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Seventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties (CoP) to  
the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-  
Based Sources and Activities (LBS) in the Wider  
Caribbean Region

Kingston, Jamaica

13 and 16 October 2025

## PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

### Introduction and Objectives

1. The Secretariat of the Cartagena Convention is responsible for convening meetings of the Contracting Parties to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities in accordance with Article XV of the LBS Protocol.
2. In accordance with the Workplan and Budget for 2023-2025, endorsed by the Seventeenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties, the Seventh Conference of Parties (CoP) to the LBS Protocol will be held on 13 and 16 October 2025.
3. The proposed objectives of the Seventh CoP are:
  - take appropriate action with regard to the recommendations of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee resulting from the 7<sup>th</sup> LBS STAC held virtually from 22-25 July 2025;
  - assess the status of ratification and/or implementation of the LBS Protocol in member countries and take appropriate action to facilitate increased ratification and/or implementation;

- approve the AMEP and LBS RACs Workplan and Budget for the 2026-2027 biennium for subsequent submission to and endorsement by the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Contracting Parties of the Cartagena Convention to be held in Jamaica from 13 to 16 October 2025; and
- Conduct other business as appropriate.

#### **Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting**

4. The Meeting will be opened by the Secretariat, on Monday, 13 October 2025 at approximately 11:00 a.m. (EST)

#### **Agenda item 2: Election of Officers**

5. The Meeting will be invited to elect from among the Parties a President, two Vice Presidents, and a Rapporteur for the Meeting.

#### **Agenda item 3: Organization of the Meeting**

##### (a) Rules of procedure

6. The rules of procedure for meetings of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention) as contained in (UNEP, 2010) and adopted pursuant to Article 20 of the Cartagena Convention will apply for the conduct of the Meeting.

##### (b) Organization of the work

7. English, French and Spanish will be the working languages of the Meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in these languages will be provided for the Meeting. The working documents of the Meeting will be available in the working languages.
8. The Secretariat proposes to convene the Meeting in plenary sessions, with the assistance of working groups. The President may also establish other working groups. Simultaneous interpretation will not be available for the working groups.

#### **Agenda item 4: Adoption of the Agenda**

9. The Meeting will be invited to adopt the Agenda of the Meeting. The Provisional Agenda proposed by the Secretariat is contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.50/1 and the Provisional Annotated Agenda in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.50/2.

#### **Agenda item 5: Recommendations of the Seventh Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (6<sup>th</sup> LBS STAC) in the Wider Caribbean**

10. The President will invite the Secretariat to present the recommendations of the Seventh Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (7<sup>th</sup> LBS STAC) in the Wider Caribbean as contained in document (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.46/5). During the presentation of the Recommendations, the Secretariat will provide updates on those actions taken following the 7<sup>th</sup> LBS STAC and before the convening

of the 7<sup>th</sup> LBS COP.

11. The Meeting will be invited to review and endorse the recommendations, as appropriate, and propose any other decisions pursuant to these recommendations.

**Agenda item 6: Draft Workplan and Budget for AMEP Sub-Programme for the 2026-2027 Biennium**

12. The Secretariat will present the Draft Workplan and Budget for AMEP sub-programme for the 2026-2027 biennium as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.46/3 Rev.1. The workplan was prepared based on input received from Governments and organizations, the two LBS RACs, and following review by the 7<sup>th</sup> LBS STAC. Specific recommendations from the 7<sup>th</sup> LBS STAC have also been incorporated into the draft workplan and budget being presented.
13. The Meeting will be invited to, subject to any proposed modifications, approve the Work Plan and Budget for 2025-2027. This Work Plan and Budget will be forwarded to the Eighteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties of the Cartagena Convention for endorsement.
14. The Meeting will be invited to provide additional comments, recommendations and/or decisions for national and regional actions to promote the ratification and implementation of the LBS Protocol.

**Agenda item 7: Other Business**

15. The participants of the Meeting will be invited to raise other issues not covered by the preceding agenda items, but relevant to the scope of the Meeting.
16. Requests from member governments or observer organizations to make brief presentations to the Meeting will be accommodated at this time.
17. The Secretariat will invite member governments to indicate any interest in hosting upcoming meetings of the Secretariat.
18. The President will invite the Meeting to discuss matters emanating from the Any Other Business agenda item, as well as on the elements of the proposed decisions to be considered by the 7 LBS COP.
19. The President will call for an adjournment of the 7<sup>th</sup> LBS COP to enable the SPAW COP 13<sup>th</sup> to be convened on the 14 October 2025 and the Cartagena Convention COP18 to be reconvened on 15 October 2025.

**Agenda item 8: Adoption of the Decisions of the Meeting**

20. The 7<sup>th</sup> LBS COP will be reconvened on 16 October 2025, where the meeting will consider Agenda Item 10: Adoption of the Decisions of the Meeting.
21. The Rapporteur of the Meeting will present the draft Decisions of the Meeting (Document, UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.50/3). The Meeting will be invited to adopt the decisions, with amendments and corrections to be introduced in the draft, as appropriate.

**Agenda item 9: Closure of the Meeting**

22. The Meeting is expected to be closed on Thursday, 16 October 2025.