: Any other business**

20. The ECP members will consider other issues, which may be raised during the meeting.

**Agenda item 12: Next meeting of the ECP**

21. The ECP members will decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

**Agenda item 13: Adoption of the report**

22. The ECP will adopt the report of the meeting prepared by the Secretariat.

**Agenda item 14: Closure of the meeting**

23. The meeting will be closed by the MAP Coordinator at 18.00 hrs on Friday, 27 February 2009.

**PROPOSED TIMETABLE**

<b>Thursday, 26 February 2009</b>	
0900-1000	Agenda items 1,2,3
1000-1100	Agenda item 4
1100-1130	<i>Coffee break</i>
1130-1300	Agenda items 4 cont.
1300-1400	<i>Lunch break</i>
1400-1600	Agenda item 5
1600-1630	<i>Coffee break</i>
1630-1800	Agenda item 5 cont.
<b>Friday, 27 February 2009</b>	
0900-1000	Agenda item 6
1000-1100	Agenda item 7
1100-1130	<i>Coffee break</i>
1130-1300	Agenda item 8
1300-1400	<i>Lunch break</i>
1400-1500	Agenda item 9
1500-1600	Agenda item 10
1600-1630	<i>Coffee break</i>
1630-1800	Agenda items 11,12,13,14