



7th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

04-08 December 2018, Durban, South Africa

“Beyond 2020: Shaping flyway conservation for the future”

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chair of MOP6 will make a statement and launch the official opening ceremony.

2. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.2) will be proposed for adoption.

3. 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.

4. Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme

The Provisional Agenda and Meeting Schedule (Docs. AEWA/MOP 7.3 and AEWA/MOP 7.4 Rev.2) will be proposed for adoption.

Possible items to be discussed under agenda item 30. Any Other Business should be identified. The possible need of closed sessions should also be identified.

5. 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.*

6. Admission of Observers

The Meeting will be invited to admit representatives of non-Contracting Parties, IGOs, international and national NGOs (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.5 Rev.1) that meet the criteria set out in Article VI, paragraph 4, of the Agreement, as Observers.

7. Opening Statements

Contracting Parties, International Governmental and non-Governmental Organizations 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.

8. 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.

9. Reports by

a. Standing Committee

The Chair of the Standing Committee will briefly introduce the report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.6) on the activities of the Standing Committee since MOP6.

b. Technical Committee

With reference to his written report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.7 Rev.1), the Chair of the Technical Committee will inform the Meeting about the activities of the Technical Committee since MOP6.

c. Depositary

The representative of the Depositary will be invited to report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.8) on activities as Depositary, notably with respect to acceptance of instruments of accession/ratification.

d. Secretariat

The Secretariat will introduce the report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.9 Corr.1) regarding its activities since MOP6.

e. UNEP

The representative of UNEP will be invited to present their report.

10. Report on the Implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2018

The Secretariat will present the conclusions and recommendations of the Standing Committee on the implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2018 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.10). The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the report and to review and adopt the draft resolution on AEWA's Contribution to the Aichi Targets and relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals (AEWA/MOP7 DR2 Rev,1).

11. Report on the Implementation of the African Initiative and the Plan of Action for Africa 2012-2018

The Secretariat will introduce the report on the implementation of the African Initiative and the Plan of Action for Africa 2012-2018 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.11). The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the report.

12. Analysis and Synthesis of National Reports

The Secretariat will present the main conclusions from the analysis of national reports for the triennium 2015-2017 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.12).

13. Report on the Implementation of the AEWA Communication Strategy

The Secretariat will report on the Communication Strategy implementation (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.13). The Meeting will be invited to comment on the results and to take note of the report.

14. International Reviews

The representative of Wetlands International will present the 7th Edition of the Conservation Status Report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.14 Corr.1).

15. Adoption of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027

The Secretariat will present the draft AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.15) and the draft format for National reports on the implementation of AEWA 2018-2020 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.17). The Meeting will be invited to comment and to review pro parte and adopt the draft resolution on Adoption and Implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan and the Plan of Action for Africa for the Period 2019-2027 (AEWA/MOP7 DR1).

16. Adoption of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027

The Secretariat will present the draft AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.16). The Meeting will be invited to comment and to review pro parte and adopt the draft resolution on Adoption and Implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan and the Plan of Action for Africa for the Period 2019-2027 (AEWA/MOP7 DR1).

17. Implementation Review Process

The Secretariat will present the Standing Committee report on the AEWA Implementation Review Process for the period 2016-2018 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.18 Rev.1).

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

The Secretariat will present the proposals to the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties for Amendments to Annexes 2 and 3 of the Agreement submitted by the Government of Uganda and the European Union (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.19). The Secretariat will introduce draft resolution AEWA/MOP7 DR3 and the Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt it.

19. International Single Species Action and Management Plans (ISSAPs and ISSMPs)

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

- a) *Draft ISSAP for the Conservation of the Velvet Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*) – Western Siberia and Northern Europe/NW Europe Population (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.23),*
- b) *Draft revised ISSAP for the Conservation of the White-headed Duck (*Oxyura leucocephala*) (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.24),*
- c) *Draft ISSAP for the Conservation of the Dalmatian Pelican (*Pelecanus crispus*) (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.25),*
- f) *Draft ISSMP for the Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*) (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.26),*
- g) *Draft ISSMP for the Greylag Goose (*Anser anser*) – NW/SW European Population (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.27).*

The Secretariat will present two documents:

- *Summary of the Current Status of Single Species Action Plan and Species Management Plan Production and Coordination with Recommendations to MOP for Extension, Revision or Retirement (Doc AEWA/MOP 7.21); and*
- *Draft Revised Format and Guidelines for AEWA International Single and Multi-species Action Plans (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.22).*

The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on Adoption, Revision, Retirement, Extension and Implementation of International Species Action and Management Plans (Doc. AEWA/MOP7 DR5) and adopt it.

20. Seabirds

The Secretariat will present three documents:

- *Report on Plastics and AEWA Waterbirds: Incidence and Impacts (Doc AEWA/MOP 7.28)*
- *Advice on AEWA Priorities for Seabirds Conservation (Doc AEWA/MOP 7.29 Rev.1)*
- *Draft Guide to Guidance to reduce the Impact of Fisheries on AEWA Seabirds Species (Doc AEWA/MOP 7.30)*

The meeting will be invited to comment these papers and to review and adopt the draft resolution on Priorities for the Conservation of seabirds in the African-Eurasian Flyways (AEWA/MOP7 DR6).

21. Waterbird Monitoring

A representative of Wetlands International will present the Report on the Development of Waterbird Monitoring along the African-Eurasian Flyways (Doc AEWA/MOP 7.31) and the Draft Revised AEWA Conservation Guidelines on Waterbirds Monitoring (AEWA Conservation Guidelines No. 9) (doc AEWA/MOP 7.35). The Meeting will be invited to comment these documents and to review and adopt a draft resolution on Strengthening Monitoring of Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA/MOP7 DR7).

22. Guidance on Implementation of the Agreement

The Secretariat will present five documents for consideration:

- a) *Proposal to Amend the Definition of Significant Long-Term Decline and establish a Criterion on Short-term Decline to Apply when Classifying Populations in Table 1 of Annex 3 of the Agreement (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.20),*
- b) *Draft Guidance on Satisfying the Conditions of Paragraph 2.1.3 of the AEWA Action Plan (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.32),*
- c) *Draft Guidance on AEWA's Provisions on Non-native Species (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.33),*
- d) *Draft Guidance on Taking a Systematic Approach to Responding to Waterbird Declines: A Checklist of Potential Actions (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.34),*

The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on the Adoption of Amendments in the Interpretation of Terms Used in the Context of Table 1 of AEWA Annex 3 (AEWA/MOP7 DR4) and a draft resolution on the Adoption of Guidance in the context of Implementation of the AEWA Action Plan (AEWA/MOP7 DR8) and adopt them.

23. Climate-resilient flyways

A representative of Wetlands International will briefly present the outcomes of the project on Climate Resilient Flyways sponsored by the German International Climate Initiative (IKI) and launched at MOP6, as well as the draft resolution on Climate Resilient Flyways (AEWA/MOP7 DR9) to be reviewed and adopted by the Parties.

24. Institutional Arrangements

a. Standing Committee

The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on Institutional arrangements: Standing Committee (AEWA/MOP7 DR10) and adopt it.

b. Technical Committee

The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on Institutional arrangements: Technical Committee (AEWA/MOP7 DR11 Rev.1) and adopt it.

25. Financial and Administrative Matters

The Secretariat will introduce the following documents and draft resolutions:

- a) Report of the Secretariat on Finance and Administrative Issues in 2016-2018 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.36 Rev.2),*
- b) Draft Scale of Contributions for the Triennium 2019-2021 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 7.37 Rev.1),*
- c) Draft budget proposal for 2019-2021 (Docs. AEWA/MOP 7.38 and AEWA/MOP7 DR12),*

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.

26. Reports of 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.

27. 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 Organizers through draft resolution AEWA/MOP7 DR14.

28. Date and Venue of the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties

Parties were invited, in advance, to consider hosting the 8th Session of the Meeting of Parties and to announce their proposals prior to or during MOP7. The Meeting will be invited to decide on the date and venue of its next session by adopting draft resolution AEWA/MOP7 DR13.

29. 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 finalize the text in consultation with the Chair within the following weeks.

30. Any Other Business

Any other business not covered under the previous agenda items may be examined here (to be raised at the time of the adoption of the preliminary agenda and schedule).

31. Closure of the Meeting

MOP7 PROVISIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE/TIME	PLENARY/ WORKING GROUP	AGENDA ITEM
TUESDAY 4 December 2018		
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
12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break		
14:00 – 18:30	PLENARY	Agenda Item 9b - Report by the Technical Committee 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 Implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2018 Agenda Item 11 - Report on the Implementation of the African Initiative and the Plan of Action for Africa 2012-2018 Agenda Item 12 - Analysis and Synthesis of National Reports Agenda Item 13 - Report on the Implementation of the AEWA Communication Strategy Agenda Item 14 - International Reviews Agenda Item 17 - Implementation Review Process Agenda Item 15 - Adoption of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 Agenda Item 16 - Adoption of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027

DATE/TIME	PLENARY/ WORKING GROUP	AGENDA ITEM
WEDNESDAY 5 December 2018		
9:00 – 12:00	PLENARY	Agenda Item 18 - Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement and/or its Annexes Agenda Item 19 - International Single Species Action and Management Plans Agenda Item 20 - Seabirds Agenda Item 22 - Guidance on Implementation of the Agreement Agenda Item 26 - Report of the Credentials Committee
12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break		
14:00 – 16:30	PLENARY	Agenda Item 21 - Waterbird Monitoring Agenda Item 23 - Climate-resilient Flyways Agenda Item 24a - Institutional Arrangements: Standing Committee Agenda Item 24b - Institutional Arrangements: Technical Committee Agenda Item 25a - Financial and Administrative Matters: Report on Finance and Administrative Issues in 2016-2018 Agenda Item 25b - Financial and Administrative Matters: Draft Scale of Contributions for the Triennium 2019-2021 Agenda Item 25c - Financial and Administrative Matters: Draft Budget proposal for 2019-2021
16:30 - 18:30	WG1 SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL	<i>Working Group 1 will consider the following agenda items in detail:</i> Agenda Item 15 - Adoption of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 Agenda Item 16 - Adoption of the Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027 Agenda Item 18 - Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement and/or its Annexes Agenda Item 19 - International Single Species Action and Management Plans Agenda Item 20 - Seabirds Agenda Item 21 - Waterbird Monitoring Agenda Item 22 - Guidance on Implementation of the Agreement Agenda Item 23 - Climate-resilient Flyways Agenda Item 24b - Institutional Arrangements: Technical Committee

DATE/TIME	PLENARY/ WORKING GROUP	AGENDA ITEM
16:30 – 18:30	WG2 FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION	<i>Working Group 2 will consider the following agenda items in detail:</i> Agenda Item 24a - Institutional Arrangements: Standing Committee Agenda Item 25a - Financial and Administrative Matters: Report on Finance and Administrative Issues in 2016-2018 Agenda Item 25b - Financial and Administrative Matters: Draft Scale of Contributions for the Triennium 2019-2021 Agenda Item 25c - Financial and Administrative Matters: Draft Budget proposal for 2019-2021
THURSDAY 6 December 2018		
9:00 – 12:00	WG1 SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL	<i>Continuation of Working Group 1 business from previous day</i>
9:00 – 12:00	WG2 FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION	<i>Continuation of Working Group 2 business from previous day</i>
12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break		
14:00 – 18:30	WG1 SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL	<i>Continuation of Working Group 1 business from morning</i>
14:00 – 18:30	WG2 FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION	<i>Continuation of Working Group 2 business from morning</i>
FRIDAY 7 December 2018		
All day		- Excursions for delegates - Secretariat to finalise revised versions of documents for adoption
SATURDAY 8 December 2018		
9:00 – 12:00	PLENARY	Agenda Item 26 - Report of the Credentials and Sessional Committees Agenda Item 27 - Adoption of the Resolutions and Amendments to the Annexes of the Agreement

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12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break		
14:00 – 17:00	PLENARY	Agenda Item 27 - Adoption of the Resolutions and Amendments to the Annexes of the Agreement Agenda Item 28 - Dates and Venue of the 8 th Session of the Meeting of the Parties Agenda Item 29 - Adoption of the Report of the Meeting Agenda Item 30 - Any Other Business Agenda Item 31 - Closure of the Meeting