


Structure and Organization of COP 23, 4-8 December 2023 Portorož, Republic of Slovenia

Monday, 4 December 2023	Tuesday, 5 December 2023	Wednesday, 6 December 2023	Thursday, 7 December 2023 Ministerial Session	Friday, 8 December 2023
 <p>15:00 - 19:00 Arrival and Registration of the participants</p> <p>18:00 – 19:00 <i>Book presentation: Legal Aspects of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean Sea-An Adriatic and Ionian Perspective</i></p> <p>19:00 - 21:00 <i>Welcome reception</i></p>	<p>8:30 - 10:00 Registration of the participants</p> <p>9:00 - 10:00 Informal meeting of Heads of Delegations</p> <p>10:00 - 10:30</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Opening of the Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Fatma Varank, President of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties, Deputy Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of Turkey; Ms. Maša Kociper, State Secretary at the Office of the Prime Minister of Slovenia; Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Deputy Executive Director of UNEP; Ms. Tatjana Hema, Coordinator, UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention. Organizational Matters <p>10:30 - 11:00 5.5. Portorož Ministerial Declaration</p> <p>11:00 - 12:00 4. Programme of Work and Budget 2024-2025</p> <p>12:00 - 13:00 3. Thematic Decisions: IG.26/1(Compliance and Reporting) IG.26/2 (Governance) IG.26/3 (The 2023 Mediterranean Quality Status Report and a Renewed Ecosystem Approach Policy in the Mediterranean)</p> <p>13:00 - 15:00 Lunch Break and Side Events</p> <p>13:00 – 15:00 Side Event (Pollution, including marine litter – part one) 18:00 – 19:30 Side Event (Pollution, including marine litter – part two) 13:00 – 14:00 Side Event (Legal aspects) 14:00 – 15:00 Side Event (Best practices of cooperation)</p>	<p>10:00 - 12:30 3. Thematic Decisions: IG.26/9 (Dumping of Inert Uncontaminated Inorganic Geological Materials) IG.26/10 (Marine Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean) IG.26/11 (Ballast Water Management) IG.26/12 (Proposal on CC/RAC) IG.26/13 (MedECC Special Report)</p> <p>12:30 -13:00 5.5. Portorož Ministerial Declaration</p> <p>13:00 – 15:00 Lunch Break and Side Events</p> <p>13:00 – 15:00 Side Event (Climate change) 18:00 – 19:30 Side Event (Climate change) 13:00 – 15:00 Side Event (Blue Economy)</p>	<p>10:00 - 11:00 5.1. Opening of the Session - Welcoming address by H.E. Dr. Robert Golob, Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia - Welcoming address by Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Deputy Executive Director of UNEP - Introductory speech by H.E. mag. Alenka Bratušek, Minister of Infrastructure of the Republic of Slovenia, acting Minister of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning</p> <p>11:00 - 11:30 5.2. Report on Activities carried out in the framework of UNEP/MAP since the 22nd Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 22)</p> <p>11.30 - 13:00 5.3. Ministerial Session, panel: “Green transition in the Mediterranean: From decisions to actions”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Lučka Kajfež Bogataj, eminent scientist, one of Slovenia’s pioneers in researching the impact of climate change and a member of the IPCC for more than 16 years, Ms. Birgit Vogel, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), Mr. Almotaz Abadi, Deputy Secretary-General, Union for the Mediterranean, Mr. Jean-Charles Orsucci, Mayor of Bonifacio (France), Mr. Michael Scoullou, Chairperson, MIO-ECSDE, Mr. Ahmed Yassin, young leader / co-founder of Banlastic Egypt. <p>13:00 <i>Group photo (Heads of Delegations)</i></p> <p>13:00 - 15:00 Lunch Break <i>(Lunch for Ministers and Heads of Delegations, hosted by the Government of Slovenia)</i></p> <p>13:00 - 15:00 Lunch Break and Side Events</p> <p>13:00 – 15:00 Side Event (Biodiversity and Marine Protected Areas – part one) 18:00 – 20:00 Side Event (Biodiversity and Marine Protected Areas – part two) 13:00 – 14:30 Side Event (Marine protected areas and Biodiversity) 14:30 – 15:00 Side Event (Pollution, including marine litter – part three)</p>	<p>09:00 - 16:00 Morning Side Events</p> <p>09:00 – 12:30 <i>Side Event (Education and youth)</i></p> <p>12:30 – 14:00 <i>Side Event (Civil society’s contribution)</i></p> <p>14:00 – 15:00 <i>Side Event (Blue economy)</i></p> <p>15:00 – 16:00 <i>Side Event (Green transition towards a healthier Mediterranean)</i></p>
	<p>15:00 - 18:00 3. Thematic Decisions: IG.26/4 (Amendments to Annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning SPA and Biological Diversity) IG.26/5 (SPAs, SPAMIs and Ecosystem Restoration) IG.26/6 (Agriculture Management - LBS and Activities Protocol) IG.26/7 (Aquaculture Management - LBS and Activities Protocol) IG.26/8 (Stormwater Management - LBS and Activities Protocol)</p> <p>19:30 <i>Standing reception for all participants, hosted by UNEP-MAP</i></p>	<p>15:00 - 18:00 4. Programme of Work and Budget 2024-2025</p> <p>19:30 <i>Standing reception for all participants, hosted by the Government of Slovenia</i></p>	<p>15:00 - 16:30 5.3. Ministerial Session, panel: “Green transition in the Mediterranean: From decisions to actions” – Continued</p> <p>16:30 - 17:00 5.4. Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award 2022–2023</p> <p>17:00 - 18:00 5.5. Portorož Ministerial Declaration</p> <p>20:00-22:00 <i>Women’s leadership event</i></p>	<p>16:00 - 16:15 6. Date and place of COP 24</p> <p>7. Any Other Business</p> <p>16:15 - 18:45 8. Adoption of the Report</p> <p>18:45 - 19:00 9. Closure of COP 23</p>

