



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



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Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

Announcement

The **Secretariat to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention)** will convene the Second Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS) in the Wider Caribbean Region on 10 December 2014 in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.



Introduction

The Intergovernmental Meetings: The major legal instrument of the Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP), the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention), was adopted at the Second Intergovernmental Meeting, convened at Cartagena de Indias in 1983. The Cartagena Convention provides the framework for the development of its current protocols on Oil Spills, Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife and Land-based Sources and Activities of Marine Pollution.

The Secretariat to 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.

In accordance with the Workplan and Budget for 2013-2014, endorsed by the Fifteenth Intergovernmental Meeting, the Second COP to the LBS Protocol will be held on 10 December 2014 in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

Second Meeting of the COP of the LBS Protocol

This Meeting proposes to review the achievements of the AMEP Sub-programme during 2013 - 2014 and to approve the Workplan of the AMEP Sub-programme for the 2015 - 2016 Biennium. The Secretariat, on behalf of the CEP Governments and Contracting Parties to the LBS Protocol, convenes the LBS COP2 Meeting to:

- Review the implementation of the LBS Protocol and the effectiveness of actions taken pursuant to it including a review of (i) Decisions of the First LBS COP and the relevant Decisions of the Fifteenth Intergovernmental Meeting and Eleventh Meeting of the Contracting Parties; and (ii) projects and activities implemented by the Secretariat and the LBS Regional Activity Centres (RACs) within the Assessment and Management of Environmental Pollution (AMEP) sub-programme during the period 2013-2014;
- Take appropriate action with regard to the recommendations of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee resulting from the 2nd LBS STAC held from 10-13 June 2014 in Nicaragua;

- Assess the status of ratification 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 2015-2016 biennium for subsequent submission to and endorsement by the 16th Intergovernmental Meeting and 13th Meeting of Contracting Parties of the Cartagena Convention to be held from 11– 13 December 2014 in Colombia;
- Promote and facilitate, directly or through the Organization, the exchange of expertise and any other type of exchange between the Contracting Parties in accordance with Article V of the LBS Protocol; and
- Conduct such other business as appropriate.

Participants

National focal points or their designated representatives of all States and Territories participating in the Caribbean Environment Programme and the Commission of the European Union are invited to attend the Meeting.

Other States that have demonstrated concern for the protection of the marine environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, UN and non-UN regional and international organisations, NGOs, donors and private sector representatives participating or interested in the Caribbean Environment Programme are also invited to attend the Meeting as Observers. Regional and international experts may also be invited to make special presentations to the Meeting.



The venue for the meeting will be the [Hotel Almirante](#) in Cartagena.

Further information and documentation for the meeting will be made available on the UNEP-CAR/RCU website: <http://www.cep.unep.org/meetings>

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