

29th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
26-27 August 2026, Virtual Meeting Format

**GUIDELINES FOR REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE AEWA STANDING COMMITTEE
TO MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Information for the reports shall be collated by Regional Representatives from the Contracting Parties of their respective region (see Annex 1) through National Focal Points or other useful contacts.

The reports should be submitted in writing to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat no later than 8 days prior to the Standing Committee (StC) Meeting.

The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat will provide the Regional Representatives with an address list of national Focal Points which is also available on the AEWA website. Along with their reports, Regional Representatives are requested to submit an updated version of this list of Focal Points for their region.

Each report should contain information on the following issues:

1. Number of Contracting Parties in the region / number of Range States in the region. New accessions since the previous StC meeting.
2. Number of Contracting Parties that provided feedback for the report.
3. Has the Regional Representative actively promoted accession to AEWA among the Range States in their region? If so, how has accession been promoted by the Regional Representative and what was the feedback received?
4. Which developments regarding the implementation of AEWA have taken place in the region since the last Meeting of the Parties?
5. Overview of special activities and/or meetings related to AEWA.
6. Overview of special issues that might be of interest to the StC.
7. Any other relevant information.

Annexes:

Annex I: AEWA Contracting and Non-Contracting Parties Listed by Region

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Annex I: AEWA Contracting Parties and Non-Party Range States Listed by Regions

Region	Names of AEWA Range States <i>(current Contracting Parties written in bold)</i>
Europe	Albania
	Andorra
	Armenia
	Austria
	Azerbaijan
	Belarus
	Belgium
	Bosnia-Herzegovina
	Bulgaria
	Canada
	Croatia
	Cyprus
	Czech Republic
	Denmark
	Estonia
	Finland
	France
	Georgia
	Germany
	Greece
	Iceland
	Israel
	Italy
	Ireland
	Hungary
	Latvia
	Liechtenstein
	Lithuania
	Luxembourg
	Malta
	Republic of Moldova
	Monaco
	Montenegro
	The Netherlands
	North Macedonia
	Norway
	Poland
	Portugal
	Romania
	Russian Federation
	San Marino
	Serbia
	Slovakia
	Slovenia
	Spain
	Sweden
	Switzerland
	Türkiye
	Ukraine

Region	Names of AEWA Range States (<i>current Contracting Parties written in bold</i>)
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Central Asia	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
	Kazakhstan
	Turkmenistan
	Uzbekistan
Middle East	Bahrain
	Iraq
	Jordan
	Kuwait
	Lebanon
	Oman
	Qatar
	Saudi Arabia
	Syrian Arab Republic
	United Arab Emirates
	Yemen
Northern Africa	Algeria
	Egypt
	Libya
	Morocco
	Tunisia
Western Africa	Benin
	Burkina Faso
	Cabo Verde
	Côte d'Ivoire
	Gambia
	Ghana
	Guinea
	Guinea-Bissau
	Liberia
	Mali
	Mauritania
	Niger
	Nigeria
	Senegal
	Sierra Leone
	Togo
Central Africa	Cameroon
	Central African Republic
	Chad
	Congo
	Democratic Republic of Congo
	Equatorial Guinea
	Gabon
	Sao Tome and Principe
Eastern Africa	Burundi
	Djibouti
	Eritrea
	Ethiopia
	Kenya
	Rwanda
	Somalia

Region	Names of AEWA Range States <i>(current Contracting Parties written in bold)</i>
	South Sudan
	Sudan
	Uganda
	United Republic of Tanzania
Southern Africa	Angola
	Botswana
	Comoros
	Eswatini
	Lesotho
	Madagascar
	Malawi
	Mauritius
	Mozambique
	Namibia
	Seychelles
	South Africa
	Zambia
	Zimbabwe

Annex II: Guidelines for Contracting Parties Contributing to the Regional Reports

Contributions to the regional report should be concise and cover items of a substantive nature that contribute to the aims of the Agreement. This may include:

- a. Legal and policy changes (250 words max.). Please provide a summary of any legal and/or policy changes which have occurred **since** the last MOP, including an explanation on how they contribute to the delivery of the aims of convention.
- b. New and/or ongoing projects implementing AEWA objectives (250 words max.). Provide a short overview of any **substantive** projects and briefly describe how they contribute to the aims/objectives of the convention. These can be projects that have started since the last MOP and/or ongoing projects.
- c. Briefly (250 words max.) provide an overview of any meetings relevant to AEWA aims and objectives that you have participated in since the last StC meeting.
- d. Briefly (250 words max.) provide an overview of any new/emerging issues you wish to bring to StC's attention, in particular where this relates to transboundary threats to AEWA populations for example due to disease outbreaks.

Annex III: Tasks and Composition of the AEWA StC
(as set out in Resolutions 2.6, 4.6, 4.17, 5.17, 7.1, 8.3, 8.10, 8.12, 9.2, 9.3, 9.6, 9.9 and 9.10
of the Agreement)

1. Tasks of the StC:

- Carry out between sessions of the Meeting of the Parties, such interim activity on behalf of the Meeting as may be necessary;
- Make recommendations for consideration at the next session of the Meeting of the Parties;
- Oversee, on behalf of the Parties, the development and execution of the Secretariat's budget as derived from the Trust Fund and other sources, and also all aspects of fund-raising undertaken by the Secretariat in order to carry out specific functions authorised by the Meeting of the Parties;
- Oversee, as the representative of the Meeting of the Parties, the implementation of policy by the Secretariat and conduct of the Secretariat's programmes;
- Provide guidance and advice to the Secretariat on implementation of the Agreement, on the preparation of meetings, and on any other matters relating to the exercise of the Secretariat's functions brought to it by the Secretariat;
- Represent the Meeting of the Parties, vis-à-vis the Government of the host country of the Secretariat's headquarters, the United Nations Environment Programme and other international organisations for consideration of matters relating to the Agreement and its Secretariat;
- Act as bureau at the sessions of the Meeting of the Parties, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Meeting of the Parties;
- Report to the Meeting of the Parties on the activities that have been carried out between ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties;
- Undertake the tasks defined in Resolution 4.6 and 5.17 regarding the AEWA Implementation Review Process (IRP), until a further decision of the MOP;
- Undertake the tasks defined in Resolution 9.2 regarding the implementation of the Agreement and its Strategic Plan;
- Undertake the tasks defined in Resolution 9.3 regarding the update or revision of International Species Action or Management Plans;
- Undertake the tasks defined in Resolution 9.6 regarding Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA);
- Undertaken the tasks defined in Resolution 9.9 regarding Administrative and Financial Matters;
- Undertake the tasks defined in Resolution 9.10 regarding the date and venue of MOP10;
- Perform any other functions that may be entrusted to it by the Meeting of the Parties.

2. Composition of the StC:

The Committee shall consist of not more than seven Contracting Parties, which shall be appointed by the Meeting of the Parties. For five of these members, the appointment shall be based upon the principle of balanced geographical distribution, reflecting two representatives from the Europe and Central Asia region, one representative from the Middle East and Northern Africa region, one representative from the Western and Central Africa region, and one representative from the Eastern and Southern Africa region. The remaining two members shall comprise the host country for the next session of the Meeting of the Parties and a representative from the Depositary.

Annex IV: List of Elected Regional Representatives for the StC

Region	Representative	Alternate
Europe and Central Asia (1)	Norway	Iceland
Europe and Central Asia (2)	Denmark	Hungary
Middle East and Northern Africa	Libya	Saudi Arabia
Western and Central Africa	Cameroon	Senegal
Eastern and Southern Africa	Kenya	Zimbabwe

Annex V: Current Membership of the AEWA StC

AEWA StC Members 2026 - 2028:

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA (1)

Ms Anne Martinussen (Norway)

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA (2)

Ms Camilla Uldal (Denmark)

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTHERN AFRICA

Mr Ali Berbash (Libya)

WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Ms Ngalie Maha (Cameroon)

EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mr Solomon Kyalo Nzenge (Kenya)

DEPOSITARY

Mr Nick Warmelink (The Netherlands)

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST COUNTRY OF THE NEXT MOP

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