



Introduction

Plan Bleu and the Mediterranean Action Plan/ Coordination Unit have received a mandate from the Contracting Parties to prepare a report on the State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean and to present it to the Conference of Parties of the Barcelona Convention by end 2019.

This report will be a continuation of the reports *A Sustainable Future for the Mediterranean* (2005), the *State of the Environment and Development in the Mediterranean* report (2009) and the *State of the Mediterranean Marine and Coastal Environment* (2012), which still are reference documents on the Mediterranean. This new report aims at describing main challenges and trends linked to the environment and sustainable development in the region, as well as responses and emerging solutions. It aims at becoming the new reference document.

Focussing on specific topics for which information is still rare or dispersed, Plan Bleu will gather a group of around 30 experts from different international, Mediterranean, national and local organizations during a workshop in Marseille on December 12th and 13th, 2017.

Each of these experts will be presenting on a specific topic:

- the available information for the Mediterranean region,
- possible case studies,
- the gaps to be filled in the short and medium term, and
- potential information sources.

The objective being that, at the end of the workshop, there will be available elements directly usable in the report. The contributions and information sources will be mentioned by name (co-author, institution, etc.) in the final report.

Working language: tbd

**Workshop "Which major marine and coastal
issues in the Mediterranean region?
Data and trends"**

Marseille, France, 12-13 December 2017



Provisional agenda: 12/12/2017

	Registration of the participants			8:30 – 9:00
Item 1	Opening of the meeting - Welcome - Introduction SoER 2019 - Objectives of the meeting			9:00 – 9:40
Item 2	Organization of the meeting			9:40 – 10:00
	Coffee-Break			10:00 – 10:20
Item 3	Presentation and inventory of currently available data and information on key topics relevant to the state of the Mediterranean environment and development with specific focus on coastal zones			10:20 – 12:30
	Workshop 1 (room tbd; facilitator tbd; chair tbd): Water-food security-energy Nexus in the coastal zone - Introduction (Facilitator) - Presentations (Invited experts) - Discussion (30 min.)	Workshop 2 (room tbd; facilitator tbd; chair tbd): Soil and climate change in the coastal zone	Workshop 3 (room tbd; facilitator tbd; chair tbd): Cities and artificialisation of the coastline	
	Lunch			12:30 – 14:00
	Continuation of workshops 1-3			14:00 – 15:30
	Coffee-Break			15:30 – 16:00
	Continuation of workshops 1-3			16:00 – 17:30

Provisional agenda: 13/12/2017

Item 4	Opening of the second meeting day			9:00 – 9:15
Item 5	Presentation and inventory of currently available data and information on key topics relevant to the state of the Mediterranean environment and development with specific focus on coastal zones			9:15 – 11:00
	Workshop 4 (room tbd; facilitator tbd; chair tbd): Impact of climate change on coastal ecosystems and ecosystem-based adaptation	Workshop 5 (room tbd; facilitator tbd; chair tbd): Tourism, water and sanitation in the coastal zone	Workshop 6 (room tbd; facilitator tbd; chair tbd): Economic instruments of environmental policies in the coastal zone	
	Coffee-Break			11:00 – 11:30
	Continuation of workshops 4-6			11:30 – 13:00
	Lunch			13:00 – 14:30
Item 6	Synthesis and conclusions <i>Where do we stand? What lies ahead?</i>			14:30 – 15:30
	Closure of the meeting			15:30