

8th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

26 - 30 September 2022, Budapest, Hungary

“Strengthening Flyway Conservation in a Changing World”

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chair of MOP7 will make a statement and launch the official opening ceremony.

2. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.2) 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 8.3 and AEWA/MOP 8.4) will be proposed for adoption.

Possible items to be discussed under agenda item 34. 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 as observers representatives of non-Party Range States, IGOs, international and national NGOs (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.5) that meet the criteria set out in Article VI, paragraph 4, of the Agreement.

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 8.6) on the activities of the Standing Committee since MOP7.

b. Technical Committee

With reference to the written report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.7), the Chair of the Technical Committee will inform the Meeting about the activities of the Technical Committee since MOP7.

c. Depositary

The representative of the Depositary will be invited to report on activities as Depositary, notably with respect to acceptance of instruments of accession/ratification (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.8).

d. Secretariat

The Secretariat will introduce the report regarding its activities since MOP7 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.9).

e. UNEP

The representative of UNEP will be invited to present their report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.10).

10. Report on the Implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027

The Secretariat will present the report of the Standing Committee on the progress of implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.11). The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the report.

11. Report on the Implementation of the African Initiative and the Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027

The Secretariat will provide an oral report to the Parties on the implementation of the African Initiative and the Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027. The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the oral report.

12. Analysis and Synthesis of National Reports

The Secretariat will present the main conclusions from the analysis of national reports for the triennium 2018-2020 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.13) and present the draft format for national reports on the implementation of AEWA 2021-2024 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.14). The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the report.

13. Analysis and Synthesis of the reports on the Implementation of the Plan of Action for Africa (PoAA)

The Secretariat will present the main conclusions from the analysis of national reports on the implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa for the period 2019-2020 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.15) and the draft format for national reports on the implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action

for Africa 2021-2024 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.16). The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of these items.

14. Report on Communications

The Secretariat will report on the Communication Strategy implementation (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.17) and on the Joint CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communication and Awareness-raising Unit (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.18). The Meeting will be invited to comment on the results and to take note of the reports.

15. Conservation Status Report, 8th edition (CSR8)

The representative of Wetlands International will present the 8th Edition of the Conservation Status Report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.19). The Meeting will be invited to comment on the results and conclusions of the report.

16. Implementation Review Process

The Secretariat will present the Standing Committee report on the AEWA Implementation Review Process for the period 2019-2022 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.20). The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the report.

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

The Secretariat will present the proposals to the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties for Amendments to Annex 3 of the Agreement submitted by the Governments of the United Kingdom and Ukraine and the comments received from Contracting Parties concerning these proposals (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.21). The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolutions AEWA/MOP8 DR.1 and DR. 2 and the Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt them.

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

The Secretariat will present three documents:

- *Draft Revised Format and Guidelines for AEWA International Single and Multi-species Action Plans (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.23)*
- *Draft Format and Guidelines for AEWA International Single and Multi-species Management Plans (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.24)*
- *Draft International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Common Eider (Somateria mollissima)(Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.25).*

The Secretariat will introduce draft Resolution on Adoption, Revision, Retirement, Extension and Implementation of International Species Action and Management Plans (Doc. AEWA/MOP8 DR.4) and the Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the above documents and to consider and adopt the Resolution.

19. 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 8.26) and introduce the draft document on the Monitoring Priorities for Waterbird Species and Populations of AEWA (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.27). The Secretariat will introduce possible waterbird monitoring synergies with other frameworks (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.28). The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of these documents and to review and adopt a draft Resolution on Further Development and Strengthening of Monitoring of Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA/MOP8 DR.5).

20. AEWA Flyway Site Network

The Secretariat will present the Draft Monitoring Framework for the AEWA Flyway Site Network (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.29). The Secretariat will introduce a draft Resolution on Inventory and Monitoring of the AEWA Flyway Site Network (AEWA/MOP8 DR.6) which the Meeting will be invited to review and adopt.

21. Addressing causes of waterbird mortality

The Secretariat will introduce a document on Opportunities for addressing causes of waterbird mortality (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.40). The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the conclusions of this document and to review and adopt a draft Resolution on International Synergies in Addressing Causes of Waterbird Mortality (AEWA/MOP8 DR.15).

22. Ecotourism as a tool for waterbird conservation and local community benefits

The Secretariat will introduce a document on Ecotourism: Case Examples and Strategic Options for AEWA Engagement (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.41). The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the report and to review and adopt a draft Resolution on Ecotourism and Waterbird Conservation (AEWA/MOP8 DR.16).

23. Knowledge Gaps and Needs Relevant for the Implementation of the Agreement

The Secretariat will introduce a document providing an Overview of Knowledge Gaps and Needs Relevant for the Implementation of AEWA: Priority Needs in 2021 (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.30). The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the document and to review and adopt a draft Resolution on Improving the Base Knowledge for Effective Waterbird Conservation and Management (AEWA/MOP8 DR.7).

24. Guidance on Implementation of the Agreement

The Secretariat will introduce five documents:

- a) Draft Revised AEWA Conservation Guidelines No. 1: Guidelines on the Preparation of National Species Action Plans for Migratory Waterbirds (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.31)*
- b) Managing Waterbird Disturbance: a short Guide for Wetland Managers (Draft)(Doc AEWA/MOP 8.32)*
- c) Draft Initial Guidance on Ecosystem Services in Relation to Migratory Waterbirds (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.33)*
- d) Draft Guidance on Addressing the Risk of Accidental Shooting of Look-alike Species of Waterbirds in the Agreement Area (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.34)*
- e) Complementary Guidelines on Climate Change Adaptation Measures for Waterbirds (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.42).*

The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the above guidelines and to review and adopt a draft Resolution on Revision and Adoption of Conservation Guidance (AEWA/MOP8 DR.8).

25. AEWA's Contribution to the Aichi Targets 2011-2020 and Opportunities for AEWA to Support the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals

The Secretariat will update the Meeting on following items:

- a) AEWA's Contribution to the Aichi Targets 2011-2020 (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.35)*
- b) Opportunities for AEWA to Support the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.36)*
- c) The Relevance of AEWA to Delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (Doc AEWA/MOP 8.37).*

The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the above items and to review and adopt a draft Resolution on AEWA's Past Contribution to Delivering the Aichi 2020 Biodiversity Targets and its Future Relevance to the Post-2020 Process (AEWA/MOP8 DR.9).

26. Resourcing needs for delivering international-level deliverables in the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027

The Secretariat will introduce a document on Resource Needs for International Coordination and Delivery of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.43). The Meeting will be invited to comment and take note of the document.

27. Capacity for implementing the Agreement – priorities at the international level

The Secretariat will introduce a document on Capacity for Implementing AEWA – Identifying Next Priorities at the International Level (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.44). The Meeting will be invited to review and adopt a draft Resolution on the State of Implementation of AEWA and its Strategic Plan 2019-2027 (AEWA/MOP8 DR.3).

28. Institutional Arrangements

a. Standing Committee

The Meeting will be invited to review a draft Resolution on Institutional arrangements: Standing Committee (AEWA/MOP8 DR.10) and adopt it.

b. Technical Committee

The Meeting will be invited to review a draft Resolution on Institutional arrangements: Technical Committee (AEWA/MOP8 DR.11) and adopt it.

29. Financial and Administrative Matters

The Secretariat will introduce the following documents and a Resolution:

- a) Report of the Secretariat on Finance and Administrative Issues in 2019-2022 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 8.38)*
- b) Draft budget proposal and Secretariat's Programme of Work for the 2023-2025 triennium (Docs. AEWA/MOP 8.39 and AEWA/MOP8 DR.12).*

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.

30. 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.

31. 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/MOP8 DR.14.

32. Date and Venue of the 9th Session of the Meeting of the Parties

Parties were invited, in advance, to consider hosting the 9th Session of the Meeting of Parties and to announce their offer prior to or during MOP8. The Meeting will be invited to decide on the date and venue of its next session by adopting draft Resolution AEWA/MOP8 DR.13.

33. 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.

34. 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).

35. Closure of the Meeting

MOP8 PROVISIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE/TIME	PLENARY/ WORKING GROUP	AGENDA ITEM
MONDAY 26 September 2022		
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 Work Programme 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 2019-2027 Agenda Item 11 - Report on the Implementation of the African Initiative and the Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027 Agenda Item 12 - Analysis and Synthesis of National Reports Agenda Item 13 - Analysis and Synthesis of the reports on the Implementation of the Plan of Action for Africa (PoAA) Agenda Item 14 - Report on Communications Agenda Item 15 - Conservation Status Report, 8 th edition (CSR8) Agenda Item 16 - Implementation Review Process (IRP) Agenda Item 17 - Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement

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TUESDAY 27 September 2022		
9:00 – 12:00	PLENARY	Agenda Item 18 - International Single Species Action and Management Plans Agenda Item 19 - Waterbird Monitoring Agenda Item 20 - AEWA Flyway Site Network Agenda Item 21 - Addressing causes of waterbird mortality Agenda item 22 - Ecotourism as a tool for waterbird conservation and local community benefits Agenda item 23 - Knowledge Gaps and Needs Relevant for the Implementation of the Agreement Agenda Item 24 - Guidance on Implementation of the Agreement
12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break		
14:00 – 16:30	PLENARY	Agenda item 30 - Report of the Credentials Committee Agenda Item 25 - AEWA’s Contribution to the Aichi Targets 2011-2020 and Opportunities for AEWA to Support the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda Item 26 - Resourcing needs for delivering international-level deliverables in the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 Agenda item 27 - Capacity for implementing the Agreement – priorities at the international level Agenda Item 28a - Institutional Arrangements: Standing Committee Agenda Item 28b - Institutional Arrangements: Technical Committee Agenda Item 29 - Financial and Administrative Matters
16:30 - 18:30	WG1 SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL	<i>Working Group 1 will consider the following agenda items in detail:</i> Agenda Item 18 - Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement and/or its Annexes Agenda Item 18 - International Single Species Action and Management Plans Agenda Item 19 - Waterbird Monitoring Agenda Item 20 - AEWA Flyway Site Network Agenda Item 21 - Addressing causes of waterbird mortality Agenda item 22 - Ecotourism as a tool for waterbird conservation and local community benefits

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		<p>Agenda item 23 - Knowledge Gaps and Needs Relevant for the Implementation of the Agreement</p> <p>Agenda Item 24 - Guidance on Implementation of the Agreement</p> <p>Agenda Item 25 - AEWA's Contribution to the Aichi Targets 2011-2020 and Opportunities for AEWA to Support the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>Agenda item 27 - Capacity for implementing the Agreement – priorities at the international level</p> <p>Agenda Item 28b - Institutional Arrangements: Technical Committee</p>
16:30 – 18:30	WG2 FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION	<p><i>Working Group 2 will consider the following agenda items in detail:</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 26 - Resourcing needs for delivering international-level deliverables in the AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027</p> <p>Agenda Item 28a - Institutional Arrangements: Standing Committee</p> <p>Agenda Item 29 - Financial and Administrative Matters</p>
WEDNESDAY 28 September 2022		
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>
THURSDAY 29 September 2022		
All day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excursions for delegates - Secretariat to finalise revised versions of documents for adoption

FRIDAY 30 September 2022

9:00 – 12:00	PLENARY	Agenda Item 30 - Report of the Credentials and Sessional Committees Agenda Item 31 - 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 31 - Adoption of the Resolutions and Amendments to the Annexes of the Agreement Agenda Item 32 - Dates and Venue of the 9 th Session of the Meeting of the Parties Agenda Item 33 - Adoption of the Report of the Meeting Agenda Item 30 – Any other business Agenda Item 31 - Closure of the Meeting