

**Union for the Mediterranean
Water Expert Group**

**First Meeting
7-8 September 2009
Divani Acropolis Palace Hotel, Athens, Greece**

DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 1: 7 September 2009

9:00	Registration of Delegations
9:15	Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Welcome by HE Mr. Stavros Kalogiannis, Deputy Minister for Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works, Greece</i>- <i>Speech of Mr. Ioannis Sibetheros, Special Secretary, Central Water Agency, Greece</i>- <i>Speech of European Commission representative</i>
9:30	Opening Session co-chaired by Egypt and France together with Sweden <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Speech of Mr. Mohamed Abd El-Motalib, Head of the Planning Sector, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt</i>- <i>Speech of Mr. Jean-Claude Vial, Deputy Water and Biodiversity Director, Ministry for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Marine, France</i>- <i>Speech of Ms. Annika Nilsson, Head of Section, Division of Natural Resources, Ministry of the Environment, Sweden</i>
10:00	Session 1: Key existing strategies, processes and initiatives on Water in the Mediterranean region <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) <i>Mr. Fouad Abousamra, Programme Officer, Mediterranean Action Plan of UNEP</i>- Strategic action on water and related issues in the European Union (Water Framework Directive, Horizon 2020, Marine Directive, Climate Change) <i>Representative of the European Commission</i>- Water in the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) <i>Mr. Pierre Icard, Head of Thematic Unit, Blue Plan MAP UNEP</i>- The Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI) <i>Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, Secretariat of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI)</i>
11:00	Coffee Break
11:30	Session 2: Elaboration of the Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean (SWM) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Presentation of draft ToR, components and roadmap of the SWM by Greece and Spain</i> <i>Ms. Maria Peppsa, Head, International and EU Affairs, Ministry for Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works, Greece</i>- Tour de Table: contributions by WEG and UfM partners
13:00	Lunch (at the hotel)

14:00	Session 3: Elaboration of the Strategy for Water in the Mediterranean (SWM) (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of proposal on chapter content of the SWM by Spain and Greece <i>Mr. Miguel Antolin, Head of International Affairs, Directorate General for Water, Ministry for Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, Spain</i> - Tour de Table: contributions by WEG and UfM partners
15:30	Wrap up and Conclusions on the way forward for the elaboration of the SWM (work plan)
16:00	Coffee Break
16:30	Session 4: State of Play of the Projects process and financing alternatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information on the UfM Secretariat <i>Mr. Miguel Antolin, Head of International Affairs, Directorate General for Water, Ministry for Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, Spain</i> - Information on the Alexandria meeting on Finance, 30 April 2009 <i>Ms. Cherine Khallaf, Senior Economic Expert, Minister's Office, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Egypt</i> - Information on the Paris Ministerial Meeting on Sustainable Development Projects, 25 June 2009 <i>Mr. Philippe Guettier, Water and Biodiversity Directorate, Ministry for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Marine, France</i> Discussion
17:30	Strengthening the coordination and synergies between the existing Mediterranean initiatives and networks on information and expertise <p><i>Mr. Philippe Guettier, Water and Biodiversity Directorate, Ministry for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Marine, France</i></p> Discussion
18:00	Session 5: Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information on the next Conferences <i>Representative of the Netherlands & Egypt</i> <i>Representative of the CGLU-Med</i> - Information on the UfM Ministerial Meeting on the Environment <i>Representatives of the European Commission, Sweden & Croatia</i> - Information by Spain on the Ministerial Conference, April 2010 <i>Mr. Miguel Antolin, Head of International Affairs, Directorate General for Water, Ministry for Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, Spain</i>
20:00	Dinner (at 'Plous Podilatou' Restaurant, Mikrolimano, Pireaus)

DAY 2: 8 September 2009

8:00	Session 6: Draft Conclusions of the Meeting - Presentation of the draft Conclusions - Presentation of verbal comments and views open to all participants
9:00	Recess for analysis and consultation - WEG analysis of the draft Conclusions - Comments on the draft Conclusions submitted in writing to the WEG by all participants
11:30	Session 7: WEG Closed Session (without representatives of civil society) Discussion and adoption on the Draft Conclusions of the Meeting
13:30	Lunch (at the hotel)
14:30	Session 8: Presentation of agreed Conclusions to all participants
15:00	Closing Remarks <i>Mr. Ioannis Sibetheros, Special Secretary, Central Water Agency, Greece</i>
16:00-18:00	Visit to the new Acropolis Museum (walking distance from the venue – www.theacropolismuseum.gr) Offered by the Hellenic Ministry for Environment, Physical Planning & Public Works
20.30	Dinner (place to be announced) Offered by the Hellenic Ministry for Environment, Physical Planning & Public Works

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