

**23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
*26-27 June 2023, Virtual meeting format*

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME**

**1. Opening of the Meeting**

*The Chair of the Standing Committee will open the meeting. The Secretariat will be invited to make introductory remarks.*

**2. Admission of Observers**

*The Chair will orally inform the members about the Parties not members of the Committee, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations represented at this meeting.*

**3. Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme**

*The provisional agenda (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.2) and provisional annotated agenda and work programme (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.3) will be proposed for adoption.*

*Possible items to be discussed under agenda item 13 - Any Other Business, should be identified. The possible need of closed sessions should also be identified.*

**4. Reports by**

a. Standing Committee Members and Party Observers

*The Regional Representatives of the Standing Committee will be invited to report on progress made regarding the accession to AEWA of Range States in their region and the implementation of the Agreement, on activities of interest for the Agreement, and on any other developments in their specific region/organisation of relevance to the Agreement (Doc. AEWA/StC/Inf. 23.2 – Guidelines for Reports Submitted by the Regional Representatives to Meetings of the AEWA Standing Committee).*

b. Technical Committee

*The Chairperson of the Technical Committee will report on the work of the Technical Committee since October 2022.*

c. Depositary

*The representative of the Depositary will provide the Meeting with the latest information on accession of Range States to the Agreement (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.4).*

d. Secretariat

*The Secretariat will introduce the report on its activities (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.5).*

e. UNEP

*The representative of UNEP will present the activities of UNEP related to MEAs.*

f. Other Observers

*Representatives of Observers other than Party Observers will have the possibility to report on activities relevant to the implementation of the Agreement if they so wish.*

## **5. Recruitment of Parties**

*The Secretariat will orally update the Standing Committee on progress made regarding the recruitment of new Contracting Parties to AEWA.*

## **6. The 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA**

a. Date and venue

*The Secretariat will orally report on progress made regarding the identification of a host country for MOP9. The meeting will be invited to comment and provide guidance on the date and venue of MOP9.*

b. National Reporting

*The Secretariat will present the draft revised format for national reports on the implementation of AEWA 2021-2024 (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.6). The Standing Committee will be requested to review the proposed revised format for National Reports to MOP9 and to approve it to allow the launch in 2023 of the module on harvest data reporting. For the remaining of the national reporting format, the StC will be requested to agree to review and approve it by correspondence once the Technical Committee will have finalised its revision.*

## **7. Outputs of the Technical Committee Work Plan 2023-2025**

*The Secretariat will introduce the document on the AEWA Technical Committee Recommendations for the delineation of selected populations listed on Table 1 of AEWA Annex 3 (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.7) and the revised MOP8 document on Opportunities for AEWA to support the Kunming-Montreal Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.8). The meeting will be invited to review and to approve the proposed population delineations and the final version of the document on supporting the post-2020 GBF.*

## **8. Communication**

a. Report on the Joint CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communication and Awareness Raising (IMCA) Unit

*The Secretariat will present the report on the Joint CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communication and Awareness-Raising (IMCA) Unit (Doc AEWA/StC 23.9). The meeting will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate.*

b. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AEWA

*The Standing Committee will be invited to discuss possibilities of marking the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025.*

## **9. Financial and Administrative Matters**

### **a. Execution of the 2022 and 2023 budgets**

*The Secretariat will present the final report on income and expenditures for 2022 after the end-of-year closure and the preliminary expenditure report for 2023 (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.10 pro parte). The Meeting will be invited to take note of the report and comment as appropriate.*

### **b. Administrative and Personnel Matters**

*The Secretariat will report on administrative and personnel matters (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.10 pro parte). The Meeting will be invited to take note of the report and comment as appropriate as well as make a decision on the recruitment modalities of the Species Officer.*

### **c. Status of AEWA Contributions payments and discussion on reasons why Parties are in arrears and possible solutions to address these**

*The Chairperson of the Standing Committee will introduce the concept note for assessing why Parties have arrears and possible solutions (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.11). The Standing Committee will be requested to take note of the information provided and to agree on measures to be taken to investigate the reasons why Parties are in arrears and to find solutions to it.*

### **d. Voluntary funding**

*The Secretariat will report on voluntary contributions received in 2022 and 2023 (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.10 pro parte).*

## **10. Tasks for the AEWA Standing Committee as decided by the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA**

*The Standing Committee will be invited to take note of the overview of tasks resulting from MOP8 Resolutions and discuss approaches to implementing these tasks.*

## **11. Small Grants Fund (SGF)**

*The Standing Committee will be invited to discuss the potential activation of the Small Grants Fund during the cycle 2023-2025, subject to capacity of the Secretariat, and alternative ways of establishing direct cooperation between donor and eligible implementing countries under the umbrella of AEWA and following defined criteria.*

## **12. Date and Venue of the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee**

*The Standing Committee will be invited to consider the date and venue for its 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

## **13. Any other Business**

*The Chair will invite members to present the item(s) – if any – identified under agenda item 2.*

#### **14. Implementation Review Process (IRP) (closed session)**

*The Secretariat will orally report on the progress of open cases (Doc. AEWA/StC 23.13). The Standing Committee members will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate.*

#### **15. Closure of the Meeting**

## PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

**26 June 2023 (Monday)**

**Morning session, 10.00-12.00h**

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Admission of Observers
3. Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme
4. Reports by
  - a. Standing Committee Members and Party Observers
  - b. Technical Committee
  - c. Depositary
  - d. Secretariat
  - e. UNEP
  - f. Other Observers
5. Recruitment of Parties
6. 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA
  - a. Date and venue
  - b. National reporting

**Lunch break, 12.00-13.30h**

**Afternoon session, 13.30-15.00h**

7. Outputs of the Technical Committee Work Plan 2023-2025
8. Communication

**27 June 2023 (Tuesday)**

**Morning session, 10.00-12.00h**

9. Financial and Administrative Matters
  - a. Execution of the 2022 and 2023 budgets
  - b. Administrative and personnel matters
  - c. Status of AEWA contributions payments and discussion on reasons why Parties are in arrears and possible solutions to address these
  - d. Voluntary funding

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