

24th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
4 July 2024, Virtual meeting format

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 24.2 Rev. 1) and provisional annotated agenda and work programme (Doc. AEWA/StC 24.3) 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. Adoption of the 23rd Meeting of the Standing Committee

The Secretariat will introduce the report of the 23rd Meeting of the Standing Committee (Doc. AEWA/StC 24.4), which will be proposed for adoption.

5. 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. 24.2 – 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 June 2023.

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 24.5).

d. Secretariat

The Secretariat will introduce the report on its activities (Doc. AEWA/StC 24.6).

e. UNEP

The Secretariat will provide relevant updates on activities of UNEP related to the administration of the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat.

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.

6. Recruitment of Parties

The Secretariat will orally update the Standing Committee on progress made regarding the recruitment of new Contracting Parties to AEWA. Some information is also provided in the Secretariat Report (Doc. AEWA/StC 24.6).

7. The 9th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA

a. Date and Venue

The Secretariat will orally report on an offer received to host MOP9. The meeting will be invited to decide on venue and a time frame for the date 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 24.7). The Standing Committee will be requested to review the proposed revised format for National Reports to MOP9 and to approve it.

c. MOP9 Rules of Procedure

The Secretariat will introduce the concept note on the MOP quorum and Rules of Procedure (Doc. AEWA/StC 24.8). The Standing Committee will be invited to discuss the item and provide guidance on the way forward.

8. 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 24.9). The meeting will be invited to review and to approve the proposed population delineations.

9. 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 24.10). The meeting will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate.

b. 30th Anniversary of AEWA

The Secretariat will introduce its concept note on celebrating 30th Anniversary of AEWA (Doc AEWA/StC 24.11).. Standing Committee will be invited to discuss the described possibilities of marking the 30th Anniversary in 2025 and to provide further guidance.

10. Financial and Administrative Matters

a. Execution of the 2023 and 2024 budgets

The Secretariat will present the final report on income and expenditures for 2023 after the end-of-year closure and the preliminary expenditure report for 2024 (Doc. AEWA/StC 24.12 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 24.12 pro parte). The Meeting will be invited to take note of the report and comment as appropriate as well as to provide guidance on the recruitment modalities of the new Executive Secretary in 2025 and the mobility policy.

c. Status of AEWA Contributions payments

The Secretariat will update the meeting about the status of AEWA contributions payments. The Standing Committee will be requested to take note of the information provided and to discuss if additional measures are needed 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 2023 and 2024 (Doc. AEWA/StC 24.12 pro parte).

11. Small Grants Fund (SGF)

The Chair of the Standing Committee will report about the outcomes of the request to Contracting Parties to share information regarding their views on the AEWA's Small Grants Fund (Doc. AEWA/StC 24.13).

12. Implementation Review Process (IRP)

The Secretariat will orally report on the progress of open cases. The Standing Committee members will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate.

13. Date and Venue of the 25th Meeting of the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee will be invited to consider the date and venue for its 25th meeting.

14. Any other Business

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

15. Closure of the Meeting

PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

Morning session, 10.00-12.00h

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 - b. 30th Anniversary of AEWA

Afternoon session, 13.00-16.00h

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 - a. Execution of the 2023 and 2024 budgets
 - b. Administrative and personnel matters (including recruitment of the new ES and mobility policy)
 - 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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