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

Oranjestad, Aruba

04 October 2023

## 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 2021-2022, endorsed by the Nineteenth Intergovernmental Meeting, the Sixth CoP to the LBS Protocol will be held on 05 October 2023.
3. The proposed objectives of the Sixth CoP are to:
  - review the implementation of the LBS Protocol and the effectiveness of actions taken pursuant to it, including a review of the Decisions of the Fifth LBS CoP and the relevant Decisions of the Nineteenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Sixteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties;
  - review the implementation of projects and activities by the Secretariat and the LBS Regional Activity Centres (RACs) within the Assessment and Management of Environmental Pollution (AMEP) sub-programme during the period 2021-2022;
  - take appropriate action with regard to the recommendations of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee resulting from the 6<sup>th</sup> LBS STAC held virtually from February 1 to 3, 2023;
  - 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 Workplan and Budget for the 2022-2023 biennium for subsequent submission and endorsement by the 20<sup>th</sup> Intergovernmental Meeting and 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Contracting Parties of the Cartagena Convention to be held in Aruba on 05 October 2023; and
- Conduct other business as appropriate.

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

4. The Meeting will be opened by the Secretariat, on Wednesday 04 October 2023 at 8:00 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.47/1 and the Provisional Annotated Agenda in UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.47/2.

### **Agenda item 5: Review of AMEP Programme Activities for the period 2021-2022**

#### (a) Review of Status of Ratification and Accession to the LBS Protocol

10. The Secretariat will present the current status of the LBS Protocol regarding ratifications and/or accessions as provided by the Government of Colombia, as Depositary for the Cartagena Convention.

(b) Review of Activities

11. The Secretariat will be invited to make a general presentation and evaluation of the major projects and activities implemented under the AMEP Sub-programme, within the scope of the LBS Protocol, and their achievements. During its presentation, the Secretariat will refer to documents UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.46/INF.4 (Status of Activities for the sub-programme on the Assessment and Management of Environmental Pollution (AMEP) for 2021-2022), UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.44/INF.5 (LBS RAC Report) and UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.44/INF.6 (Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Report), and UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.44/INF.7 (Report of the work on the Caribbean Node for Marine Litter Management 2021-2022). During this presentation, the Secretariat will also summarize the progress made in the implementation of the Decisions of the Fifth LBS COP and the relevant Decisions of the Nineteenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Sixteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention.
12. The Meeting will be invited to comment and/or seek additional clarification on any of the projects and activities implemented during the biennium and make decisions, as appropriate.

**Agenda item 6: Recommendations of the Sixth 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**

13. The President will invite the Secretariat to present the recommendations of the Sixth 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 as contained in document (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.44/5). During the presentation of the Recommendations, the Secretariat will provide updates on those actions taken following the 6<sup>th</sup> LBS STAC and before the convening of the 6<sup>th</sup> LBS COP.
14. The Meeting will be invited to review and endorse the recommendations, as appropriate, and make any other decisions pursuant to these recommendations.

**Agenda item 7: Review of Recommendations of the Regional Activity Centres in support of LBS Protocol Amendments**

15. The President will invite the Secretariat to introduce the Information Document on the initial findings from the work of the LBS RACs relating to nutrient standards and classification of Recreational Waters and summarize recommendations for further consideration by the CoP. (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.44/INF.16 and UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.44/INF.17).
16. The Meeting will be invited to discuss the findings to date and make decisions and/or recommendations to the 20<sup>th</sup> IGM and 17<sup>th</sup> CoP to the Cartagena Convention, as appropriate.

**Agenda item 8: Draft Workplan and Budget for AMEP Sub-Programme for the 2021-2022 Biennium**

17. The Secretariat will present the Draft Workplan and Budget for AMEP sub-programme for the 2023-2024 biennium as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.44/3 Rev.1. The workplan was prepared based on inputs received from Governments and organizations, the two LBS RACs,

and following review and endorsement by the 6<sup>th</sup> LBS STAC. Specific technical recommendations from the 6<sup>th</sup> LBS STAC have also been incorporated into the draft workplan and budget being presented.

18. The Meeting will be also invited to consider new project proposals that were developed and/or approved during the biennium and which form part of the 2023-2024 Work Plan and Budget. See documents (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.47/INF.4 and UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.47/INF.5).
19. The Meeting will be invited to, subject to any proposed modifications, approve the Work Plan and Budget for 2023-2024. This Work Plan and Budget will be forwarded to the Twentieth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and the Seventeenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties for endorsement.
20. 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 9: Other Business**

21. 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.
22. Requests from member governments or observer organizations to make brief presentations to the Meeting will be accommodated at this time.
23. The Secretariat will invite member governments to indicate any interest in hosting upcoming meetings of the Secretariat.

#### **Agenda item 10: Adoption of the Decisions of the Meeting**

24. The Rapporteur of the Meeting will present the draft Decisions of the Meeting (Document, UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.47/3). The Meeting will be invited to adopt the decisions, with amendments and corrections to be introduced in the draft, as appropriate.

#### **Agenda item 11: Closure of the Meeting**

25. The Meeting is expected to be closed on Wednesday, 04 October 2023 at 5:00 p.m. by the President of the Meeting and the Secretariat.