**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE**

1. **Opening of the Meeting**

*The Chair of MOP5 will make a statement and launch the official opening ceremony.*

1. **Adoption of the Rules of Procedure**

*The Rules of Procedure (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.2) will be proposed for adoption.*

1. **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.*

1. **Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Schedule**

*The Provisional Agenda and Meeting Schedule (Docs. AEWA/MOP 6.3 Rev.2 and AEWA/MOP 6.4 Rev.2) will be proposed for adoption.*

*Possible items to be discussed under agenda item 31. Any Other Business, should be identified. The possible need of closed sessions should also be identified.*

1. **Establishment of Credentials Committee and Sessional Committees**

*The Meeting will be 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, and electing its Chair.*

*The Meeting will be further invited to establish, and elect Chairs for the Finance & Administration Working Group and the Scientific & Technical Working Group to meet in parallel during the course of the Meeting. The Meeting may wish to establish additional Sessional Committees as the need arises.*

1. **Admission of Observers**

*The Meeting will be invited to admit representatives of non-Contracting Parties, IGOs, international and national NGOs (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.5 Rev.2) that meet the criteria set out in Article VI, paragraph 4, of the Agreement, as Observers.*

1. **Opening Statements**

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

1. **AEWA Waterbird Conservation Award Presentation Ceremony**

*The Chair of the Standing Committee will present the AEWA Awards to the laureates during the official opening ceremony.*

1. **Reports by:**
2. **The Standing Committee**

*The Chair of the Standing Committee will briefly introduce his report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.6) on the activities of the Standing Committee since MOP5.*

1. **The Technical Committee**

*With reference to his written report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.7), the Chair of the Technical Committee will inform the Meeting on the activities of the Technical Committee.*

1. **The Depositary**

*The representative of the Depositary will be invited to report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.8) on activities as Depositary, notably with respect to acceptance of instruments of accession/ratification.*

1. **The Secretariat**

*The Secretariat will introduce its report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.9) regarding its activities since MOP5.*

1. **UNEP**

*The representative of UNEP will be invited to present his report.*

1. **Common CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communication and Awareness-raising Team**

*The Secretariat will report on the pilot phase of the common CMS/AEWA Information, Communication and Awareness-raising Team (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.10 Rev.1).*

1. **a. Outcomes of the CMS COP11 and Other Developments of Relevance to AEWA**

*The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) will present major outcomes of the CMS 11th Conference of the Parties (4- 9 November 2014, Quito, Ecuador) – see AEWA/MOP6 Inf.6.2 to Inf.6.6 - and other developments of particular relevance to the Agreement, such as the Independent Analysis on Common Services and Synergies in the CMS Family (Doc. AEWA/MOP Inf.6.8), and the CMS 44th Standing Committee Decision on Enhancing Synergies and Common Services Among the CMS Family Insruments (AEWA/MOP Inf.6.12).*

**b. Outcomes of the Ramsar COP12 of Relevance to AEWA**

*The Senior Advisor for Europe of the Ramsar Secretariat will present major outcomes of the   
12th Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (1-9 June 2015, Punta del Este, Uruguay) of relevance to the Agreement.*

1. **Implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2012 – 2017**

*The Secretariat will introduce the report on the implementation of the African Initiative and the Plan of Action for Africa 2012-2017 since MOP5 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.11).*

1. **Implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009 – 2017**

*The Secretariat will present the conclusions and recommendations of the Standing Committee on the progress of implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.12). The Secretariat will then introduce two draft resolutions AEWA/MOP6 DR14 and AEWA/MOP6 DR15. The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the draft resolutions.*

1. **Analysis and Synthesis of National Reports**

*The Secretariat will present the main conclusions from the analysis of national reports for the triennium 2012-2014 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.13).*

1. **International Reviews**

*The representative of Wetlands International will present the 6th Edition of the Conservation Status Report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.14), the update on the report on the Status of Introduced Non-native Waterbird Species and Hybrids (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.15) and the report of the Status of Preparation and Implementation of AEWA Single Species Action Plans, Multi Species Action Plans, as well as International Single Species Management Plan (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.16 Rev.1).*

1. **Implementation Review Process**

*The Secretariat will present the Standing Committee report on the AEWA Implementation Review Process for the period 2012-2015 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.17).*

1. **Report on the Implementation and Revision of the AEWA International Implementation Tasks 2012-2015**

*The Meeting will be invited to review the progress made towards the implementation of the AEWA International Implementation Tasks (IITs) 2012-2015 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.18). The Secretariat will introduce the proposed list of IITs for 2016-2018 (Doc. AEWA/MOP6 DR13) and the Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the draft resolution.*

1. **Financial and Administrative Matters**

*The Secretariat will introduce the following documents and draft resolutions:*

*a) Report on finance and administrative issues over the period 2013-2015 (Doc. AEWA/  
 MOP 6.19),*

*b) Draft budget proposal for 2016-2018 (Docs. AEWA/MOP 6.20 Rev.1 and AEWA/MOP6 DR18 Rev.1),*

*c) Resource Mobilisation for the Implementation of the African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) (Doc. AEWA/MOP6 DR21).*

*The Meeting will be invited to consider the report on finance and administrative issues and the budget proposal and adopt the latter through the draft resolution.*

1. **Report on the Implementation of the Communication Strategy and Adoption of the New Communication Strategy**

*The Secretariat will report on the Communication Strategy implementation and will present the new draft AEWA Communication Strategy (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.21). The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt draft resolution AEWA/MOP6 DR10 Rev.1.*

1. **Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement and/ or its Annexes**

*The Secretariat will present the proposals to the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties for Amendments to Annexes 2 and 3 of the Agreement submitted by the Government of Norway (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.22 Add.1) and summarise the comments from the Parties received on these proposals. The Secretariat will introduce draft resolution AEWA/MOP6 DR1 and the Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt it.*

1. **Adoption of the New Arabic Translation of the Agreement Text[[1]](#footnote-1)**

*The Secretariat will introduce a new draft official Arabic version of the Agreement text (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.23), subject to the incorporation of the MOP6-approved amendments to the Annexes of the Agreement. The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt draft resolution AEWA/MOP6 DR2.*

1. **Waterbird Monitoring along the African-Eurasian Flyways**

*The Secretariat and the representative of Wetlands International will report on the Development of Waterbird Monitoring along the African-Eurasian flyways (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.24).*

*The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on Strengthening Monitoring of Migratory Waterbirds (Doc. AEWA/MOP6 DR3) and adopt it.*

1. **International Single Species and Multi-species Action Plans and Management Plans**

*The Meeting will be requested to review the following newly developed and revised Species Action Plans:*

*a) Draft ISSAP for the Grey Crowned Crane (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.25),*

*b) Draft ISSAP for the Taiga Bean Goose (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.26),*

*c) Draft ISSAP for the Long-tailed Duck (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.27),*

*d) Draft ISSAP for the Eurasian Curlew (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.28),*

*e) Draft ISSAP for the Shoebill (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.29),*

*f) Draft IMSAP for the Conservation of Benguela Upwelling System Coastal Seabirds. (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.30),*

*g) Draft revised ISSAP for the Northern Bald Ibis (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.32).*

*The Secretariat will present Criteria for prioritising AEWA populations for Action and Management Planning and for retirement of ISSAPs, as well as Guidance on the definition of Principal Range States in Action Plans (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.33).*

*The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on Adoption and Implementation of International Single Species and Multi-Species Action and Management Plans (Doc. AEWA/MOP6 DR8) and adopt it.*

1. **Conservation Guidelines, Guidance and Definitions**

*The Secretariat will present four documents for consideration:*

1. *Guidance on measures in national legislation for different populations of the same species, particularly with respect to hunting and trade (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.34),*
2. *Draft Guidelines on National Legislation for the Protection of Species of Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.35),*
3. *Draft revised Guidelines on Sustainable Harvest of Migratory Waterbirds (Doc. AEWA/  
   MOP 6.36),*
4. *Guidelines for Sustainable Deployment for Renewable Energy Technologies (Doc. AEWA/  
   MOP 6.37).*

*The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on the Revision and Adoption of Conservation Guidelines (AEWA/MOP6 DR5) and a draft resolution on the Adoption of Guidance and definitions in the context of Implementation of the AEWA Action Plan (AEWA/MOP6 DR7) and adopt them.*

1. **Issues Affecting the Conservation Status of Migratory Waterbirds in the AEWA Region**

*The Secretariat will present the following three documents:*

1. *Review of the Occurrence and Magnitude of the Conflict between Migratory Animals and Renewable Technologies Deployment (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.38),*
2. *Review of potential impacts of marine fisheries on migratory seabirds within the Afrotropical region (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.39),*
3. *Review of the status, threats and conservation priorities for the seabird populations covered by the Agreement (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.40).*

*The Secretariat will then present draft resolutions on:*

1. *Conservation and Sustainable use of Migratory Birds (AEWA/MOP6 DR4 Rev. 1),*
2. *Update Guidance on Climate Change Adaptation Measures for Waterbirds (AEWA/MOP6 DR6),*
3. *Improving the Conservation Status of African-Eurasian Seabirds (AEWA/MOP6 DR9 Rev.1),*
4. *Addressing Impacts of Renewable Energy Deployment on Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA/MOP6 DR11),*
5. *Avoiding Unnecessary Additional Mortality for Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA/MOP6 DR12).*

*The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt these draft resolutions.*

1. **Institutional Arrangements**
2. **Standing Committee**

*The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on Institutional arrangements: Standing Committee (AEWA/MOP6 DR16) and adopt it.*

1. **Technical Committee**

*The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on Institutional arrangements: Technical Committee (AEWA/MOP6 DR17) and adopt it.*

1. **Reports of the Credentials and Sessional Committees**

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

*Reports of the Sessional Committees will be presented on an* ad hoc *basis, as required.*

1. **Adoption of the Resolutions and Amendments to the Annexes of the Agreement**

*The Meeting will be invited to adopt, in its final plenary session, the text of resolutions and recommendations forwarded to the plenary following the discussions in the working groups. Furthermore, the Meeting will be invited to express tribute to the Organisers through draft resolution AEWA/MOP6 DR20.*

1. **Date and Venue of the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties**

*Parties were invited in advance to consider hosting the 7th Session of the Meeting of Parties and to announce their proposals prior to or during MOP6. The Meeting will be invited to decide on the date and venue of its next session by adopting draft resolution AEWA/MOP6 DR19.*

1. **Adoption of the Report of the Meeting**

*A draft report of the Meeting will be presented for adoption, as far as possible in both working languages. Should this prove difficult, the Meeting will be invited to consider requesting the Secretariat to finalise the text in consultation with the Chair within the following weeks.*

1. **Any Other Business**

*Any other business not covered under the previous agenda items may be raised here.*

1. **Closure of the Meeting**

| **DATE/TIME** | **PLENARY/**  **WORKING GROUP** | **AGENDA ITEM** |
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| **MONDAY 9 November 2015** | | |
| 9:00 – 12:00 | PLENARY | Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting  Agenda Item 8 : AEWA Waterbird Conservation Award Presentation Ceremony  Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Rules of Procedure  Agenda Item 3: Election of Officers  Agenda Item 4: Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Schedule  Agenda Item 5; Establishment of Credentials and Sessional Committees  Agenda Item 6: Admission of Observers  Agenda Item 7: Opening Statements  Agenda Item 9a: Report by the Standing Committee  Agenda Item 9b: Report by the Technical Committee |
| **12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break** | | |
| 13:30 – 15:15 | PLENARY | Agenda Item 9c: Report by the Depositary  Agenda Item 9d: Report by the Secretariat  Agenda Item 9e: Report by UNEP  Agenda Item 10: Report on the Pilot Phase of the Joint AEWA/CMS/AEWA Information  Management, Communications and Awareness-raising Team  Agenda Item 11a: Outcomes of CMS COP11 and Other Developments of Relevance to AEWA |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | PLENARY | Migratory Species Champion Programme Session (*introduction and presentation of certificates*) |
| 16:00 – 18:00 | PLENARY | AEWA’s 20th Anniversary Celebration |
| **TUESDAY 10 November 2015** | | |
| 9:00 – 12:00 | PLENARY | Agenda Item 11b: Outcomes of the Ramsar COP12 of Relevance to AEWA  Agenda Item 12: Implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa  Agenda Item 13: Implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017  Agenda Item 14: Analysis and Synthesis of National Reports  Agenda Item 15: International Reviews  Agenda Item 16: Implementation Review Process  Agenda Item 17: Report on the Implementation and Revision of the AEWA International  Implementation Tasks 2012-2015  Agenda Item 20: Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement and/or its Annexes  Agenda Item 22: Waterbird Monitoring along the African-Eurasian Flyways |
| **12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break** | | |
| 14:00 – 18:30 | PLENARY | Agenda Item 23: International Single Species and Multi-species Actions Plans and Management  Plans  Agenda Item 24: Conservation Guidelines, Guidances and Definitions  Agenda Item 19: Implementation of the Communication Strategy and Adoption of the New  Communication Strategy |
| **WEDNESDAY 11 November 2015** | | |
| 09:00 – 12:00 | PLENARY | Agenda Item 25: Issues affecting the Conservation Status of Migratory Waterbirds in the AEWA  Region  Agenda Item 21: Adoption of the New Arabic Translation of the Agreement Text  Agenda Item 18: Financial and Administrative Matters  Agenda Item 26a: Institutional Arrangements: Standing Committee  Agenda Item 26b: Institutional Arrangements: Technical Committee  Agenda Item 27: Report of the Credentials Committee |
| **12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break** | | |
| 14:00 – 18:30 | WG1 SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL | *Working Group 1 will consider the following agenda items in detail:*  Agenda Item 17: Report on the Implementation and Revision of the AEWA International  Implementation Tasks 2012-2015  Agenda Item 20: Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement and/or its Annexes  Agenda Item 22: Waterbird Monitoring along the African-Eurasian Flyways  Agenda Item 23: International Single Species and Multi-species Actions Plans and Management  Plans  Agenda Item 24: Conservation Guidelines, Guidances and Definitions  Agenda Item 25: Issues affecting the Conservation Status of Migratory Waterbirds in the AEWA  Region  Agenda Item 26b: Institutional Arrangements: Technical Committee (*in particular the proposed*  *TC Work Plan for 2016-2018*) |
| 14:00 – 18:30 | WG2 FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION | *Working Group 2 will consider the following agenda items in detail:*  Agenda Item 10: Joint CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communications and Awareness  -raising Team  Agenda Item 18: Financial and Administrative Matters  Agenda Item 19: Implementation of the Communication Strategy and Adoption of the New  Communication Strategy  Agenda Item 21: Adoption of the New Arabic Translation of the Agreement Text |
| **THURSDAY 12 November 2015** | | |
| 9:00 – 12:00 | WG1 SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL | *Continuation of Working Group 1 business from previous day* |
| 9:00 – 12:00 | WG2 FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION | *Continuation of Working Group 2 business from previous day* |
| **12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break** | | |
| 14:00 – 18:30 | WG1 SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL | *Continuation of Working Group 1 business from previous day* |
| 14:00 – 18:30 | WG2 FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION | *Continuation of Working Group 2 business from previous day* |
| **FRIDAY 13 November 2015** | | |
| All day |  | * Excursions for delegates   - Wadden See Flyway Initiative workshop “*Strengthening cooperation and World Heritage sites along the East Atlantic Flyway in Africa*” (upon invitation)   * Secretariat to finalise revised versions of documents for adoption |
| **SATURDAY 14 November 2015** | | |
| 9:00 – 12:00 | PLENARY | Agenda Item 27: Report of the Credentials and Sessional Committees  Agenda Item 28: Adoption of the Resolutions and Amendments to the Annexes of the Agreement |
| **12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break** | | |
| 14:00 – 17:00 | PLENARY | Agenda Item 28: Adoption of the Resolutions and Amendments to the Annexes of the Agreement  Agenda Item 29: Dates and Venue of the 7th Meeting of the Parties  Agenda Item 30: Adoption of the Report of the Meeting  Agenda Item 31: Any Other Business  Agenda Item 32: Closure of the Meeting |

1. *This issue is still pending; thus documents AEWA/MOP 6.23 and AEWA/MOP6 DR2 are not yet available.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)