

General Assembly

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 20 September (13:30 – 16:45 CEST)

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Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

13:30 Welcome from the Chair, Guus Pastoor

13:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (16.09.21)

13:40 European Commission's Priorities

- Presentation of market priorities by Carmen Preising, Deputy Head of Cabinet, Cabinet of Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius (Environment, Ocean, Fisheries)
- Exchange of views

14:30 Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

- Presentation on 35th COFI Session (5-9 September 2022) and 2022 SOFIA Report by Marcio Castro de Souza, Senior Fishery Officer (Trade Issues), FAO
- Exchange of views

15:15 *Coffee break*

15:30 Work Programme of Year 7 (2022-2023)

- Presentation of priorities, deliverables, and budget by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General
- Approval of the work programme and annual budget

16:00 Working Groups

- Reporting by Sean O'Donoghue, Chair of Working Group 1
- Reporting by Pierre Commère, Chair of Working Group 2
- Reporting by Benoît Thomassen, Chair of Working Group 3

16:15 Work Programme of Year 6 (2021-2022)

- Update on priorities and deliverables by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General
- Update on the accounts

16:30 Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Executive Committee

- Information on appointments for Chair, Vice-Chairs, Chairs of Working Groups, and Executive Committee for the 2023-2026 period by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General



16:35 AOB

16:40 Summary of action points

16:45 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	European Commission's Priorities	MAC is an advisory body to the European Commission. The Cabinet of Commissioner Sinkevičius expressed availability to exchange on priorities.	Better understanding of European Commission's priorities, to ensure coordination.	- DG MARE 2022 Management Plan
Information	FAO	The Executive Committee agreed that there should be annual exchanges with FAO, particularly on COFI outcomes. 35 th Session of COFI is taking place from 5 to 9 September 2022. FAO also recently published the 2022 edition of "The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA)" report.	Presentation of COFI outcomes and 2022 SOFIA report. Exchange of views.	- COFI35 Documents - 2022 SOFIA report
Decision	Work Programme of Year 7 (2022-2023)	The operational year of the MAC corresponds to 1 October to 30 September. In line with the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Committee shall prepare the strategic plan and the budget for the next operational year. In line with the applicable financial rules, the draft must be submitted to DG MARE two months before the start of the new operational year. In line with the Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly shall approve the Work Programme and budget. Due to the change by COM services to lump-sum approach, a new template has been used and priorities have been streamlined.	Approval of the Work Programme and budget.	Draft Work Programme (via email) - Draft budget (via email)
Information	Working Groups	Under the structure of the MAC, there are three Working Groups with different areas of responsibility.	Reporting by each Chair on the work of the Working Groups.	
Information	Work Programme of Year 6 (2021-2022)	As determined by the Rules of Procedure, an annual work programme and annual budget are prepared by the Executive Committee and approved by the General	Update on the implementation of the priorities, deliverables and accounts of the current	- Work Programme

		Assembly. The General Assembly shall approve the annual report, including the financial statements.	operational year. Preparation by the Secretariat of annual report.	
Information	Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Executive Committee	In line with the Rules of Procedure and Statutes, every three years, there must be the appointment of members of the Executive Committee, MAC Chair, MAC Vice-Chair(s), and Working Group Chairs. The next appointments will take place at the January 2023 meetings.	Information from the Secretariat to prepare calls of interest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rules of Procedure - Statutes

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