



4th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES
15 – 19 September 2008, Antananarivo, Madagascar

“Flyway Conservation at Work – Review of the Past, Vision for the Future”

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 15 September

Morning session in plenary (room Ravinala A): 09.00 – 12.30 hrs.

1. Opening

The Chair of the AEWA Standing Committee will make an opening statement and will conduct the proceedings through to and including the Election of Officers (Agenda Item 3).

2. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.2) will be proposed for adoption.

3. Election of Officers

In accordance with Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure, a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Meeting shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.3) will be proposed for adoption.

5. Establishment of Credentials Committee and Sessional Committees

The Meeting is invited to establish a Committee of five members, with appropriate linguistic and geographic composition, for the purpose of reviewing the original credentials of official delegates. The Meeting may wish to establish additional Sessional Committees as the need arises.

6. Admission of Observers

The Meeting is invited to admit as Observers representatives of Non-Contracting Parties, IGOs, international and national NGOs (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.4) that meet the criteria set out in Article VI, paragraph 4, of the Agreement.

7. Opening Statements

Contracting Parties, International Governmental and Non-Governmental Organisations are encouraged to provide written opening statements and invited to submit these statements to the Secretariat for distribution and incorporation into the report of the Meeting. The Chair may invite representatives of non-Party Observers to give an indication of their Government's considerations regarding accession to AEWA.

8. AEWA Award Presentation Ceremony

The Chair of the AEWA Standing Committee will present the AEWA Awards.

Lunch: 12.30 – 14.30 hrs.

Side Events:

12.30 – 13.45 hrs. *Hunting without lead shot*

13.45 – 14.30 hrs. *The Madagascar System of Protected Areas: Tools and opportunities for migratory birds conservation; Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests, and Tourism of Madagascar*

Afternoon session in plenary (room Ravinala A): 14.30 - 19.00 hrs.

9. Implementation of the Agreement and Action Plan

The Secretariat will introduce the synthesis report based on the information contained in the National Reports (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.5).

10. Report on phasing out lead shot for hunting in wetlands

The Secretariat will introduce the progress made on phasing out lead shot for hunting in wetlands based on the reports received from the Contracting Parties as well as the International Review conducted by the Secretariat. The Meeting will be requested to take note of the progress made, to review and adopt the International Review on phasing out lead shot for hunting in wetlands and draft Resolution 4.1.

- a) *Synthesis of national reports on phasing out lead shot received from Contracting Parties (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.6);*
- b) *Progress in phasing out the use of lead shot for hunting in wetlands (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.7 and AEWA Res. 4.1.).*

11. International Reviews

The Secretariat will introduce the different International Reviews that have been prepared in accordance with paragraph 7.4 of the AEWA Action Plan. The Meeting will be requested to review and adopt these International Reviews and the draft Resolutions linked to them.

- a) *Report on the conservation status of migratory waterbirds in the Agreement area (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.8 and AEWA Res. 4.2);*
- b) *Hunting and trade legislation (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.9 and AEWA Res. 4.3);*
- c) *The stage of preparation and implementation of Single Species Action Plans (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.10);*
- d) *Re-establishment Projects (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.11 and AEWA Res. 4.4);*
- e) *The status of introduced non-native waterbird species (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.12 and AEWA Res. 4.5).*

12. Establishment of an International Review Panel

The Secretariat will orally introduce the idea to establish an International Review Panel with the aim to review and improve the implementation of the Agreement. The Meeting will be requested to review and adopt the draft Resolution (AEWA Res. 4.6).

13. Official Opening Ceremony

The official opening ceremony is scheduled to take place at the end of the first day of MOP4. A special programme for the opening ceremony will be distributed at a later stage.

Tuesday, 16 September

Morning session in plenary (room Ravinala A): 09.00 - 12.30 hrs.

14. Reports by:

a) Standing Committee

The Chair of the Standing Committee will briefly introduce his report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.13) on the activities of the Standing Committee since MOP3.

b) Technical Committee

With reference to his written report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.14), the Chair of the Technical Committee will inform the meeting on the activities of the Technical Committee.

c) Depositary

The representative of the Depositary will be invited to report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.15) on activities as Depositary, notably with respect to acceptance of instruments of accession/ratification.

d) Secretariat

The Secretariat will introduce its report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.16) regarding its activities since MOP3.

15. Review of the Implementation of the AEWA International Implementation Priorities 2006-2008

The Meeting will be invited to review the progress made towards the implementation of the AEWA International Implementation Priorities 2006-2008 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.17).

16. Report on the implementation of the Communication Strategy

The Secretariat will briefly introduce the report on progress made regarding the implementation of the Communication Strategy (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.18).

17. Report on the establishment and celebration of World Migratory Bird Day

The Secretariat will orally report on the launch in 2006 and the subsequent annual celebration of the World Migratory Bird Day.

18. Draft Strategic Plan and enhanced National Report Format for online reporting

The Secretariat will introduce the final version of the draft Strategic Plan 2009-2017 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.19) and the final version of the draft enhanced National Report Format (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.20) for online reporting. The Meeting will be requested to review and adopt the draft Strategic Plan, the draft enhanced National Report Format and the draft Resolution (AEWA Res. 4.7).

Lunch: 12.30 - 14.30 hrs.

Side Events:

13.00 – 13.45 hrs. *UNEP-GEF Flyways Project “Wings over Wetlands” and its critical site network tool*

13.45 - 14.30 hrs. *Madagascar Pond Heron *Ardeola idae*: status and problems; BirdLife International Madagascar Programme (BIMP) and PBZT (Tsimbazaza Botanical and Zoological Park)*

Afternoon session in plenary (room Ravinala A): 14.30 - 16.00 hrs.

19. Report of the Credentials Committee

The Chair of the Credentials Committee will report on the work and findings of the Committee so far.

20. Financial and Administrative Matters

The Secretariat will report on income and expenditure 2006-2008, followed by introduction of the draft Budget proposal for 2009-2012. The Meeting will be requested to review the Budget proposal and to adopt it via the draft Resolution 4.8.

- a) *Income and expenditure 2006-2008 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.21);*
- b) *Draft Budget proposal 2009-2012 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.22 and AEWA Res. 4.8).*

Continuation of afternoon session in Working Groups (rooms Ravinala A and B) : 16.00 – 18.00 hrs.

- *Working Group on Technical / Scientific matters to review: Agenda items 9, 10, 11 and 12;*
- *Working Group on Administrative / Financial matters to review: Agenda items 18 and 20.*

Evening session in Working Groups (rooms Ravinala A and B): 20.00 – 22.00 hrs. (if needed)

Wednesday, 17 September

Morning session in plenary (room Ravinala A): 09.00 - 12.30 hrs.

21. Report on the development of new Projects

The AEWA Secretariat will orally report on the developments of the following two new projects:

- a) *Strengthening of waterbird and wetland conservation capacity in Northern Africa (Doc. AEWA/MOP Inf. 4.1);*
- b) *Possible serial nomination of the Great Rift Valley as World Heritage Site.*
The Meeting will be invited to take note of these developments and to review and adopt draft Resolution 4.9 and attached thereto the Brochure on the Great Rift Valley (AEWA Res. 4.9).

22. Draft International Implementation Priorities 2009-2012

The Secretariat will introduce the draft International Implementation Priorities 2009-2012 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.23). The Meeting will be requested to review and adopt this document and the draft Resolution (AEWA Res. 4.10).

23. Proposal for Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement

The Secretariat will introduce the following issues:

- a) *All proposals (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.24) to amend the AEWA annexes received from Contracting Parties and the draft Resolution (AEWA Res. 4.11) linked thereto (see also AEWA/MOP Inf. 4.2);*
- b) *Guidance for interpretation of criteria used in Table 1 of the AEWA Action Plan (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.25) including the draft Resolution (AEWA Res. 4.12) linked thereto;*
- c) *Procedure for submission of proposals to amend the annexes to the Agreement including the draft Resolution (AEWA Res. 4.13) dealing with this issue.*

The Meeting will be requested to review and adopt these proposals, guidelines and procedure and draft Resolution 4.11, draft Resolution 4.12 and draft Resolution 4.13.

24. New Draft Conservation Guidelines

The Secretariat will introduce the Guidelines on how to avoid, minimize or mitigate the impact of infrastructural developments-related disturbance affecting waterbirds (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.26). The Meeting will be requested to review and adopt these Guidelines and the draft Resolution (AEWA Res. 4.14).

25. Climate change and migratory waterbird

The Secretariat will introduce a Report and Guidelines on climate change and migratory waterbirds mentioned below. The Meeting will be requested to review and adopt the Report, the Guideline, draft Resolution 4.14 and draft Resolution 4.15.

- a) Report on effects of climate change on migratory waterbirds within the African-Eurasian flyways (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.27 and AEWA Res. 4.15);
- b) Guidelines on the measures needed to help waterbirds adapt to climate change (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.28 and AEWA Res. 4.14).

Lunch 12.30 - 14.30 hrs.

Side Events:

13.00 - 13.45 hrs Avian influenza preventative measures in Madagascar

13.45 - 14.30 hrs Climate change and Non-native Species

Afternoon session in plenary (room Ravinala A): 14.30 - 16.00 hrs.

26. Latest information on Avian Influenza

A member of the CMS-led scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds will report on the ongoing work within this Task Force. This representative will also introduce the draft Resolution (AEWA Res. 4.16) on responding to the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1. The Meeting will be requested to take note of the ongoing work within the Task Force and to review and adopt draft Resolution 4.16.

27. Draft International Single Species Action Plans

The Secretariat will briefly introduce the different International Single Species Action Plans drafted over the past triennium as well as a revised format for AEWA SSAPs. The Meeting will be requested to review these Plans, the revised SSAP format and adopt the draft Resolution (AEWA Res. 4.17).

- a) Lesser Flamingo – *Phoeniconaias minor* (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.29);
- b) Eurasian Spoonbill – *Platalea leucorodia* (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.30);
- c) Black-tailed Godwit – *Limosa limosa* (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.31);
- d) Lesser White-fronted Goose – *Anser erythropus* (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.32);
- e) Maccoa Duck – *Oxyura maccoa* (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.33);
- f) White-winged Flufftail – *Sarothrura ayresi* (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.34);
- g) Madagascar Pond Heron – *Ardeola idae* (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.35);
- h) Revised format for AEWA Single Species Action Plans (Doc. AEWA/MOP 4.36).

Continuation of the afternoon session in Working Groups (rooms Ravinala A and B): 16.00 - 18.00 hrs.

- Working Group on Technical / Scientific matters to review agenda items 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27;
- Working Group on Administrative / Financial matters to review agenda items 21 and 30.

Evening session in Working Groups (room Ravinala A and B): 20.00 – 22.00 hrs. (if needed)

Thursday, 18 September

Mid Conference excursion – more information will be provided at a later stage.

Friday, 19 September

Morning session in plenary (room Ravinala A): 09.00 - 12.30 hrs.

28. Report of the Credentials Committee

The Chair of the Credentials Committee will inform the Meeting about the final findings regarding the credentials received.

29. Report on the implementation of the African-Eurasian Flyways GEF Project

A representative of Wings over Wetlands (WOW) UNEP-GEF African-Eurasian Flyways Project Team will orally inform the Meeting on progress made regarding the implementation of this project (Doc. AEWA/MOP Inf. 4.3).

30. Institutional arrangements

a) Standing Committee

The term of office of the current Members nominated on a geographical basis expires at the close of MOP4. The Meeting will be requested to identify new Members of the Standing Committee. Furthermore the Meeting will be requested to review and adopt the draft Resolution on Institutional Arrangements: Standing Committee (AEWA Res. 4.18).

b) Technical Committee

The Secretariat will introduce the modus operandi of the Technical Committee. In addition to this the Secretariat will inform the Meeting on the vacant positions within the Technical Committee. The Meeting will be requested to review and adopt the modus operandi of the Technical Committee and draft Resolution on Institutional Arrangements: Technical Committee (AEWA Res. 4.19).

c) Cooperation with Other Bodies and Processes

The Secretariat will inform the Meeting orally on cooperation with other intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies with whom institutional linkages are desirable.

- i. The conclusion of a Memorandum of Cooperation with OMPO - Oiseaux Migrateurs du Paléarctique Occidental (Doc. AEWA/MOP Inf. 4.4);*
- ii. Progress made regarding the conclusion of a Memorandum of Cooperation with CAFF – Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna.*

31. Developments of interest for the Agreement

The Secretariat and/or CMS Secretariat will inform the Meeting on recent developments that are or could be of importance to the Agreement. The Meeting will be requested to take note of these developments and to provide guidance and advice to the Secretariat on this.

- a) Agreement/MoU on Raptors and Owls in the African-Eurasian region (Doc. AEWA/MOP Inf. 4.5);*
- b) Launch of the Action Plan for the Central Asian Flyway (Doc. AEWA/MOP Inf. 4.6);*

32. Reports of Sessional Committees

Reports of the Sessional Committees will be presented on an ad hoc basis.

33. Adoption of the Resolutions and Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement

The Meeting will be invited to adopt, in its final session, the text of resolutions and recommendations forwarded to the plenary following the discussion in the working groups. Furthermore, the Meeting will be invited to adopt Resolution ‘Tribute to the organisers’ (AEWA Res. 4.20).

Lunch: 12.30 – 14.30 hrs.

Side Events:

<i>13.00 – 13.45 hrs</i>	<i>International Waterbird Census</i>
<i>13.45 – 14.30 hrs</i>	<i>World Migratory Bird Day</i>

Afternoon session in plenary (room Ravinala A): 14.30 - 17.00 hrs.

34. Adoption of the Report of the Meeting

A draft report of the Meeting will be presented for adoption as far as possible in the two working languages, with the understanding that the Secretariat will be entrusted with finalizing the text in the weeks following the Meeting.

35. Date and Venue of the 5th Session of the Meeting of the Parties

It is hoped that immediately prior to or during MOP4 one or more of the AEWA Parties will announce their candidacy to host the 5th Session of the Meeting of Parties, to be held in 2012 (AEWA Res. 4.21).

36. Any other business

Any other business not covered under the previous agenda items may be raised under this agenda item.

37. Closure of the meeting.

The Meeting is expected to close on Friday, 19 September at 17.00 hrs at the latest.