



**5<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES**  
14 – 18 May 2012, La Rochelle, France

*“Migratory waterbirds and people - sharing wetlands”*

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND SCHEDULE**

**1. Opening of the Meeting**

*The Chair of the Standing Committee will make a statement and launch the official opening ceremony (programme for the ceremony will be distributed separately).*

**2. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure**

*The Rules of Procedure (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.2) 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 schedule (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.3 and AEWA/MOP 5.4) will be proposed for adoption.*

**5. Establishment of Credentials 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 in 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-Contracting Parties, IGOs, international and national NGOs (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.5) that meet the criteria set out in Article VI, paragraph 4, of the Agreement.*

**7. Opening Statements**

*Contracting Parties, International Governmental and non-Governmental Organisations 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-Contracting Party Observers 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 his report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.6) on the activities of the Standing Committee since MOP4.*

**b. Technical Committee**

*With reference to her written report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.7), the Chair of the Technical Committee will inform the meeting on the activities of the Technical Committee.*

**c. Depositary**

*The representative of the Depositary will be invited to report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.8) on activities as Depositary, notably with respect to acceptance of instruments of accession/ratification.*

**d. Secretariat**

*The Secretariat will introduce its report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.9) regarding its activities since MOP4 (see also Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.10 and AEWA/MOP Inf. 5.10).*

**10. Outcomes of the CMS COP10 and Other Developments of Relevance to AEWA**

*The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) will present major outcomes of the CMS 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (20-25 November 2011, Bergen, Norway) and other developments of particular relevance to the Agreement.*

**11. Implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan**

*The Secretariat will present the conclusions and recommendations of the Standing Committee report on the progress of implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.11).*

**12. National Reports and Online Reporting Process**

*The Secretariat will present the main conclusions from the analysis of national reports (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.12) which were not covered by the Strategic Plan progress report as well introduce the report on the development and the future of the Online Reporting System (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.13). The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the draft resolution AEWA/MOP5 DR1.*

**13. International Reviews**

*The chief compiler of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Conservation Status Report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.14) and the preliminary 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Site Network Report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.15) will present the conclusions of both papers and the Secretariat will introduce draft resolution AEWA/MOP5 DR2. The meeting will be invited to consider these reports and adopt the draft resolution.*

**14. Implementation Review Process**

*The Secretariat will present the Standing Committee report on its operations in the framework of the AEWA Implementation Review Process (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.16).*

**15. Report on the Implementation and Revision of the AEWA International Implementation Tasks 2009-2016**

*The Meeting will be invited to review the progress made towards the implementation of the AEWA International Implementation Tasks (IITs) 2009-2016 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.17 Corr. 1). The Secretariat will introduce the proposed revised list of IITs for 2012-2015/2016 (Doc. AEWA/MOP5 DR3 Corr.1) and the Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the draft resolution.*

**16. Report on the Implementation of the Wings Over Wetlands (WOW) UNEP-GEF African-Eurasian Flyways Project and Post-WOW Prospects**

*The Chair of the WOW Project Steering Committee and the Secretariat will present a report on the project and follow-up plans (Doc. AEWA/MOP Inf. 5.9). The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt draft resolution AEWA/MOP5 DR4.*

**17. Report on the Implementation and Revision of the Communication Strategy**

*The Secretariat will present the Communication Strategy implementation report and will introduce its proposal for a revision process to deliver an updated Communication Strategy for adoption by MOP6 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.18). The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt draft resolution AEWA/MOP5 DR5.*

## **18. World Migratory Bird Day**

*The Secretariat will introduce the report on the development of World Migratory Bird Day since its inception in 2006 to date and its future outlook and priorities (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.19).*

## **19. Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement and/ or its Annexes and Guidance for Interpretation of Criteria Used in Table 1 of the AEWA Action Plan**

*The Secretariat will present the proposals to the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties for Amendments to Annex 3 (Action Plan and Table 1) of the Agreement submitted by the Government of Kenya (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.20) and the comments from the Parties received on these proposals (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.20 Addendum Rev.1) (see also Doc. AEWA/MOP Inf. 5.2). Members of the Technical Committee will present proposals for guidance on interpretation of the terms used in the context of Table 1 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.21 and AEWA/MOP 5.22). The Secretariat will introduce draft resolutions AEWA/MOP5 DR6 Rev.1 and AEWA/MOP5 DR7 and the Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt them.*

## **20. Adoption of the New Arabic Translation of the Agreement Text**

*The Secretariat will introduce the issue and the Meeting will be invited to adopt the new translation as official Arabic version of the Agreement text (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.23), subject to the incorporation of the proposed amendments to the Annexes of the Agreement, also presented to the Meeting of the Parties for adoption.*

## **21. International Single Species Action Plans and Species Management Plans**

*The Secretariat will present an overview of the progress on the production and coordination of implementation of Single Species Action Plans (SSAP) and Species Management Plans (SMP) (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.24). The chief compilers of the newly developed or revised SSAPs/SMPs will present their respective papers:*

- a) Slaty Egret (*Egretta vinaceigula*) (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.25);*
- b) Bewick's Swan (*Cygnus columbianus bewickii*) (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.26);*
- c) Greenland White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons flavirostris*) (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.27);*
- d) Red-breasted Goose (*Branta ruficollis*) (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.28);*
- e) Sociable Lapwing (*Vanellus gregarius*) (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.29);*
- f) Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*) (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.30)*

*The Secretariat will introduce draft resolution AEWA/MOP5 DR8 and the Meeting will be invited to consider the draft SSAPs/SMPs and adopt them alongside the other decisions of the draft resolution.*

## **22. Plan of Action for the Implementation of the African Initiative**

*The Secretariat will introduce the report on the implementation of the African Initiative since MOP4 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.31), the proposed draft Plan of Action for Africa 2012-2017 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.32) and draft resolution AEWA/MOP5 DR9. The meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the draft resolution including the proposed Plan of Action for Africa.*

## **23. Conservation Guidelines**

*The Chair of the Technical Committee will present three draft revised AEWA Conservation Guidelines (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.33, AEWA/MOP 5.34 and AEWA/MOP 5.35) and one of the compilers will present the newly drafted Conservation Guidelines on the Translocation of Waterbirds for Conservation Purposes: Complementing the IUCN Guidelines (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.36). The Secretariat will introduce draft resolution AEWA/MOP5 DR10 and the Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the resolution and the revised and new guidelines (see also Doc. AEWA/MOP Inf. 5.3), including the guidelines on avoiding/mitigating the impact of power lines on migratory birds (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.37) to be presented under agenda item 24.*

## **24. Issues Affecting the Conservation Status of Migratory Waterbirds in the AEWA Region**

*The Secretariat, a member of the Technical Committee and a consultant will present the following documents and draft resolutions:*

- a) Review of the Conflict between Migratory Birds and Electricity Power Grids in the African-Eurasian Region (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.38), Draft Guidelines on How to Avoid or Mitigate Impact of Electricity Power Grids on Migratory Birds in the African-Eurasian Region (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.37) and draft resolution on power lines and migratory birds (AEWA/MOP5 DR11);*

- b) *Draft resolution on adverse effects of agrochemicals on migratory waterbird in Africa (AEWA/MOP5 DR12 and Doc. AEWA/MOP Inf. 5.5);*
- c) *Draft resolution on climate change adaptation measures for waterbirds (AEWA/MOP5 DR13);*
- d) *Draft resolution on waterbirds, wetlands and the impact of extractive industries (AEWA/MOP5 DR14 Rev.1);*
- e) *Draft resolution on the impact of invasive alien aquatic weeds on waterbird habitats in Africa (AEWA/MOP5 DR15 and Doc. AEWA/MOP Inf. 5.4);*
- f) *Draft resolution on renewable energy and migratory waterbirds (AEWA/MOP5 DR16).*

*The meeting will be invited to consider and adopt these draft resolutions.*

## **25. Central Asian Flyway**

*The UNEP/CMS Secretariat will present the progress toward developing a legal and institutional framework for the Central Asian Flyway (CAF) (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.39, AEWA/MOP Inf. 5.6, AEWA/MOP Inf. 5.7 and AEWA/MOP Inf. 5.8). The Meeting will be invited to advise on the next steps to be undertaken by the AEWA Secretariat, and the AEWA Technical and Standing Committees before MOP6 in case the CMS CAF negotiation meeting in December 2012 decides that the incorporation of CAF into AEWA is its preferred option.*

## **26. Institutional Arrangements**

### **a. Standing Committee**

*The Meeting will be invited to decide on the Standing Committee members for the next inter-sessional period. Currently there is one vacant sub-regional position, while the representatives of the other sub-regions are eligible to continue their term of office for another inter-sessional period. The Parties will be requested to identify their representatives on sub-regional basis. The Secretariat will introduce the draft resolution on institutional arrangements for the Standing Committee (AEWA/MOP5 DR17) and the Meeting will be requested to consider and adopt it.*

### **b. Technical Committee**

*The Secretariat will introduce the draft resolution on institutional arrangements for the Technical Committee (AEWA/MOP5 DR18 Rev.1) and the proposed candidates for election as regional representatives for the next inter-sessional period selected by the Advisory Group in accordance with the Technical Committee modus operandi. The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the draft resolution.*

### **c. Cooperation with Other Bodies and Processes**

*A representative of the EU Members States will introduce the following two draft resolutions:*

- c.i) Encouragement of Further Joint Implementation of AEWA and the Ramsar Convention (AEWA/MOP5 DR19);*
- c.ii) Promote Twinning Schemes Between the Natural Sites Listed by the AEWA and the Network of Sites under the Ramsar Convention (AEWA/MOP5 DR20).*

*The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the draft resolutions.*

## **27. Financial and Administrative Matters**

*The Secretariat will introduce the following documents and draft resolutions (item "c" will be introduced jointly with Wetlands International):*

- a) *Report on finance and administrative issues over the period 2009-2011 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.40);*
- b) *Draft budget proposal for 2013-2015/2016 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.41 Rev.1 and AEWA/MOP5 DR21);*
- c) *Proposal on the strategic development of the waterbird monitoring in the African-Eurasian flyways (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.42 Rev.1 and AEWA/MOP5 DR22);*
- d) *Considerations about the future periodicity of sessions of the Meeting of the Parties (Doc. AEWA/MOP 5.43 and AEWA/MOP5 DR23).*

*The Meeting will be invited to consider these proposals and adopt them through the respective draft resolution.*

### **28. Other Draft Resolutions**

*A member of the Technical Committee and a representative of the EU Member States will introduce the following draft resolutions:*

- a) AEWA's contribution to delivering the Aichi 2020 biodiversity targets (AEWA/MOP5 DR24);*
- b) Clarifications on the definition of disturbance, useful for appropriate implementation of the Action Plan (AEWA/MOP5 DR25);*
- c) Support for reinforcing capacities with a view to improving laws and policies in favour of waterbirds (AEWA/MOP5 DR26).*

*The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the draft resolutions.*

### **29. Reports of the Credentials and 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.*

### **30. 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 organisers through draft resolution AEWA/MOP5 DR27.*

### **31. Date and Venue of the Sixth Meeting of the Parties**

*Parties were invited in advance to consider hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of Parties and to announce their proposals prior to or during MOP5. The Meeting will be invited to decide on the date and venue of its next session by adopting draft resolution AEWA/MOP5 DR28.*

### **32. 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 finalise the text in consultation with the Chair within the following weeks.*

### **33. Any Other Business**

*Any other matters not covered under the previous agenda items may be raised here.*

### **34. Closure of the Meeting**

*The Meeting is expected to close on Friday, 18 May at 17.00hrs at the latest.*

## MOP5 PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

DATE/TIME	PLENARY/ WORKING GROUP	AGENDA ITEM
MON 14 AM 9:00 – 12:30	PLENARY	Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting 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
MON 14 PM 14:30 – 18:30	PLENARY	Agenda Item 7: Opening Statements (continued) Agenda Item 10: Outcomes of CMS COP10 and Other Developments of Relevance to AEWA Agenda Item 11: Implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan Agenda Item 12: National Reports and Online Reporting Process Agenda Item 13: International Reviews Agenda Item 14: Implementation Review Process Agenda Item 15: Report on the Implementation and Revision of the AEWA International Implementation Tasks 2009-2016
TUE 15 AM 9:00 – 12:30	PLENARY	Agenda Item 9a: Report by the Standing Committee Agenda Item 9b: Report by the Technical Committee Agenda Item 9c: Report by the Depositary Agenda Item 9d: Report by the Secretariat Agenda Item 16: Report on the Implementation of the Wings Over Wetlands (WOW) UNEP-GEF African-Eurasian Flyways Project and Post-WOW Prospects Agenda Item 17: Report on the Implementation and Revision of the of the Communication Strategy Agenda Item 18: World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) Agenda Item 19: Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement and/ or its Annexes and Guidance for Interpretation of Criteria Used in Table 1 of the AEWA Action Plan Agenda Item 26a: Institutional Arrangements: Standing Committee Agenda Item 26b: Institutional Arrangements: Technical Committee
TUE 15 PM 14:30 – 16:30	PLENARY	Report of the Credentials Committee Agenda Item 27: Financial and Administrative Matters

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TUE 15 PM 16:50 – 18:45	WG1 SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL	Agenda Item 12: National Reports and Online Reporting Process Agenda Item 13: International Reviews Agenda Item 17: Report on the Implementation and Revision of the of the Communication Strategy Agenda Item 19: Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement and Guidance for interpretation of Criteria used in Table 1 of the AEWA Action Plan Agenda Item 23: Conservation Guidelines Agenda Item 24: Issues affecting the Conservation Status of Migratory Waterbirds in the AEWA Region
	WG2 FINANCE/ADMIN	Agenda Item 27: Financial and Administrative Matters
WED 16 AM 9:00 – 12:30	PLENARY	Agenda Item 20: Adoption of the New Arabic Translation of the Agreement Text Agenda Item 21: International Single Species Action Plans and Species Management Plans Agenda Item 22: Plan of Action for the Implementation of the African Initiative Agenda Item 26c: Institutional Arrangements: Cooperation with other Bodies and Processes Agenda Item 28: Other Draft Resolutions
WED 16 PM 14:30 – 18:00	WG1 SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL	Agenda Item 15: Report on the Implementation and Revision of the AEWA International Implementation Tasks 2009-2016 Agenda Item 21: International Single Species Action Plans and Species Management Plans Agenda Item 24: Issues Affecting the Conservation Status of Migratory Waterbirds in the AEWA Region Agenda Item 28: Other Draft Resolutions
	WG2 FINANCE/ADMIN	Agenda Item 27: Financial and Administrative Matters
THU 17 All day		Excursions for delegates Secretariat to finalize revised versions of documents for adoption
FRI 18 AM 9:00 – 12:30	PLENARY	Agenda Item 29: Report of the Credentials and Sessional Committees Agenda Item 25: Central Asian Flyway Agenda Item 26a: Institutional Arrangements: Standing Committee Agenda Items 30: Adoption of the Resolutions and Amendments to the Annexes of the Agreement
FRI 18 PM 14:30 – 17:00	PLENARY	Agenda Item 31: Dates and Venue of the Sixth Meeting of the Parties Agenda Item 32: Adoption of the Report of the Meeting Agenda Item 33: Any Other Business Agenda Item 24: Closure of the Meeting