



16th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
4 - 6 May 2021, 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. Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme

The provisional agenda (Doc. AEWA/StC 16.2) and provisional work programme (Doc. AEWA/StC 16.3) will be proposed for adoption.

Possible items to be discussed under agenda item 16 - Any Other Business, should be identified. The possible need of closed sessions should also be identified.

3. 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 (Doc. AEWA/StC Inf. 16.6).

4. Reports by

a. Standing Committee Members, Regional Representatives and Party Observers

The Regional Representatives of the Standing Committee and Party Observers 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. 16.2 – Guidelines for Reports Submitted by the StC Regional Representatives).

b. Technical Committee

The Chairperson of the Technical Committee will report on the work of the Technical Committee since January 2020.

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 16.4).

d. Secretariat

The Secretariat will introduce the report on its activities (Doc. AEWA/StC 16.5).

e. UNEP

The representative of UNEP will present the activities of UNEP related to MEAs and the resolutions adopted during the UNEA5 Meeting (Doc. AEWA/StC/Inf 16.4).

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. The 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA

a. Date and venue/ format

The representative of the Host Country will orally report on progress made regarding the venue and logistical preparations. The meeting will be invited to comment, and to further discuss and provide guidance on the date and venue/ format of MOP8 in context of the Covid pandemic (Doc. AEWA/StC 16.7). The meeting will also be invited to review a Draft Resolution on Date, Venue and Funding of the 9th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA (StC16 DR. 13) and a Draft Resolution on Tribute to the Organizers (StC16 DR.14).

b. National Reporting and Strategic Plan 2019-2027 implementation

The Secretariat will orally present the current status of the National Reporting cycle to MOP8 and the reporting on the implementation of the Plan of Action for Africa to MOP8. The Secretariat will further introduce the plans and timeline for the preparation of the progress report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2019-2027. The meeting will be invited to comment and provide guidance as appropriate.

c. Status of document production

The Secretariat will orally present the current status of the document production for MOP8.

6. Implementation review process

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.

7. Outputs of the Technical Committee Work Plan 2019-2021

a. Delineation of biogeographic populations of AEWA waterbird species

*The Secretariat will introduce the document on the delineation of biogeographic populations of the Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) (Doc. AEWA/StC 16.8). The meeting will be invited to review and to approve the proposed delineation.*

b. 8th Edition of the Conservation Status Report (CSR8)

The Secretariat will present the 8th Edition of the Conservation Status Report (Doc AEWA/StC 16.9). The meeting will be invited to review and approve it for submission to MOP8.

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

*The Standing Committee will be invited to review the Draft International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) (Doc AEWA/StC 16.10) and to approve it for submission to MOP8 for adoption.*

The Secretariat will further present the Draft Format and Guidelines for AEWA International Single and Multi-species Management Plans (Doc AEWA/StC 16.11) and the Draft Revised Format and Guidelines for AEWA International Single and Multi-species Action Plans (Doc AEWA/StC 16.12) and invite the Standing Committee to approve these two documents for submission to MOP8 for consideration.

The Secretariat will finally present the Draft Summary of the Current Status of Single Species Action and Management Plan Production and Coordination with Recommendations to MOP for Extension, Revision or Retirement (Doc. AEWA/StC 16.13) and invite the meeting to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate and approve it for submission to MOP8. The meeting will also be invited to review a Draft Resolution on Adoption, Revision, Retirement, Extension and Implementation of International Species Action and Management Plans (Doc. AEWA/StC 16. DR.4) and approve its submission to MOP8 for consideration.

d. Waterbird Monitoring

The Secretariat will introduce the preliminary Draft Monitoring Priorities for Waterbird Species and Populations of AEWA which outlines the methodology for elaborating the full document (Doc AEWA/StC 16.14) and will describe the timeline for the finalisation of this document. The Secretariat will further introduce the Draft Waterbird Monitoring Synergies with other Frameworks (Doc AEWA/StC 16.15) and the Standing Committee will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate.

The meeting will be invited to review a Draft Resolution on Further Development and Strengthening of Monitoring of Migratory Waterbirds (Doc. AEWA/StC 16. DR.5) and approve its submission to MOP8 for consideration.

e. AEWA Flyway Site Network

The Secretariat will present the Draft Monitoring Framework for the AEWA Flyway Site Network (Doc. AEWA/StC 16.16). The meeting will be invited to review and approve it for submission to MOP8. The meeting will also be invited to review a Draft Resolution on Inventory and Monitoring of the AEWA Flyway Site Network (Doc. AEWA/StC 16. DR.6) and approve its submission to MOP8 for consideration.

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

The Secretariat will present a draft document providing an Overview of Knowledge Gaps and Needs Relevant for the Implementation of AEWA (Doc. AEWA/StC 16.17). The meeting will be invited to comment and provide guidance as appropriate. The meeting will also be invited to review a Draft Resolution on Improving the Base of Knowledge for Effective Waterbird Conservation and Management (Doc. AEWA/StC 16. DR.7) and approve its submission to MOP8 for consideration.

g. Guidance on Implementation of the Agreement

The Meeting will be invited to review the following documents and approve their submissions to MOP8 for adoption:

- *Draft Revised AEWA Conservation Guidelines No. 1: Guidelines on the Preparation of National Species Action Plans for Migratory Waterbirds (Doc AEWA/StC 16.18)*
- *Managing Waterbird Disturbance: a Short Guide for Wetlands Managers (draft, Doc. AEWA/StC 16.19)*
- *Draft Initial Guidance on Ecosystem Services in Relation to Migratory Waterbirds (Doc AEWA/StC 16.20)*
- *Draft Guidance on Addressing the Risk of Accidental Shooting of Look-alike Species of Waterbirds in the Agreement Area (Doc AEWA/StC 16.21)*

The meeting will be invited to review a Draft Resolution on Revision and Adoption of Conservation Guidance (Doc. AEWA/StC 13. DR.8) and approve its submission to MOP8 for consideration.

The Secretariat will further introduce the draft concept for Dissemination of Information Supplementary to Conservation Guidelines (Doc AEWA/StC 16.22) and the Standing Committee will be invited to review and approve it for further use.

h. Other documents and resolutions

The Meeting will be invited to review the following documents and approve their submissions to MOP8 for consideration:

- *Draft Format for National Reports on the Implementation of AEWA 2021-2023 (Doc AEWA/StC 16.24)*
- *Draft Format for National Reporting Module on the Implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2021-2023 (Doc AEWA/StC 16.25)*
- *AEWA's Contribution to the Aichi Targets 2011-2020 (draft, Doc AEWA/StC 16.26)*
- *Opportunities for AEWA to Support the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (draft, Doc AEWA/StC 16.27)*
- *The Relevance of AEWA to Delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals: Opportunities that are (draft, Doc AEWA/StC 16.28)*

The meeting will be invited to review a Draft Resolution on AEWA's Past Contribution to Delivering the Aichi 2020 Biodiversity Targets and its Future Relevance to the Post-2020 Process (Doc. AEWA/StC 13. DR 9) and approve its submission to MOP8 for consideration.

The Secretariat will introduce the document on Establishing Criteria and a Priority List of Quarry Populations for Harvest Data Collection (Doc AEWA/StC 16.23), including resulting draft priority lists. The Standing Committee will be invited to review and approve it for further use and dissemination of priority lists.

8. Report on the Joint CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communication and Awareness-raising (IMCA) Unit

The Secretariat will present Doc AEWA/StC 16.29. The meeting will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate.

9. Financial and Administrative Matters

a. Execution of the 2019-2021 Budget

The Secretariat will report on income and expenditures during the period 2019-2021 (Doc. AEWA/StC 16.30 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 16.30 pro parte). The Meeting will be invited to take note of the report and comment as appropriate.

c. Status of AEWA Contributions in Arrears

The Secretariat will report on AEWA contributions in arrears (Doc. AEWA/StC 16.30 pro parte). The Meeting will be invited to take note of the report and comment as appropriate.

d. Budget scenarios for 2022-2024 and AEWA Scale of Contributions

The Secretariat will present four scenarios for the budget proposal (Doc. AEWA/StC 16.31 pro parte). The meeting will be requested to review the scenarios and provide guidance on the preparation of the final scenarios to be submitted to MOP8.

The Secretariat will present the impact of the utilisation of the UN scale on the contributions and a proposal for a scale that could be used at MOP8 (Doc. AEWA/StC 16.31 pro parte). The Meeting will be invited to comment and provide guidance for the preparation of the scale to be used for calculating the contribution of Parties to the 2022-2024 budget.

The meeting will be then invited to review a Draft Resolution on Financial and Administrative Matters (Doc. AEWA/StC 16. DR12) and approve its submission to MOP8 for consideration.

10. Adoption of Amendments to the AEWA Annexes

The meeting will be invited to review a Draft Resolution on the Adoption of Amendments to the AEWA Annexes (Doc. AEWA/StC 16. DR2) and approve its submission to MOP8 for consideration.

11. Update on other ongoing activities

The Secretariat will update the meeting on other ongoing activities, including implementation of Technical Committee workplan tasks, some of which may deliver outputs for submission to MOP8 in the following months.

12. Institutional Arrangements

a. Standing Committee

The meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on the Standing Committee institutional arrangements (Doc. AEWA/StC 16. DR10) and approve its submission to MOP8 for consideration.

b. Technical Committee

The meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on the Technical Committee institutional arrangements (Doc. AEWA/StC16. DR11) and approve its submission to MOP8 for consideration.

13. Implications of moving from a 3-yearly to a 4-yearly Meeting of the Parties

The Secretariat will orally report on the outcome of its findings regarding the implications of moving from a 3-yearly to a 4-yearly Meeting of the Parties. The Meeting will be invited to comment and provide guidance as appropriate.

14. Selection of AEWA Award winners (closed session)

The Secretariat will orally inform the Standing Committee members about the outcome of the call for nominations for the AEWA Waterbird Conservation Award. The Standing Committee will be requested to select the winners in both categories.

15. Date and Venue of the 17th Meeting of the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee will be invited to consider the date and venue for its 17th meeting.

16. Any other Business

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

17. Closure of the Meeting

PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

4 May 2021 (Tuesday)

Morning session, 09.00-12.30h

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme
3. Welcome and Admission of Observers
4. Reports by
 - a. Standing Committee Members, Regional Representatives and Party Observers
 - b. Technical Committee

Break

- c. Depositary
- d. Secretariat
- e. UNEP
- f. Other Observers

Lunch break, 12.30-14.00h

Afternoon session, 14.00-18.00h

5. 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA
 - a. Date and venue/ format
 - b. National Reporting and Strategic Plan 2019-2027 implementation
 - c. Status of document production
6. Implementation Review Process

Break

7. Outputs of the Technical Committee Work Plan 2019-2021
 - a. Delineation of biogeographic populations of AEWA waterbird species
 - b. 8th Edition of the Conservation Status Report (CSR8)

5 May 2021 (Wednesday)

Morning session, 09.00-13.00h

- c. International Single Species Action and Management Plans (ISSAPs and ISSMPs)
- d. Waterbird Monitoring
- e. AEWA Flyway Site Network

Break

- f. Knowledge Gaps and Needs Relevant for the Implementation of the Agreement
- g. Guidance on Implementation of the Agreement
- h. Other documents and resolutions

8. Report on the Joint CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communication and Awareness-raising (IMCA) Unit

Lunch break, 13.00-14.00h

Afternoon session, 14.00-15.45h

- 9. Financial and Administrative Matters
 - a. Execution of the 2019-2021 Budget
 - b. Administrative and Personnel Matters

Break

- c. Status of AEWA Contributions in Arrears
- d. Budget scenarios for 2022-2024 and AEWA Scale of Contributions

6 May 2021 (Thursday)

Morning session, 09.00-13.00h

- 10. Adoption of Amendments to the AEWA Annexes
- 11. Update on other ongoing activities
- 12. Institutional Arrangements
 - a. Standing Committee
 - b. Technical Committee
- 13. Implications of moving from a 3-yearly to a 4-yearly Meeting of the Parties

Break

- 14. Selection of AEWA Award winners (closed session)
- 15. Date and Venue of the 17th Meeting of the Standing Committee
- 16. Any other Business
- 17. Closure of the Meeting