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DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 13TH MEETING OF THE MCSD

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Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development “Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation-Experiences and Strategies in the Mediterranean” 22-24 June, 2009, Cairo, Egypt

Overview

The Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD) dwells upon the assessment of major sustainable development issues of common concern to the countries of the region or set out in international and regional agendas. It makes relevant proposals and recommendations to the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention.

By focusing on Climate Change issues and adaptation to the adverse impacts of climate change, the 13th MCSD meeting in Cairo is the opportunity:

- (i) to forge a consolidated position of the different actors represented in MCSD;
- (ii) to identify the structuring elements of a regional strategy;
- (iii) to improve the linkages between the related global and regional frameworks or initiatives, the national policies and concrete actions at the local levels; and
- (iv) to stimulate cooperation between the countries of the region, with the coordinated support of MAP components and other institutions active in the region.

Objectives

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- a) review the current situation and the understanding of the different actors at different levels in terms of risks and vulnerabilities to climate change;
- b) present the current and anticipated adaptation initiatives and concrete measures;
- c) discuss the priorities, opportunities and constraints at the different levels;
- d) explore the elements of regional and national strategies including: the steps to be taken at the different levels, the roles and responsibilities of the different actors, the information, training and financial needs, the way to monitor progress on adaptation, as well as cooperation, technology transfer and coordination frameworks;
- e) address MCSD regular statutory agenda, including discussion on a multi-annual Programme of Work that takes due account of climate risks.

Structure

The meeting is structured as follows:

- DAY 1: Setting the scene, current situation
- DAY 2: Strategizing, planning and acting together for adaptation
- DAY 3: MCSD Programme of Work

In addition to plenary presentations followed by discussion, break out sessions will explore specific issues such as:

- integration of adaptation into national policies and plans;
- funding : financial resources and financial instruments;
- roles of the different actors and institutions (public, private, local, national, regional and international);
- information needs, including for monitoring;
- capacity building and training activities;
- cooperation frameworks, technology transfer and coordination.

In order to foster active participation, plenary sessions will alternate with facilitated break out sessions.

Day 1. Setting the Scene: current situation

09:00- 09:40

- **Opening Statement** by HE Ing. Michael Gorge, State Minister for the Environment of Egypt
- **Welcoming address** by Dr. Mawahab Abu-Elazm, Chief Executive Officer, Egyptian Environment Agency
- **Introduction to the meeting objectives and expected outcomes** by Mr Paul Mifsud, MAP Coordinator

09:40- 10:00 **Setting the Scene** - Address by Prof. Dr. Mohammed El-Raey- Prof. of Environmental Physics at Alexandria University, Cairo

10:00- 10:30 **Presentation of Stocktaking paper** by Blue Plan

Three countries present their governments' perspective and understanding of risks, vulnerabilities, and expose their different initiatives towards adaptation.

10:30-10:45 **Country A Case Study**

10:45 -11:00 **Country B Case Study**

11:00-11:15 **Country C Case Study**

11:15- 11:45 **Tea/Coffee Break**

Other groups present their perspective and understanding of risks, vulnerabilities and briefly expose their current related initiatives/activities.

11:45-12:00 **Local authorities**

12:00-12:15 **NGOs**

12:15-12:30 **UNEP MAP** (presented by Blue Plan on behalf of all RACs)

12:30- 13:00 **Recent developments on adaptation in the Mediterranean Region and globally (UNFCCC)**

Outcome of the first morning: a clear understanding of the various perspectives of the represented stakeholders
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13:00-14:00 **LUNCH**

14:00-16:00 **Break out sessions on priorities, opportunities and constraints at the local, national and regional levels**

- Four groups are envisaged: (1) policy, legal and institutional changes, (2) knowledge and information, (3) capacity and training, (4) consensus and participation.
- Each group will be facilitated by a person to be chosen from among the group.

16:00- 16:30 **Coffee/tea Break**

16:30-17:30 **Plenary Session**

- Presentation of the results of the break out sessions
- Discussion on main findings and recommendations related to priorities, opportunities.

Outcome of the first afternoon: a shared vision of the participants on priorities, opportunities and constraints at the local, national and regional levels
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17:30-18:00 **Wrap up**

- Review and Summary of the day
- Orientation and agenda for day 2

Day 2. Strategizing, Planning and Acting together for adaptation

09:00 -09:15 **Quick introduction to day 2**

09:15-09:30 **Presentation of the Global Adaptation Strategy (UNEP)**

09:30-09:45 **Presentation of the regional consultation meetings on the development of the global climate change adaptation network in Africa and Asia (UNEP)**

09:45-10:30 **National adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs), a process to identify priority activities that respond to their urgent and immediate needs to adapt to climate change (UNFCCC)**

10:30-11:00 ***Coffee break***

11:00-12:30 **Break out session on the constituting components of regional and national adaptation strategies and action programme**

- The discussions will be structured according to: objectives, steps, actions and measures to be taken at the different levels, the roles and responsibilities of the different actors.
- Each group will be facilitated by a person to be chosen from among the group.

12:30-13:00 **Plenary Session**

- Presentation of the results of the break out sessions
- Discussion on main findings and recommendations related to strategies,

Outcome of the second morning: a shared vision of the participants on major strategic components and steps to be taken

13:00-14:00 ***LUNCH***

14:00- 14:20 **Financing adaptation: funding sources and financial instruments (WB/GEF)**

14:20- 14:40 **Aid effectiveness and harmonisation: Accra Agenda for Action and Paris Declaration Action Plans (OECD)**

14:40- 15:00 **The Med Union (Mr. Mocilnikar)**

15:00- 16:30 **Break out sessions on: (1) funding strategies, (2) capacity building, (3) monitoring and indicators, (4) technology transfer and (5) cooperation networks and coordination.**

Note: A person to be chosen from among the group will facilitate the discussions.

16:30- 17:00 ***Coffee/tea Break***

17:00-18:30 **Plenary session**

- Presentation of the results of the break out sessions
- Discussion on policy recommendations

Outcomes of the second afternoon: (i) a shared understanding of major instruments for adaptation; (ii) related policy recommendations formulated.

Day 3. Contribution of MCSD to Climate Change and Sustainable Development: Programme of Work

09:15-10:30 **Discussion on the next steps**

- **Key collective recommendations from the meeting**
- **Communiqué**
- **Roadmap for the development of the adaptation Network in Mediterranean Region.**
- **Roadmap for the development of the Mediterranean Strategy for Adaptation**

MCSD Programme of Work:

- i. Presentation of Progress Report by the Secretariat;
- ii. Approval of multi-Year Programme of Work 2010/2011-2014/2015
- iii. 5 Year in-depth assessment of the MSSD;
- iv. Report on the results of the Thematic Working Groups;
- v. MSSD indicators – update report;
- vi. Approval of new ToR of MCSD;
- vii. Approval of new members of MCSD
- viii. Date and place of the next meeting of MCSD

It is expected that the MCSD will approve one Decision, which will be submitted to the meeting of MAP Focal Points and to the meeting of the Contracting Parties for Adoption.