
**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (MAP)
REGIONAL MARINE POLLUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE FOR THE
MEDITERRANEAN SEA (REMPEC)**

First Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy
for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine
Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)

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Agenda item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda and draft timetable

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Note by the Secretariat

This document provides brief information on the actions to be taken by the Meeting as well as a draft timetable for the Meeting. This timetable prepared by the Secretariat is of a tentative nature and may be modified by the Meeting, as appropriate.

Introduction

1. The First Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031), is being convened in Malta from 29 November to 1 December 2022, in accordance with the Decision IG.25/16 on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031), adopted by the Twenty-second Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (“the Barcelona Convention”) and its Protocols (COP 22) (Antalya, Turkey, 7-10 December 2021).
2. The objectives of the Meeting will be:
 - .1 to report and assess the progress made in the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031);
 - .2 to define priority actions and propose related activities for the following biennium; and
 - .3 to define roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the proposed activities and establish operational and strategic synergies, through specific partnership agreements, if required, by coordinating parallel initiatives and processes to ensure the capitalisation of past and ongoing efforts, with a view to increasing the effectiveness of the resources and expertise mobilised to meet the Common Strategic Objectives of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031).
3. In accordance with the Practical arrangements for the management and implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031), the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), in its capacity of Secretariat of the Meeting, invited the following to attend the meeting:
 - .1 Experts on the prevention of, and response to marine pollution from ships from members of the Bureau of Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols;
 - .2 Relevant national, regional and international organisations, institutions and agencies as observers; and
 - .3 Accredited UNEP/MAP Partners as observers.
4. The participation of the above representatives was subject to the submission of reports and contributions as defined in the Strategy’s reporting and monitoring procedures.
5. In line with the 2017 UN Secretary General’s System-wide Strategy on Gender Parity, the participation of female gender representatives was encouraged, to contribute to joint efforts towards gender-balanced participation.
6. In order to assist the Meeting in its work, the Secretariat prepared the following annotations to the proposed provisional agenda of the Meeting.

Opening of the Meeting

7. The Meeting will open on Tuesday, 29 November 2022 at 0900 hours (Malta local time or CET) and is expected to close on Thursday, 1 December 2022 at 1200 hours (Malta local time or CET).

Organisation of the Meeting

Rules of Procedure

8. The Rules of procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the deliberations of this Meeting.

Election of Officers

9. The Meeting will be invited to elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and a Rapporteur.

Working Languages

10. The working languages of the Meeting will be English and French. Simultaneous English/French/English interpretation will be provided during the Meeting. All working documents will be available in both official languages of the Centre, i.e. in English and in French. Information documents will be available in their original language unless a translation is provided in the second working language.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

11. The agenda, as proposed in document REMPEC/WG.52/1/1 and annotated in the present document, will be proposed for adoption by the Meeting. The Meeting will also be invited to agree on a timetable to carry out its work. A draft timetable is proposed in the Annex to the present document.

Agenda item 2 Reporting and monitoring procedure

12. The Secretariat will present the consultation process carried out in preparation for the present meeting, through the completion of the tables reproduced in document REMPEC/WG.52/INF.3, by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and stakeholders.
13. The Secretariat will present the proposed reporting and monitoring procedure, through the online platform developed by REMPEC, also aimed at raising public awareness.
14. The Meeting will be invited to discuss the proposed reporting and monitoring procedure, notably its access to the public, Contracting Parties and stakeholders.

Agenda item 3 Analytical report

15. The Secretariat will present the analytical report on the countries needs and priorities against regional stakeholders ongoing and future actions and projects and available resources, identifying any gaps and duplication, as laid down in document REMPEC/WG.52/3.
16. The Secretariat will refer to the compiled input from Contracting Parties and Stakeholders presented in documents REMPEC/WG.52/INF.4 and graphical analysis reproduced in REMPEC/WG.52/INF.5.
17. The Meeting will be invited to take note of the information provided.

Agenda item 4 **Priority actions for the biennium 2024-2025 and beyond**

18. The Secretariat will recall that according to the practical arrangements for the management and implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031), the outcome of the meeting will be considered for the preparation of the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work (PoW) and Budget to be submitted to the Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC for its review, to the Meeting of the MAP Focal Points for its approval and to the Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols for its adoption. Relevant national, regional and international organisations, institutions and agencies, and accredited UNEP/MAP Partners will be encouraged to build their respective programme of work taking into account the outcome of the meeting.
19. The Meeting will be invited to discuss and agree upon priority actions for the elaboration of the PoW 2024-2025 and assist relevant national, regional and international organisations, institutions and agencies, and accredited UNEP/MAP Partners, in the definition of their respective programmes.

Agenda item 5 **Resource mobilisation**

20. Funding opportunities and resource mobilisation strategies will be presented by relevant organisations and the Secretariat to support the mobilisation of resources for the full implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031).
21. The Meeting will be invited to take note of the information provided, to raise questions, as required and to take the necessary actions to benefit from funding opportunities individually or collectively.

Agenda item 6 **Roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the proposed actions for the biennium 2024-2025 and beyond**

22. Considering the outcome of the discussion under agenda item 4 and 5, the Meeting will be invited to discuss in working groups:
 - .1 the roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the proposed actions for the biennium 2024-2025.
 - .2 the establishment of operational and strategic synergies, through specific partnership agreements, if required, by coordinating parallel initiatives and processes to ensure the capitalisation of past and ongoing efforts, with a view to increasing the effectiveness of the resources and expertise mobilised to meet the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031) objectives.
23. The working groups will be invited to report back in plenary on the outcome of their discussions.

Agenda item 7 **Other business**

24. The Meeting will be invited to consider any other matters that may be raised under this agenda item; and Contracting Parties as well as partner organisations will have the opportunity to present parallel initiatives, projects and processes.

Agenda Item 8 **Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations**

25. The draft conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting will be submitted under the document REMPEC/WG.52/WP.1, for their consideration and adoption, as amended by the Meeting.

Closure of the Meeting

26. The Meeting is expected to be closed by the Chairperson on Thursday, 1 December 2022 at 1200 hours (Malta local time or CET).

Annex
Draft timetable

Day 1 – Tuesday, 29 November 2022		
08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration</i>	
09:00 – 09:30		Opening of the Meeting
09:30 – 10:00		Organisation of the Meeting
10:00 – 10:30	Agenda Item 1	Adoption of the Agenda
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 2	Reporting and monitoring procedure
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Agenda Item 3	Analytical report
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:30 – 16:30	Agenda Item 4	Priority actions for the biennium 2024-2025 and beyond
16:30	End of Day 1	
16:30-18:30	<i>Networking reception</i>	
Day 2 – Wednesday, 30 November 2022		
09:00 – 10:30	Agenda Item 5	Resource mobilisation
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 6	Roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the proposed actions for the biennium 2024-2025 and beyond
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 17:30	Agenda Item 6 (cont.)	Roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the proposed actions for the biennium 2024-2025 and beyond
17:30	End of Day 2	
Day 3 – Thursday, 1 December 2022		
09:00 – 10:30	Agenda Item 7	Other business
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:30 – 11:30	Agenda Item 8	Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations
11:30 – 12:00		Closure of the Meeting
12:00	End of the Meeting	