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Online, 11 June 2026

Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters

Provisional Annotated Agenda

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Plan Bleu RAC
Marseille, 2026

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Introduction

1. In accordance with the EU-funded EcApMEDPLUS project and the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) governance framework, the Secretariat is organizing the COR-ESA Online Working Group meeting on 11 June 2026.
2. The primary objectives of the meeting are to:
 - Present and fine-tune the Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (CEA) methodological toolkit, demonstrating its applicability to biodiversity and fisheries management.
 - Obtain concrete country feedback on the toolkit's usability and adaptability to national contexts.
 - Facilitate knowledge sharing and explore regional community of practice networks.
3. The following annotations to the Provisional Agenda were prepared by the Secretariat to assist the meeting in its deliberations.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

4. The Meeting will be opened at 14:30 PM on Thursday, 11 June 2026 by the Coordinator of UNEP/MAP - Barcelona Convention, Ms. Tatjana Hema, alongside the Directors of Plan Bleu and SPA/RAC. The Chair will provide a brief overview of the meeting objectives and expected outcomes.

Agenda item 2: Organizational Matters

<i>Working Documents</i>	<i>UNEP/MED WG.644/1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.644/2</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.644/Inf.1</i>
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a) Rules of Procedure

5. The Rules of Procedure for Meetings and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols (UNEP/IG.43/6, Annex XI) will apply mutatis mutandis to the present Meeting.

b) Election of Officers

6. Subject to Rule 20 of the rules of procedure mentioned in para. 2(a), the Meeting will elect from among the representatives of the Contracting Parties, a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur.

c) Adoption of the Provisional Agenda

7. Subject to Rule 14 of the rules of procedure mentioned in para. 2(a), the proposed agenda appearing in document UNEP/MED WG.644/1 and annotated in the present document UNEP/MED WG.644/2 will be reviewed and proposed for adoption by the meeting including the timetable presented at the end of the present document.

d) Organization of Work

8. The discussions are planned to be held over one three-hour plenary sessions opening at 14:30 and closing at 17:30 as per the Meeting Timetable included at the end of the annotated agenda.

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available for all sessions. All documentation will be in English and French. Participants are encouraged to download documentation on their computers in advance of the session. The meeting will be recorded for future reference.

10. It is envisaged to close the Meeting at 17:30 on 11 June 2026 after adopting its Conclusions and Recommendations.

Agenda item 3: Presentation of the Cost-Benefit Analysis Toolkit for Biodiversity (Excel Tool)

Working Documents

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11. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat (Plan Bleu), represented by Constantin Tsakas, will introduce Working Document UNEP/MED WG.644/3 “Cost-Benefit and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis - Plan Bleu Excel Toolkit” developed to guide regional stakeholders and demonstrate the practical Excel-based tool for estimating costs and benefits. The presentation will illustrate how the tool enables the monetary-based comparison and prioritization of environmental measures, utilizing examples relevant to biodiversity and fisheries. Participants are expected to engage with the tool's interactive functionalities.

12. The Meeting is expected to review and fine-tune, as appropriate, the interactive Excel tool enriched with examples relevant to biodiversity conservation and sustainable fisheries management, with the goal of ensuring the tool is practical, user-friendly, and adaptable to national technical capacities, to be validated through concrete country feedback and practical applications by regional stakeholders, namely the country focal points and COR ESA participants.

Agenda item 4: Tunisia Best-Practice Application and Feedback on Implementation of Cost-Benefit Analysis Toolkit

Working Documents

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13. Under this agenda item, a representative from Tunisia will present a concrete example of applying the tool (accessed through Working Document UNEP/MED WG.644/3 “Cost-Benefit and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis - Plan Bleu Excel Toolkit”) to a specific environmental measure. Country focal points will share their experiences regarding data collection challenges and results.

14. The Meeting is expected to provide feedback on the tool's usability and discuss recommendations for future refinements and broader regional application.

Agenda item 5: Knowledge Sharing and Communities of Practice

15. Under this agenda item, an example from the European Community of Practice of the Global Ocean Accounts Partnership will be presented to illustrate successful regional knowledge-sharing networks.

16. The Meeting is expected to discuss how participants can engage with this network and explore potential synergies to strengthen the Mediterranean Knowledge Community.

Agenda item 6: Conclusions and Recommendations

Working Documents

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17. Under this Agenda item, the meeting will review, amend as appropriate, and adopt draft conclusions and recommendations, as prepared by the Rapporteur, including the Draft Decision.

Agenda item 7: Closure of the Meeting

The Chair is expected to close the Meeting on Thursday, 11 June 2026.

Proposed Timetable

Thursday, 11 June 2026		Related Documents
14:30 – 14:35 CET	Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting	
14:35 – 15:10 CET	Agenda Item 2: Organizational Matters	<i>UNEP/MED WG.644/1</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.644/2</i> <i>UNEP/MED WG.644/Inf.1</i>
15:10 – 15:50 CET	Agenda Item 3: Presentation of the Cost-Benefit Analysis Toolkit for Biodiversity (Excel Tool)	<i>UNEP/MED WG.644/3</i>
15:50 – 16:30 CET	Agenda Item 4: Tunisia Best-Practice Application and Feedback on Implementation of Cost-Benefit Analysis Toolkit	<i>UNEP/MED WG.644/3</i>
16:30 – 17:00 CET	Agenda Item 5: Knowledge Sharing and Communities of Practice	
17:00 – 17:05 CET	Agenda Item 6: Conclusions and Recommendations	<i>UNEP/MED WG.644/4</i>
17:05 – 17:10 CET	Agenda Item 7: Closure of the Meeting	