



**7<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
*26 – 27 November 2011, Bergen, Norway*

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME**

**1. Opening of the meeting**

*The Chair of the Standing Committee will open the meeting at 09.00 h. The Secretariat will be invited to make introductory remarks*

**2. Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme**

*The provisional agenda (Doc. StC 7.1 rev.1) and provisional schedule (Doc. StC 7.2) will be proposed for adoption.*

**3. Admission of Observers**

*The Chairperson will orally inform the members on the intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations present at this meeting. The members will be invited to admit the Observers.*

**4. Adoption of the draft Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee**

*The final draft Report of the 6th meeting of the Standing Committee (Doc. StC 7.4) will be proposed for adoption.*

**5. Reports by**

a. Standing Committee Members and Observers

*The members of the Standing Committee and observers will be invited to report on progress made regarding the accession to AEWA of Range States in their region and the implementation of the Agreement, on activities of interest for the Agreement, and on any other developments in their specific region/ organization of relevance to the Agreement.*

b. Technical Committee

*The Chairperson of the Technical Committee will report on the outcome of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee and possible other activities of the Technical Committee since the last meeting of the Standing Committee.*

c. Depositary

*The representative of the Depositary will provide the Meeting with the latest information on accession of Range States to the Agreement (Doc. StC 7.5).*

d. Secretariat

*The Secretariat will introduce the report on its activities (Doc. StC 7.6)*

**6. Outcomes of the CMS COP10 of relevance to AEWA**

*The Secretariat and/or the representative of the CMS Secretariat will summarize the main outcomes of CMS COP10 of direct relevance to the Agreement. The meeting will be invited to comment as appropriate.*

**7. Preparations for the 5<sup>th</sup> ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties**

*The representative of the Government of France will inform the Meeting on progress made regarding the hosting of MOP5.*

*The Secretariat will orally report on progress made regarding logistical and substantial preparation, and will highlight any issues requiring guidance from the Standing Committee.*

#### **8. National reports and online reporting process**

*The Secretariat will present a progress report on the national reporting cycle for MOP5 and the establishment of an online reporting system (Doc. StC 7.7). The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on national reporting and the online reporting system (StC 7.DR.1) and approve its submission to MOP5 for consideration.*

#### **9. International reviews**

*The Secretariat will report on progress in the preparation of the international Reviews that will be submitted to MOP5 (Doc. StC Inf. 7.4).*

#### **10. Implementation Review Process**

*The Secretariat will summarize orally progress in the IRP case concerning the conservation of the Sociable Lapwing (*Vanellus gregarius*) in Syria since the last Standing Committee meeting. A report from the Government of Syria is pending at the time this document is being finalized, and will be added to the documentation if received before the meeting. The meeting will be invited to consider the situation and make recommendations as appropriate.*

#### **11. Report on the implementation and revision of the AEWA International Implementation Tasks 2009-2016**

*The Secretariat will report orally on progress in the implementation of AEWA International Implementation Tasks. The meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on AEWA International Implementation Tasks 2012-2015 (Doc. StC 7.DR.2) and approve its submission to MOP5 for consideration.*

#### **12. Report on the implementation of the Wings Over Wetlands (WOW) UNEP-GEF African-Eurasian Flyways Project and post-WOW prospects**

*The Secretariat will report orally on the conclusion, outcomes and follow-up of the WOW project. WOW partners attending the meeting will be invited to make their considerations on the implementation of the project and desirable follow up. The meeting will be invited to take note of the report and comment as appropriate. The meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on Implementation of the WOW Project and post-WOW prospects (Doc. StC 7.DR.3) and approve its submission to MOP5 for consideration.*

#### **13. Report on the implementation and revision of the Communication Strategy**

*The Secretariat will present a progress report on the implementation of the Communication Strategy (Doc. StC 7.8). The meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on the implementation and revision of the Communication Strategy (Doc. StC 7.DR.4) and approve its submission to MOP5 for consideration.*

#### **14. World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)**

*The Secretariat will report orally on developments concerning the initiative since the last meeting of the Standing Committee.*

#### **15. Proposals for amendments to the Agreement and/ or its Annexes**

*The Secretariat will inform the meeting on received proposals for amendments to the Agreement and/or its annexes to be considered by MOP5. The chair of the Technical Committee will report on proposals emanating from the work of the Technical Committee. The meeting will be requested to review a draft resolution on the adoption of amendments to the AEWA Annex 3 (Doc. StC 7.DR.16, and background Docs. StC Inf 7.5 and 7.6), prepared in anticipation of the submission of the proposals emanating from the work of the Technical Committee .*

#### **16. New Arabic translation of the Agreement text**

*The Secretariat will report on progress in the preparation and consultation of a new Arabic version of the Agreement text and its annexes (Doc. StC 7.9).*

## **17. Draft International Single Species Action Plans and Management Plans**

*The Secretariat will present a summary report on the current state of production and coordination of new Single Species Action Plans and Species Management Plans (Doc. StC 7.10). The meeting will be requested to review the following newly developed and revised SSAPs and SMP and approve them on a temporary basis, as well as for submission to MOP5 for adoption:*

- a) Draft International Single Species Action Plan for the Slaty Egret (Doc. StC 7.11)*
- b) Draft International Single Species Action Plan for the Bewicks' Swan (Doc. StC 7.12)*
- c) Draft International Single Species Action Plan for the Greenland White-fronted Goose (Doc. StC 7.13)*
- d) Draft International Single Species Action Plan for the Red-breasted Goose (Doc. StC 7.14)*
- e) Draft International Single Species Action Plan for the Sociable Lapwing (Doc. StC 7.15)*
- f) Draft International Species Management Plan for the Svalbard Population of the Pink-footed Goose (Doc. StC 7.16)*

*The meeting will also be invited to review a draft resolution on the Adoption and Implementation of International Single Species Action Plans and Species Management Plans (StC 7.DR.5) and approve its submission to MOP5 for consideration.*

## **18. Plan of Action for the implementation of the African Initiative**

*The Secretariat will report orally on progress in the implementation of the African Initiative, notably the development of a Plan of Action for Africa. The current draft will be available for information (StC Inf. 7.5). The meeting will be requested to take note of the report and provide guidance as appropriate.*

## **19. Conservation Guidelines**

*The Chair of the Technical Committee will present the draft revised version of three existing conservation guidelines:*

- a) Draft Revised Conservation Guideline no 2: Guidelines on identifying and tackling emergency situations for migratory waterbirds (Doc. StC 7.17)*
- b) Draft Revised Conservation Guideline no 6: Guidelines on regulating trade in migratory waterbirds (Doc. StC 7.18)*
- c) Draft Revised Conservation Guideline no 10: Guidelines on avoidance of introductions of non-native waterbird species (Doc. StC 7.19)*

*The Chair of the Technical Committee will also present guidance on defining periods of breeding and pre-nuptial migration for migratory African-Eurasian waterbirds (Doc StC Inf 7.11).*

*The Secretariat will present new draft guidelines for mitigating/avoiding the conflict between migratory birds and electricity power grids in the African-Eurasian region (Doc. StC 7.20) and a draft Resolution on revised and new guidelines (StC 7.DR.6 Rev. 1).*

*The meeting will be requested to approve the newly developed and the draft revised guidelines and the draft resolution for submission to MOP5 for consideration.*

## **20. Issues affecting the conservation status of migratory waterbirds in the AEWA region**

*The Secretariat will introduce the following proposals:*

- a) Proposal for guidance on interpretation of the term "extreme fluctuations in population size or trend" applicable to Table 1 of the AEWA Action Plan (Doc. StC 7.21)*
- b) Proposal for amendment of the definition and the guidance on interpretation of the term "significant long-term decline" used in the context of Table 1 of the AEWA Action Plan as approved by Resolution 3.3 (Doc. StC 7.22)*

*and a related draft resolution concerning the adoption of amendments and new guidance for interpretation of criteria used in Table 1 of the AEWA Action Plan (StC 7.DR.8). The meeting will be invited to approve the submission of these proposals and the draft resolution to MOP5 for consideration.*

*The Secretariat will introduce the following draft Resolutions (and associated background documents where appropriate):*

- a) Adverse effects of agrochemicals on migratory waterbirds in Africa (StC 7.DR.7) (plus background document StC Inf. 7.8)*
- b) Climate change adaptation measures for waterbirds (StC 7.DR.9) (plus background document StC 7.23)*
- c) Waterbirds, wetlands and the impacts of extractive industries (StC 7.DR.10)*
- d) Impact of invasive alien aquatic weeds on waterbird habitats in Africa (StC 7.DR.11) (plus background document StC Inf. 7.10)*
- e) Renewable energy and migratory waterbirds (StC 7.DR.12)*

*The meeting will be invited to review these draft resolutions and approve their submission to MOP5 for consideration.*

*The Secretariat will introduce a review of the conflict between migratory birds and electricity power grids in the African-Eurasian region (StC. Inf. 7.9). The meeting will be invited to take note of the review.*

## **21. Institutional arrangements**

### **a. Standing Committee**

*The Secretariat will present draft Terms of Reference for AEWA Standing Committee Regional Members (Doc. StC 7.24). The meeting will be invited to review and endorse the Terms of Reference.*

*The Secretariat will introduce a draft resolution on institutional arrangements concerning the Standing Committee (StC 7.DR.13). The meeting will be invited to review the draft resolution and approve its submission to MOP5 for consideration.*

### **b. Technical Committee**

*The Secretariat will introduce a draft resolution on institutional arrangements concerning the Technical Committee (StC 7.DR.14). The meeting will be invited to review the draft resolution and approve its submission to MOP5 for consideration.*

### **c. Cooperation with other bodies and processes**

*The Secretariat will report orally on progress in the cooperation with other bodies and processes.*

## **22. Financial and administrative matters**

### **a. Execution of the 2009-2012 budget**

*The Secretariat will report on income and expenditures in the period 2009-2011, and make some proposals for fund reallocation (Doc. StC 7.25). The Meeting will be invited to take note of the report, and decide on the Secretariat's proposal for fund reallocation.*

### **b. Draft Budget Proposal 2013-2016**

*The Secretariat will present elements of the budget proposal for the period 2013-2015 (or 2016) (Doc. StC 7.26). The meeting will be requested to provide guidance on the preparation of the full proposal to be submitted in advance of MOP5.*

### **c. Administrative and personnel matters**

*The Executive Secretary of CMS will report on progress in the recruitment of the Executive Secretary of AEWA, including the possible reclassification of the post. The Standing Committee will be invited to take note of the report, and provide guidance as appropriate concerning the possible reclassification of the post. The Secretariat will report on other administrative and personnel matters.*

### **23. Other draft resolutions**

*The Secretariat will introduce some other draft Resolutions, including:*

- a) AEWA's contribution to delivering the Aichi 2020 biodiversity targets (StC 7.DR.15)*
- b) Date, venue and funding of the 6<sup>th</sup> session of the MOP (StC 7.DR.17)*
- c) Tribute to the organizers (StC 7.DR.18)*

*The meeting will be invited to review these draft resolutions and approve their submission to MOP5 for consideration.*

### **24. Selection of the AEWA Waterbird Conservation Award winners**

*The Secretariat will orally inform the Meeting about the outcome of the call for nominations for the AEWA Waterbird Conservation Award. The Meeting will be requested to select the winners in both categories.*

### **25. Date and venue of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee**

### **26. Any other business**

### **27. Closure of the meeting**

## PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

*26 November 2011 (Saturday)*

### **Morning session, 09.00-12.30h**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme
3. Admission of Observers
4. Adoption of the draft Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee
- 5.b Report by the Technical Committee
6. Outcomes of the CMS COP10 of relevance to AEWA
7. Preparations for the 5<sup>th</sup> ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties
8. National reports and online reporting process
11. Report on the implementation and revision of the AEWA International Implementation Tasks 2009-2016

### **Lunch break, 12.30-14.30h**

### **Afternoon session, 14.30-18.00h**

- 22.a Execution of the 2009-2012 budget
  - 22.c Administrative and personnel matters
  - 22.b Draft budget proposal 2013-2016
  13. Report on the implementation and revision of the Communication Strategy
  17. Draft International Single Species Action Plans and Species Management Plans
  20. Issues affecting the conservation status of migratory waterbirds in the AEWA region
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*27 November 2011 (Sunday)*

### **Morning session, 09.00-12.30h**

- 5.a Reports by Standing Committee Members and Observers
- 5.c Report by the Depositary

- 5.d Report by the Secretariat
- 9. International Reviews
- 12. Report on the implementation of the Wings Over Wetlands (WOW) UNEP-GEF African-Eurasian Flyways Project and post-WOW prospects
- 19. Conservation Guidelines
- 21.a Institutional arrangements: Standing Committee
- 21.b Institutional arrangements: Technical Committee
- 23. Other draft resolutions

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- 21.c Cooperation with other bodies and processes
- 24. Selection of the AEWA Award winners
- 25. Date and Venue of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee
- 26. Any other business
- 27. Closure of the meeting