**Questionnaire for Contracting Parties to the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) regarding the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties, scheduled for 5-9 October 2021, Budapest, Hungary**

At its 17th Meeting on 30 June 2021 the Standing Committee closely analyzed the development of the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and discussed about the venue, format and date of the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP8) to AEWA in this context.

After the discussion it was concluded that a final decision concerning MOP8 would be taken the 28th July 2021, when the Committee will convene again for its 18th Meeting (StC18). The Standing Committee decided to launch a consultation process involving all AEWA National Focal Points through the Regional Representatives of the Committee to receive information about the individual possibilities of and restrictions faced by AEWA Parties to be attending MOP8.

The Secretariat, in close cooperation with the Standing Committee, has prepared this questionnaire that you are kindly requested to fill out in your capacity as AEWA National Focal Point **by 19 July 2021** to enable the Standing Committee to take a decision on MOP8 at its 18th Meeting (StC18), scheduled to take place in the last week of July. It is expected that all participants should be fully vaccinated to be allowed to enter Hungary and attend the meeting with the highest degree of security.

1. In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, do you expect your delegation to be allowed to travel and also to obtain flight connections to Hungary and back home in early October 2021?

Yes □ No □ Uncertain □

Comments:

1. Do all members of your delegation have full COVID-19 vaccination status?

Yes □ No □

Comments:

1. If no, do you expect to be able to obtain a full vaccination status of all members of your delegation in time by mid-September?

Yes □ No □ Uncertain □

Comments:

1. If yes, is the vaccination you already received or expect to obtain approved and recognized in the EU/ Hungary (BioNTech/ Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson)?

Yes □ No □ Uncertain □

1. If you answered ‘no’ or ‘uncertain’ under questions 2, 3 and/or 4, would you accept to receive a vaccination, offered by Hungary and organized for you by the Secretariat and Hungary to be given in your country, to enable you travel to Hungary in early October?

Yes □ No □ Uncertain □

1. Do you expect a mandatory quarantine at your return to your country, should you travel to Hungary?

Yes □ No □ Uncertain □

1. If yes, would this prevent you from attending MOP8?

Yes □ No □ Uncertain □

1. Would it be acceptable for your delegation to participate in a hybrid meeting (part of the delegations in-person in Budapest/ part of the delegations participating online)?

Yes □ No □

1. Under the current circumstances, would you accept to join an in-person meeting in Budapest on 5 – 9 October 2021?

Yes □ No □ Uncertain □

1. What is your preference among the following options:

In-person meeting in Budapest on 5–9 October 2021 □

Hybrid meeting on 5–9 October 2021 (some delegations in Budapest /some delegations virtually) □

Full virtual meeting through an online platform □

Postponing MOP8 to 2022 in view of having an in-person meeting \* □

\*This option would imply the adoption of a budget for 2022 through a virtual meeting in late 2021 to enable the Secretariat to continue functioning beyond the current budgetary period of 2019-2021. A host country for MOP8 in 2022 will need to be identified.

**Your contact details:**

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Please return the questionnaire to your Regional Representative or directly to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat: [aewa.secretariat@unep-aewa.org](file:///C:\Users\Sergey%20Dereliev.DESKTOP-T2T0H0B\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\KALT3RG9\aewa.secretariat@unep-aewa.org) by **16 July 2021**