

Terms of Reference for the African Sub-regional National Focal Point Coordinators

The African Sub-regional Focal Point Coordinators to be identified among the AEWA National Focal Points in each sub-region, in accordance with the AEWA Resolution 5.9 on the “*Implementation of the African Initiative for the Conservation of Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats in Africa*”, will be appointed by the AEWA National Focal Points in their respective region; will have the full support of their respective Government and/or host institution to enable them execute the responsibilities assigned to them (including their time, availability and if applicable, funds for attending relevant meetings¹); and will have the necessary language skills to ensure effective communication with the AEWA National Focal Points in their respective sub-regions.

The will play an advisory, motivating and guiding role for promoting the implementation of the AEWA African Initiative, particularly the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa (PoAA) 2012-2017 at the level of their respective sub-regions, through the following:

- Liaise with the AEWA Secretariat and the Technical Support Unit based in the Tour du Valat Research Station in France, to provide guidance and information for the planning and development of activities aimed at implementing the AEWA PoAA in their respective sub-regions, and engaging actively in the implementation and reporting of these activities through encouraging the engagement of the AEWA National Focal Points in their respective sub-regions as relevant, encouraging the engagement of other relevant stakeholders within their sub-region, facilitating access to data and information in their sub-region, as appropriate and feasible;
- Liaise with the AEWA National Focal Points in their respective sub-regions to identify priorities for the sub-region and provide them guidance as relevant and appropriate on activities which are coordinated and/or led by the AEWA Secretariat, Technical Support Unit in France and/or other AEWA Partners involved in supporting the implementation of the AEWA PoAA;
- Promote the implementation and reporting of activities in the AEWA PoAA by the Range States within their respective sub-regions;
- Stimulate and encourage the development and reporting of sub-regional and/or transboundary activities and initiatives aimed at implementing the AEWA PoAA within their sub-region.

¹ General rules and criteria for eligibility to travel support as defined by the Meeting of the Parties will be applicable to Sub-regional National Focal Point Coordinators when attending AEWA meetings in their coordinator capacity.