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16 May 2016

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

43rd session of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of
Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP)
to be held at United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP),
Nairobi, Kenya, from 14 to 17 November 2016

Monday, 14 November

Informal meeting of the members of GESAMP

Initial meeting of the Executive Committee of GESAMP (ExCom)

Opening of the session

1 Adoption of the agenda

2 Report of the Chairperson of GESAMP

3 Report of the Administrative Secretary of GESAMP

4 Planning of GESAMP activities:

- .1 Evaluation of the hazards of harmful substances carried by ships (WG 1: IMO leading)
- .2 Review of applications for 'active substances' to be used in ballast water management systems (WG 34: IMO leading)
- .3 Expanded scientific review of mercury and its compounds and threats to the marine environment (WG 37: UNEP leading)
- .4 Atmospheric input of pollutants to the oceans (WG 38: WMO leading)

Tuesday, 15 November

- .5 Establishment of trends in global pollution in coastal environments (WG 39: IAEA leading)
- .6 Sources, fate and effects of micro-plastics in the environment – a global assessment (WG 40: UNESCO/IOC leading)

Afternoon Session

- .7 Marine Geoengineering (WG 41: IMO leading)
- 5 Contributions to other UN processes

Wednesday, 16 November

Morning session

- 6 Identification of new and emerging issues regarding the degradation of the marine environment of relevance to governments and sponsoring organizations
- 7 Scoping activities

Afternoon Session

- 8 GESAMP side event: topic to be confirmed

Thursday, 17 November

Morning Session

Presentations by observers

- 9 Date and place of GESAMP 44
- 10 Future work programme

Afternoon Session

- 11 Any other business
- 12 Election of chairpersons
- 13 Consideration and adoption of the report of GESAMP 43
- 14 Closure of the session

Friday 18 November (closed session)

Morning Session

Concluding Meeting of the Executive Committee of GESAMP (ExCom)