

Terms of Reference

Technical Support Unit offered by the Government of France to support the implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa (PoAA) 2012-2017 on the ground

The Technical Support Unit based in the Tour du Valat Research Station will directly report to the Government of France, directly liaise with the sub-regional Focal Point Coordinators and AEWA National Focal Points in Africa and maintain regular contact and coordinate with the AEWA Secretariat for activities aimed at supporting the implantation of the AEWA PoAA 2012-2017 on the ground.

In order to facilitate planning and monitor progress in implementation of activities supported by the Technical Support Unit based in the Tour du Valat, a Steering Group will be set up, composed of:

- representatives of the technical support unit based in Tour du Valat,
- representatives of the Government of France,
- representatives of the AEWA Secretariat,
- a designated representative of the African AEWA Parties.

The Steering Group will meet twice a year. In case representatives cannot attend, other means of communication (teleconference, Skype, etc.) should be used.

Responsibilities

Provision of technical support to the sub-regional Focal Point Coordinators to be identified among the AEWA National Focal Points (NFPs) in each sub-region and who will guide implementation at the sub-regional level:

- Provide technical advice to African sub-regional Focal Point Coordinators for the implementation of activities pertaining to the given sub-region;
- Keep the relevant sub-regional Focal Point Coordinators informed about activities and support provided at the national level to countries in their sub-region;
- Seek advice and support from the relevant sub-regional Focal Point Coordinators in the planning, development and implementation of projects/activities aimed at supporting the implementation of the AEWA PoAA on the ground;
- Support the **sub-regional Focal Point Coordinators** with fund-raising proposals aimed at supporting the implementation of activities in the PoAA, in liaison with the fund-raising activities of the AEWA Secretariat.

Provision of technical support to the AEWA African National Focal Points for the implementation of activities prescribed in the AEWA PoAA 2012-2017

- Liaise with the AEWA National Focal Points and other relevant stakeholders at the national level, for planning, development and implementation of activities and projects which contribute to the implementation on the ground of the AEWA PoAA 2012-2017, particularly those activities to be led by the National Focal Point (such as those linked to surveys and monitoring, national inventories, etc.)
- Boost the existing network of the AEWA National Focal Points to promote effective circulation of information and capitalize the achievements and results.

Communication with the AEWA Secretariat for activities conducted in the framework of the AEWA African Initiative:

- Have regular bilateral contacts with the AEWA Secretariat about the planning, development and implementation of activities conducted with the sub-regional Focal Point Coordinators and AEWA National Focal Points in Africa, to support the implementation of the AEWA PoAA on the ground;
- Maintain a regular exchange of information with the AEWA Secretariat about public awareness activities in relation to the support for the implementation of the AEWA PoAA on the ground.

Activities aimed at supporting the implementation of the AEWA PoAA 2012-2017 on the ground (see table below):

- The activities will be planned and developed based on the priorities outlined in the AEWA PoAA 2012-2017, in collaboration with the African sub-regional Focal Point Coordinators and with the knowledge of the AEWA Secretariat (in order to avoid duplication of activities);
- The above activities will be organized and implemented directly with the sub-regional Focal Point Coordinators and/or AEWA National Focal Points, as relevant;
- The support provided will focus on activities specified in the AEWA PoAA 2012-2017, particularly those related to supporting and improving national capacity for survey and monitoring, inventorying, site twinning, etc. (see table below).

Highest priority activities in the AEWA PoAA to be supported by the TSU

<p align="center">Expected results for implementing targets of priority objectives of the PoA for Africa (Annex I of Res 5.9)</p> <p align="center">Indicative selection of most relevant expected results for TSU</p>	<p align="center">Priority for TSU</p> <p align="center">(1: highest)</p>
<p>1.2.1 All CPs have identified and recognised key sites that contribute to a comprehensive network of sites for migratory waterbirds</p>	<p align="center">1</p>
<p>1.2.2 All CPs have provided protection status or other designation to the sites within the network</p>	<p align="center">3</p>
<p>1.2.3 All CPs have put in place site management plans that cater for the needs of waterbird conservation, and implement them for the key network sites</p>	<p align="center">2</p>
<p>2.2.1: Report on Harvest Regimes in Africa (including proposals for management and monitoring options) which informs the revision and update of the AEWA Conservation Guidelines on sustainable harvest of migratory waterbirds</p>	<p align="center">1</p>
<p>3.1.1: Increased quantity and quality of waterbird population data from Africa is available</p>	<p align="center">1</p>
<p>CT/4.1: At least two trainers in each African Range State have been trained on delivering training through the Flyway Training Kit (FTK)</p>	<p align="center">2</p>
<p>CT/4.3: The FTK has been incorporated into the curricula of at least five wildlife training institutions in Africa</p>	<p align="center">1</p>