

Agenda Item 1.2

Opening of the Meeting

Adoption of the Agenda

**Document 1.2b**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda and  
Schedule**

**Action Requested**

- Review
- Adopt

Submitted by

Secretariat

## PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

**DAY 1 - MONDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2021**

10:00-17:00 CET

Time	Agenda Item	Related Work Plan Activity / AC Action Point	Documents	Expected Outcomes
<b>09:45-10:00</b>	The online session will be opened. Meeting link will be sent to registered participants in advance. Participants can log in anytime between 09:45 and 10:00 CET.			
<b>10:00-13:00 (incl. breaks)</b>	<b>1. Opening of the Meeting</b> The Meeting will be opened at 10:00 CET on Monday 8 November 2021.			
	<b>1.1. Welcoming Remarks</b> Melanie Virtue, ASCOBANS Secretariat, will give welcoming remarks.			
	<b>1.2. Adoption of the Agenda</b> Sami Hassani, Chair of the Advisory Committee, will invite the Meeting to review the Provisional Agenda and the Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption.  Late topics to be discussed under agenda item 10 and 19 (Any Other Scientific / Institutional Issues) may be suggested.  The establishment of working groups may be proposed at this point or as the relevant item is discussed.		<a href="#">Doc.1.2a/Rev.1</a> Provisional Agenda <b>Doc.1.2b</b> Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule  <a href="#">Inf.1.2a</a> List of Documents  <a href="#">Inf.1.2b</a> Provisional List of Participants	Agenda adopted.  Working groups established (if needed).
	<b>1.3. Rules of Procedure</b> The Chair will draw the Meeting's attention to the Rules of Procedure. The Rules of Procedure for the ASCOBANS Advisory Committee, adopted at the 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties (2016), remain in force unless an amendment is called for.  The Secretariat will present a draft annex to the Rules of Procedure to cover virtual meetings.		<a href="#">Doc.1.3a</a> ROP <a href="#">Doc.1.3b</a> Annex to the ROP: Operational Procedures for Virtual Meetings	Rules of Procedure confirmed.  Annex adopted.
	<b>1.4. Opening of the Scientific Session</b>			

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	<p>The Secretariat will provide guidance on formulation of the action points, decisions, and recommendations from the Meeting.</p>			
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">10:00-13:00, incl. breaks)</p>	<p><b>2. Review of New Information on Threats and Other Issues to Small Cetaceans</b></p> <p>The Secretariat will present an overview of the ‘High-level Summary of Key Messages’ submitted in the ASCOBANS 2020 National Reports.</p> <p>Topics for national reporting in 2020 were designated as per Resolution 8.1. (Rev.MOP9).</p> <p>Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the topics.</p>	<p><b>AC25/AP1:</b> All Parties and Range States are asked to contribute complete and accurate information in their national reports.</p> <p><b>WPA72:</b> Make full use of the information submitted in order to assess progress in the implementation of the Agreement and make recommendations to Parties.</p> <p><b>WPA73:</b> Tailor the agenda for each of the meetings of the Advisory Committee to reflect the topics selected for the previous year’s national reports.</p> <p><b>WPA78:</b> Present to Parties, each year no later than 30 June, provided all reports have been received sufficiently in advance of that date, a compilation of Annual National Reports.</p>	<p><b>NR.1-9</b> National Reports</p> <p><b>Inf.2</b> Summary Compilation of the 2020 National Reports</p> <p><b>Res.8.1 (Rev.MOP9)</b> National Reporting</p>	<p>Note taken.</p> <p>Action Points / Decisions / Recommendations suggested.</p>
	<p><b>2.1. Noise</b></p> <p>The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data.</p> <p><b>Yanis Souami</b>, Co-chair of the Joint Noise Working Group (JNWG) of CMS, ASCOBANS and ACCOBAMS, will present its report.</p> <p><b>Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma</b>, CMS Secretariat, will present the updated Terms of Reference and Operational Procedures for the JNWG, and brief about the establishment of the Industry Advisory Group on Underwater Noise.</p> <p>The Secretariat will present the responses received regarding national navies’ mitigation protocols for use of military sonar and seek advice on how to proceed with Work Plan Activity #8.</p>	<p><b>WPA7:</b> Review new information on underwater noise, its impacts on small cetaceans and their prey species, mitigation measures, technological developments, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.</p> <p><b>WPA8:</b> Assess whether national navies’ mitigation protocols for use of military sonar are effective. This requires Parties to request the mitigation protocols from the navies.</p>	<p><b>NR.1-9</b> National Reports</p> <p><b>Doc.2.1</b> Responses to Navies’ Mitigation Protocols</p> <p><b>Inf.2.1a</b> TOR for JNWG</p> <p><b>Inf.2.1b</b> JNWG Work Plan</p> <p><b>Inf.2.1c</b> TOR for IAG on Underwater Noise</p> <p><b>Inf.2.1d</b> OSPAR &amp; HELCOM Joint Session</p> <p><b>Inf.2.1e</b> OSPAR ICG-Noise(2) Summary</p> <p><b>Res.8.1 (Rev.MOP9)</b> Guidelines on EIA for Marine Noise-generating Activities</p> <p><b>Res.6.2</b> Adverse Effect of Underwater Noise</p>	<p>Note taken.</p> <p>Way forward for WPA8 agreed.</p> <p>Action Points / Decisions / Recommendations suggested.</p>

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	<p><b>2.3. Unexploded Ordnance</b>                      The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data.  <b>Sven Koschinski</b>, Invited Expert, will present an overview of the status quo on unexploded ordnance in the Agreement area.                      Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</p>	<p><b>WPA13:</b> Review new information on underwater munitions and, their impacts on small cetaceans and cetacean habitat. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.</p>	<p><b>NR.1-9</b> National Reports  <a href="#">Inf.2.3</a> EU Council conclusions on maritime security  <a href="#">Res.8.8</a> Addressing the Threats from Underwater Munitions</p>	<p>Note taken.                      Action Points / Decisions / Recommendations suggested.</p>
	<p><b>2.2. Ocean Energy</b>                      The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data.  <b>Tobias Schaffeld</b>, Invited Expert, will present an overview of the status quo on ocean energy in the Agreement area.                      Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</p>	<p><b>WPA9:</b> Review new information on ocean energy, its impacts on small cetaceans, mitigation measures, technological developments, best practices and guidelines. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.</p>	<p><b>NR.1-9</b> National Reports  <a href="#">Res.8.6</a> Ocean Energy</p>	<p>Note taken.                      Action Points / Decisions / Recommendations suggested.</p>
<b>Break 60 min.</b>				
<b>14:00-17:00 (incl. breaks)</b>	<p><b>2.4. Marine Spatial Planning</b>                      The Secretariat will present a summary of the national reporting data.  <b>Aline Kühl-Stenzel</b>, Invited Expert, will present an overview of the status quo on maritime spatial planning in the Agreement area.                      Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on the subject.</p>	<p><b>WPA20:</b> Review best practice approaches to management of cumulative impacts on small cetaceans and their habitats, such as marine spatial planning. Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action.</p>	<p><b>NR.1-9</b> National Reports  <a href="#">Inf.2.4</a> Guideline for implementation of ecosystem-based MSP  <a href="#">Res.8.9</a> Cumulative Impacts</p>	<p>Note taken.                      Action Points / Decisions / Recommendations suggested.</p>
	<p><b>2.5. Other</b>                      The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the issues raised in 2020 National Reports regarding 'Other Matters'. Participants will have the opportunity to present new information on any threats to small cetaceans not covered above. Those submitting documents on any threats to small cetaceans not covered above will be given opportunity to highlight key points.  <b>Peter Evans</b>, Co-chair of the Joint Bycatch Working Group of ASCOBANS and ACCOBAMS, will present the outcomes from the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Working Group (JBWG1); and the</p>	<p><b>WPA3:</b> First meeting of the Joint Bycatch Working Group to be organized as soon as possible and in partnership with ACCOBAMS and the agreed host country, addressing issues in line with its Terms of Reference.  <b>WPA19:</b> Review new information on any other issues, including emerging issues posing a potential threat, and the impact they have on small cetaceans, their prey and their habitat.</p>	<p><b>NR.1-9</b> National Reports  <a href="#">Inf.2.5a</a> Recommendations from JBWG1  <a href="#">Inf.2.5b</a> Monitoring Cetacean Bycatch: Analysis</p>	<p>Note taken.</p>

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(14:00-17:00, incl. breaks)	ASCOBANS Technical Series No.1 on Monitoring Cetacean Bycatch. <b>Ida Carlén</b> , Chair of the Jastarnia Group, will present the outcomes from the ASCOBANS Workshop on Management of MPAs for Small Cetaceans.	Make recommendations to Parties and other relevant authorities for further action. <b>AC25/AP11</b> : [...] it is requested that an international workshop be organized [...] on cetacean MPA management.	<a href="#">Inf.2.5c</a> Report from the ASCOBANS MPA Workshop	
	<b>3. Species Action Plans</b>			
	<b>3.1. Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises (Jastarnia Plan)</b> <b>Ida Carlén</b> , Chair of the Jastarnia Group, will present an update on activities of the group, the most recent meeting (25-27 May 2021) and the progress report for the Jastarnia Plan. Parties will be requested to adopt the updated TOR and Action Points from the 17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Jastarnia Group.	<b>WPA24</b> : Evaluate progress in the implementation of the [...] Jastarnia Plan, establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan and promote the implementation of the Plan.	<a href="#">Doc.3.1a</a> Proposed update to TOR <a href="#">Doc.3.1b</a> JG17 Action Points <a href="#">Inf.3.1a</a> Progress report Jastarnia Plan <a href="#">Inf.3.1b</a> Report of JG17	Updated TOR adopted. JG17 Action Points adopted. Note taken.
	<b>3.2. Conservation Plan for the Harbour Porpoise Population in the Western Baltic, the Belt Sea and the Kattegat (WBBK Plan)</b> <b>Ida Carlén</b> , Chair of the Jastarnia Group, will present the progress report for the WBBK Plan.	<b>WPA26</b> : Evaluate progress in the implementation of the [WBBK Plan], establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan and promote the implementation of the Plan.	<a href="#">Inf.3.2</a> Progress report WBBK Plan	Note taken.
	<b>3.3. Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea (North Sea Plan)</b> <b>Peter Evans</b> , Chair of the North Sea Group, will present an update on activities of the North Sea Group and the most recent meeting (20-21 January 2021).	<b>WPA25</b> : Evaluate progress in the implementation of the [North Sea Plan], establish further implementation priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan [...] and promote the implementation of the Plan.	<a href="#">Inf.3.3a</a> Priority Recommendations from NSG9	Note taken.
<b>3.4. Species Action Plan for the North-East Atlantic Common Dolphin</b> <b>Sinéad Murphy</b> , Co-chair of the Steering Group of the Species Action Plan for the North-East Atlantic Common Dolphin (Common Dolphin Group), will provide an update on the group's work and its most recent meeting (3 December 2020).	<b>WPA27</b> : Evaluate progress in the implementation of the Species Action Plan for the North-East Atlantic Common Dolphin, promote its ongoing implementation, establish further priorities, carry out the periodic review of the Plan.		Note taken.	
17:00	<b>End of Day 1</b>			
<b>Optional Online Social Event 17:30-18:30</b> <i>Celebrate the first online ASCOBANS AC meeting with fellow delegates and the Secretariat - bring your own snacks.</i>				

**DAY 2 - TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2021**

10:00-17:00 CET

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10:00-13:00 (incl. breaks)	<b>4. Special Species Sessions</b> Each session follows up on items recommended for action by the 25 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee or the 9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties.			
	<b>4.1. Bottlenose Dolphin</b> <b>Peter Evans</b> , Invited Expert, will present population status and structure, distribution, abundance, life history, threats and pressures, the conservation status, and recommendations for research and conservation action regarding the Bottlenose Dolphin.	<b>WPA53:</b> Arrange for a special session dealing with a species selected by the previous meeting at each meeting of the Advisory Committee, covering issues such as population status and structure, distribution, abundance, life history, threats and pressures, the conservation status and recommendations for research and conservation actions.		Note taken. Action Points / Decisions / Recommendations reviewed and/or suggested.
	<b>4.2. Lagenorhynchus species</b> <b>Andrew Brownlow</b> and <b>Marc Gose</b> , Invited Experts, will present recent information on the White-beaked Dolphin and the Atlantic White-sided Dolphin, as requested by AC25. <b>Oliver Schall</b> , Germany, will present a document on the recent mass killing of Atlantic white-sided dolphins. The Meeting will be invited to discuss, and consider the draft decision proposed in Doc.4.2.	<b>AC25/AP23:</b> Parties are requested to address the following research questions regarding the research and conservation of White-beaked Dolphins and Atlantic White-sided Dolphins and to report back to AC26 [...]	<a href="#">Doc.4.2</a> Mass Killing of Atlantic Wide-sided Dolphin	Note taken. Action Points / Decisions / Recommendations reviewed and/or suggested.
	<b>4.3. Beaked Whales</b> The 9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties requested to establish an Intersessional Working Group (IWG) on Beaked Whales. <b>Sarah Dolman</b> , Chair of the IWG, will present the group's report and recommendations. The Meeting will be invited to discuss the report, and review and endorse the recommendations.	<b>AC25/AP24:</b> Parties are to request their navies to provide their mitigation protocols for use of military sonar, with the view to the Advisory Committee assessing whether such protocols are effective.	<a href="#">Doc.4.3</a> Overcoming Challenges to Protect Beaked Whales in the NE Atlantic	Report's recommendations endorsed.
	<b>4.4. Harbour Porpoise Baltic Proper &amp; Iberian Populations</b> The 25 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee (AC25) requested that the text for proposals for the Baltic and Iberian populations of	<b>AC25/AP20:</b> The Advisory Committee reconfirms its desire to see proposals submitted to CMS COP14 (2023) to list the Baltic population of the Harbour	<a href="#">Doc.4.4a</a> Draft Listing Proposal Baltic HP	Draft texts reviewed and

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	<p>the Harbour Porpoise to be listed in CMS Appendices should be discussed in AC26.</p> <p>The Meeting will be invited to review the draft texts and update them as needed.</p>	<p>Porpoise on Appendix I and the Iberian population on Appendix I and II, and urges interested Parties to submit the proposals well in advance of the EU internal deadline.</p> <p><b>AC25/AP21:</b> The text of the CMS species listing proposal for the Harbour Porpoise and Iberian populations in the Baltic to be listed in CMS Appendices should be discussed in AC26.</p>	<p><a href="#">Doc.4.4b</a> Draft Listing Proposal Iberian HP</p> <p><a href="#">Res.9.2</a> Baltic Proper HP</p>	<p>updated as needed.</p>
<b>Break 60 min.</b>				
<b>14:00-17:00 (incl. breaks)</b>	<p><b>5. Relevant EU Policy Matters</b></p> <p>The Meeting will have an opportunity to discuss any relevant updates on implementation and development of the EU nature, marine, and fisheries policies relevant to ASCOBANS.</p>	<p><b>WPA62:</b> Identify priorities and complementarity and improve cooperation between ASCOBANS and institutions of the European Union.</p>		<p>Note taken.</p>
	<b>6. Cooperation with Other Bodies</b>			
	<p><b>6.1. Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners</b></p> <p>The Secretariat will highlight key areas of collaboration with partners during the past year.</p> <p>Parties and Partners will be invited to present their reports, taking into account any relevant Work Plan activities.</p> <p><b>Penina Blankett</b>, HELCOM, will present the recently adopted Baltic Sea Action Plan.</p> <p><b>Graham Pierce</b>, Invited Expert, will give an update on the EU MSFD project CetAMBICion.</p> <p><b>Anne-Marie Svoboda</b>, The Netherlands, will give an update on the EU LIFE project proposal CIBBRiNA.</p> <p><b>Meike Scheidat</b>, The Netherlands, will present the concept for SCANS IV.</p>	<p><b>WPA 32:</b> Contribute to preparing for and supporting SAMBAH-II, scheduled to start in 2021, including securing funding accordingly.</p> <p><b>WPA 33:</b> Contribute to preparing for a SCANS-IV (MMANA Project or equivalent) [...] and securing funding accordingly.</p> <p><b>WPA49:</b> Work towards strengthening or establishing positive relationships with stakeholders, especially the fishing industry and European Fisheries Advisory Councils.</p> <p><b>WPA63:</b> Ensure close collaboration with the Secretariats and scientific advisory bodies of the CMS Family on all issues of mutual interest.</p> <p><b>WPA64:</b> Seek to cooperate closely with ECS, HELCOM, ICES, IWC, NAMMCO, OSPAR, UNCLOS, UNEP</p>	<p><a href="#">Inf.6.1</a> Reports from Relevant Meetings</p>	<p>Note taken.</p> <p>Comments made.</p> <p>Guidance given.</p>



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(14:00-17:00, incl. breaks)		and other relevant organizations by determining possible win-wins [...] <b>WPA65:</b> Seek to collaborate with the ICES WGBYC, STECF established by the European Union, the Regional Coordination Groups, the IWC Bycatch Mitigation Initiative, and other relevant organizations addressing bycatch.			
	<b>6.2. Dates of Interest 2022</b> The Secretariat will seek comments on the draft list of Dates of Interest. The Meeting will be requested to inform about (tentative) representation at relevant meetings.	<b>WPA69:</b> Compile a list of Dates of Interest and report back on issues relevant to ASCOBANS to each meeting of the Advisory Committee. This requires participants at meetings identified in the list to confirm their attendance by email to the Secretariat after the meeting. <b>WPA70:</b> Insofar as budgetary provisions and guidance by the Advisory Committee allow for it, ensure proper representation at meetings of other relevant organizations.	<a href="#">Doc.6.2</a> Dates of Interest	Guidance given. Relevant meetings listed and representation indicated.	
	<b>7. Publicity and Outreach</b>				
	<b>7.1. Reports by the Secretariat, Parties and Partners</b> The Secretariat will present its recent outreach report. Participants will be given the opportunity to present new information on the subject.	<b>WPA48:</b> Report on communication and outreach matters to the Advisory Committee.	<a href="#">Doc.7.1</a> Secretariat's Outreach Report	Note taken. Comments made. Guidance given.	
<b>7.2. ASCOBANS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> The Secretariat will inform the Meeting about plans for the 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Agreement in 2022. The Meeting will be invited to provide feedback and additional ideas.	<b>WPA44:</b> Develop the ASCOBANS website and other information material as needed, aiming to meet the needs of a wide range of target audiences in the languages of the Agreement Area.		Comments made. Guidance given.		
<b>17:00</b>	<b>End of Day 2</b>				



**DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2021**

13:00-17:00 CET

Time	Agenda Item	Related Work Plan Activity / AC Action Point	Documents	Expected Outcomes
13:00-17:00 (incl. breaks)	<b>8. Funding of Projects and Activities</b>			
	<b>8.1. Progress of Projects/Activities Supported by ASCOBANS</b> The progress of the coordination of the regional harbour porpoise action plans will have been covered under agenda item 3. <b>Rob Deaville</b> , Zoological Society London, will brief the meeting about the project 'Web-accessed Database for Marine Mammal Stranding and Necropsy Data'. The Meeting will be requested to provide advice on the way forward.			Note taken. Guidance given.
	<b>8.2. Project Proposals Received in the 2021 Call</b> The Secretariat will present an overview of the submitted project proposals, and will inform the meeting about the results of the consultation undertaken prior to the meeting to prioritise the proposals.	<b>WPA35:</b> Issue call for project proposals when instructed to do so by the Advisory Committee, and conduct consultation on prioritization to the next meeting.	<a href="#">Doc.8.2</a> Proposals received in 2021 Call	Note taken.
	<b>8.3. Prioritisation of Activities Requiring Funding</b> <i>(Moved together with Agenda Item 17)</i>			
	<b>9. ASCOBANS Work Plan: Overview of Implementation</b> The Secretariat will present an overview of progress made on implementation of the ASCOBANS Work Plan 2021-2024 to date. The Meeting will be invited to review the document, and to provide additional updates and guidance where required.	<b>WPA77:</b> Support Parties, Range States and Agreement bodies in implementing this Work Plan, in so far as primary responsibility does not lie with the Secretariat.	<a href="#">Doc.9</a> Overview of Work Plan implementation <a href="#">Res.9.1</a> Work Plan 2021-2024	Note taken. Guidance given.
	<b>10. Any Other Scientific Issues</b> Any topics flagged for discussion during agenda item 1.2. will be addressed.			
	<b>11. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Scientific Session</b>		<b>In-session doc:</b> Draft List of Action Points, Decisions,	Action Points, Decisions, Recommendations adopted.

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	The Secretariat will present a draft list of action points, decisions, and recommendations, generated at the meeting, for approval and adoption.		Recommendations of the Scientific Session	
	<b>12. Close of the Scientific Session</b>			
17:00	<b>End of Day 3</b>			

**DAY 4 - THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2021**

10:00-17:00 CET

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10:00-13:00 (incl. breaks)	<b>13. Opening of the Institutional Session</b> The session will be opened by Penina Blankett, Vice-chair of the Advisory Committee.			
	<b>14. Status of Accession and Acceptance of the Agreement's Amendment</b> The Secretariat will present the status of accession and acceptance of the amendment to the meeting. Parties that have not yet formally accepted the Amendment (Belgium, Lithuania) will be invited to inform the Meeting on the progress made.	<b>WPA75:</b> Promote accession of non-Party Range States and the European Commission to the Agreement.	<a href="#">Inf.14</a> Status of Accession	Note taken. Comments made. Guidance given.
	<b>15. National Reporting Form</b> Parties will be invited to provide feedback on the online National Reporting Form. The participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the national report questions for 2021, concerning bycatch, resource depletion, biological information, monitoring programmes, and stranding networks and strandings.	<b>WPA71:</b> Identify and, where possible, address any issues that Parties might encounter regarding the compilation of the National Report.	<a href="#">Inf.15</a> National Reporting form	Note taken. Comments made.
	<b>16. Financial and Administrative Issues</b>			

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	<p><b>16.1. Administrative Issues</b> The Secretariat will present its report to the Meeting. The Meeting will be invited to agree on the way forward regarding the increased Umoja costs.</p>	<p><b>WPA58:</b> Report on budgetary and administrative issues to the Advisory Committee.</p>	<p><a href="#">Doc.16.1</a> Report on Admin Issues 2020-2021</p>	<p>Note taken. Report approved. Way forward regarding increased Umoja costs agreed.</p>
	<p><b>16.2. End of Term Report on Budgetary Issues 2020</b> The Secretariat will present its reports to the Meeting. The Advisory Committee will be requested to approve the report.</p>		<p><a href="#">Doc.16.2</a> End of Term Budget Report 2020</p>	<p>Note taken. Report approved.</p>
	<p><b>16.3. Mid-term Report on Budgetary Issues 2021</b> The Secretariat will present its reports to the Meeting. The Advisory Committee will be requested to approve the report.</p>		<p><a href="#">Doc.16.3</a> Mid-Term Budget Report 2021</p>	<p>Note taken. Report approved.</p>
<b>Break 60 min.</b>				
<b>13:00-17:00 (incl. breaks)</b>	<p><b>8.3. Prioritisation of Activities Requiring Funding</b> The Meeting will be invited to prioritise a list of activities that require funding. The Meeting will also be requested to decide on a potential call for projects for 2022.</p>	<p><b>WPA36:</b> Prepare for each meeting of the Advisory Committee an overview of approved activities requiring funding.</p>	<p><a href="#">Doc.8.3/Rev.1</a> Activities Requiring Funding</p>	<p>Priority order for activities agreed.</p>
	<p><b>17. Assignment of Funds to Prioritised Activities</b> The Secretariat will inform the Meeting about the financial needs for the implementation of activities agreed or suggested by the Advisory Committee, including its Working Groups. The Meeting will be requested to assign or pledge funds to the prioritised activities.</p>	<p><b>WPA60:</b> Encourage Parties and partner organisations to provide voluntary contributions for projects prioritised by the AC or outreach initiatives. <b>WPA61:</b> Develop funding arrangements for projects prioritized by the Advisory Committee and Meeting of Parties.</p>	<p><a href="#">Doc.8.3/Rev.1</a> Activities Requiring Funding</p>	<p>Funding assigned to prioritised activities.</p>
	<p><b>18. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee 2022-2025</b> In accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure, a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson shall be elected from among the Committee Members or their advisers.</p>			
	<p><b>19. Any Other Institutional Issues</b></p>			

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	<p><b>20. Date and Venue of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>Parties will be invited to make offers for hosting AC27 in 2022. The Meeting will be invited to give guidance on suitable dates. Current options include 27-29 September, 4-6 October, and 1-3 November 2022, to be considered in conjunction with other meetings listed in Doc.6.2.</p>		<p><a href="#">Doc.6.2</a> Dates of Interest</p>	<p>AC27 host identified. AC27 dates agreed.</p>
	<p><b>21. Adoption of the List of Action Points of the Institutional Session</b></p> <p>The Secretariat will present a draft list of action points, decisions, and recommendations for approval.</p>		<p><b>In-session doc:</b> Draft list of Action Points, Decisions, Recommendations of the Institutional Session</p>	<p>Action Points, Decisions, and Recommendations adopted.</p>
	<p><b>22. Close of the Meeting</b></p> <p>The Meeting is expected to close by 17:00 on Thursday 11 November 2021.</p>			