



6th SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

9-14 November 2015, Bonn, Germany

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chair of MOP5 will make a statement and launch the official opening ceremony.

2. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.2) 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 Meeting Schedule

The Provisional Agenda and Meeting Schedule (Docs. AEWA/MOP 6.3 Rev.2 and AEWA/MOP 6.4 Rev.2) will be proposed for adoption.

Possible items to be discussed under agenda item 31. 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 representatives of non-Contracting Parties, IGOs, international and national NGOs (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.5 Rev.2) that meet the criteria set out in Article VI, paragraph 4, of the Agreement, as Observers.

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-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. The Standing Committee

The Chair of the Standing Committee will briefly introduce his report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.6) on the activities of the Standing Committee since MOP5.

b. The Technical Committee

With reference to his written report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.7), the Chair of the Technical Committee will inform the Meeting on the activities of the Technical Committee.

c. The Depositary

The representative of the Depositary will be invited to report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.8) on activities as Depositary, notably with respect to acceptance of instruments of accession/ratification.

d. The Secretariat

The Secretariat will introduce its report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.9) regarding its activities since MOP5.

e. UNEP

The representative of UNEP will be invited to present his report.

10. Common CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communication and Awareness-raising Team

The Secretariat will report on the pilot phase of the common CMS/AEWA Information, Communication and Awareness-raising Team (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.10 Rev.1).

11. a. Outcomes of the CMS COP11 and Other Developments of Relevance to AEWA

The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) will present major outcomes of the CMS 11th Conference of the Parties (4- 9 November 2014, Quito, Ecuador) – see AEWA/MOP6 Inf.6.2 to Inf.6.6 - and other developments of particular relevance to the Agreement, such as the Independent Analysis on Common Services and Synergies in the CMS Family (Doc. AEWA/MOP Inf.6.8), and the CMS 44th Standing Committee Decision on Enhancing Synergies and Common Services Among the CMS Family Instruments (AEWA/MOP Inf.6.12).

b. Outcomes of the Ramsar COP12 of Relevance to AEWA

The Senior Advisor for Europe of the Ramsar Secretariat will present major outcomes of the 12th Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (1-9 June 2015, Punta del Este, Uruguay) of relevance to the Agreement.

12. Implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2012 – 2017

The Secretariat will introduce the report on the implementation of the African Initiative and the Plan of Action for Africa 2012-2017 since MOP5 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.11).

13. Implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009 – 2017

The Secretariat will present the conclusions and recommendations of the Standing Committee on the progress of implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.12). The Secretariat will then introduce two draft resolutions AEWA/MOP6 DR14 and AEWA/MOP6 DR15. The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the draft resolutions.

14. Analysis and Synthesis of National Reports

The Secretariat will present the main conclusions from the analysis of national reports for the triennium 2012-2014 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.13).

15. International Reviews

The representative of Wetlands International will present the 6th Edition of the Conservation Status Report (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.14), the update on the report on the Status of Introduced Non-native Waterbird Species and Hybrids (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.15) and the report of the Status of Preparation and Implementation of AEWA Single Species Action Plans, Multi Species Action Plans, as well as International Single Species Management Plan (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.16 Rev.1).

16. Implementation Review Process

The Secretariat will present the Standing Committee report on the AEWA Implementation Review Process for the period 2012-2015 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.17).

17. Report on the Implementation and Revision of the AEWA International Implementation Tasks 2012-2015

The Meeting will be invited to review the progress made towards the implementation of the AEWA International Implementation Tasks (IITs) 2012-2015 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.18). The Secretariat will introduce the proposed list of IITs for 2016-2018 (Doc. AEWA/MOP6 DR13) and the Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the draft resolution.

18. Financial and Administrative Matters

The Secretariat will introduce the following documents and draft resolutions:

- a) Report on finance and administrative issues over the period 2013-2015 (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.19),*
- b) Draft budget proposal for 2016-2018 (Docs. AEWA/MOP 6.20 Rev.1 and AEWA/MOP6 DR18 Rev.1),*
- c) Resource Mobilisation for the Implementation of the African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) (Doc. AEWA/MOP6 DR21).*

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.

19. Report on the Implementation of the Communication Strategy and Adoption of the New Communication Strategy

The Secretariat will report on the Communication Strategy implementation and will present the new draft AEWA Communication Strategy (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.21). The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt draft resolution AEWA/MOP6 DR10 Rev.1.

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

The Secretariat will present the proposals to the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties for Amendments to Annexes 2 and 3 of the Agreement submitted by the Government of Norway (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.22 Add.1) and summarise the comments from the Parties received on these proposals. The Secretariat will introduce draft resolution AEWA/MOP6 DR1 and the Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt it.

21. Adoption of the New Arabic Translation of the Agreement Text¹

The Secretariat will introduce a new draft official Arabic version of the Agreement text (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.23), subject to the incorporation of the MOP6-approved amendments to the Annexes of the Agreement. The Meeting will be invited to consider and adopt draft resolution AEWA/MOP6 DR2.

22. Waterbird Monitoring along the African-Eurasian Flyways

The Secretariat and the representative of Wetlands International will report on the Development of Waterbird Monitoring along the African-Eurasian flyways (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.24).

The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on Strengthening Monitoring of Migratory Waterbirds (Doc. AEWA/MOP6 DR3) and adopt it.

23. International Single Species and Multi-species Action Plans and Management Plans

The Meeting will be requested to review the following newly developed and revised Species Action Plans:

- a) Draft ISSAP for the Grey Crowned Crane (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.25),*
- b) Draft ISSAP for the Taiga Bean Goose (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.26),*
- c) Draft ISSAP for the Long-tailed Duck (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.27),*

¹ This issue is still pending; thus documents AEWA/MOP 6.23 and AEWA/MOP6 DR2 are not yet available.

- d) *Draft ISSAP for the Eurasian Curlew (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.28),*
- e) *Draft ISSAP for the Shoebill (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.29),*
- f) *Draft IMSAP for the Conservation of Benguela Upwelling System Coastal Seabirds. (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.30),*
- g) *Draft revised ISSAP for the Northern Bald Ibis (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.32).*

The Secretariat will present Criteria for prioritising AEWA populations for Action and Management Planning and for retirement of ISSAPs, as well as Guidance on the definition of Principal Range States in Action Plans (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.33).

The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on Adoption and Implementation of International Single Species and Multi-Species Action and Management Plans (Doc. AEWA/MOP6 DR8) and adopt it.

24. Conservation Guidelines, Guidance and Definitions

The Secretariat will present four documents for consideration:

- a) *Guidance on measures in national legislation for different populations of the same species, particularly with respect to hunting and trade (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.34),*
- b) *Draft Guidelines on National Legislation for the Protection of Species of Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.35),*
- c) *Draft revised Guidelines on Sustainable Harvest of Migratory Waterbirds (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.36),*
- d) *Guidelines for Sustainable Deployment for Renewable Energy Technologies (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.37).*

The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on the Revision and Adoption of Conservation Guidelines (AEWA/MOP6 DR5) and a draft resolution on the Adoption of Guidance and definitions in the context of Implementation of the AEWA Action Plan (AEWA/MOP6 DR7) and adopt them.

25. Issues Affecting the Conservation Status of Migratory Waterbirds in the AEWA Region

The Secretariat will present the following three documents:

- a) *Review of the Occurrence and Magnitude of the Conflict between Migratory Animals and Renewable Technologies Deployment (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.38),*
- b) *Review of potential impacts of marine fisheries on migratory seabirds within the Afrotropical region (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.39),*
- c) *Review of the status, threats and conservation priorities for the seabird populations covered by the Agreement (Doc. AEWA/MOP 6.40).*

The Secretariat will then present draft resolutions on:

- a) *Conservation and Sustainable use of Migratory Birds (AEWA/MOP6 DR4 Rev. 1),*
- b) *Update Guidance on Climate Change Adaptation Measures for Waterbirds (AEWA/MOP6 DR6),*
- c) *Improving the Conservation Status of African-Eurasian Seabirds (AEWA/MOP6 DR9 Rev.1),*
- d) *Addressing Impacts of Renewable Energy Deployment on Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA/MOP6 DR11),*
- e) *Avoiding Unnecessary Additional Mortality for Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA/MOP6 DR12).*

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

26. Institutional Arrangements

a. Standing Committee

The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on Institutional arrangements: Standing Committee (AEWA/MOP6 DR16) and adopt it.

b. Technical Committee

The Meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on Institutional arrangements: Technical Committee (AEWA/MOP6 DR17) and adopt it.

27. 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.

28. 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/MOP6 DR20.

29. Date and Venue of the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties

Parties were invited in advance to consider hosting the 7th Session of the Meeting of Parties and to announce their proposals prior to or during MOP6. The Meeting will be invited to decide on the date and venue of its next session by adopting draft resolution AEWA/MOP6 DR19.

30. 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.

31. Any Other Business

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

32. Closure of the Meeting

MOP6 PROVISIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE/TIME	PLENARY/ WORKING GROUP	AGENDA ITEM
MONDAY 9 November 2015		
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 Meeting Schedule 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 Agenda Item 9b: Report by the Technical Committee
12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break		
13:30 – 15:15	PLENARY	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 Pilot Phase of the Joint AEWA/CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communications and Awareness-raising Team Agenda Item 11a: Outcomes of CMS COP11 and Other Developments of Relevance to AEWA
15:30 – 16:00	PLENARY	Migratory Species Champion Programme Session (<i>introduction and presentation of certificates</i>)
16:00 – 18:00	PLENARY	AEWA's 20 th Anniversary Celebration
TUESDAY 10 November 2015		
9:00 – 12:00	PLENARY	Agenda Item 11b: Outcomes of the Ramsar COP12 of Relevance to AEWA Agenda Item 12: Implementation of the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa Agenda Item 13: Implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017 Agenda Item 14: Analysis and Synthesis of National Reports Agenda Item 15: International Reviews Agenda Item 16: Implementation Review Process Agenda Item 17: Report on the Implementation and Revision of the AEWA International Implementation Tasks 2012-2015 Agenda Item 20: Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement and/or its Annexes

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		Agenda Item 22: Waterbird Monitoring along the African-Eurasian Flyways
12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break		
14:00 – 18:30	PLENARY	Agenda Item 23: International Single Species and Multi-species Actions Plans and Management Plans Agenda Item 24: Conservation Guidelines, Guidances and Definitions Agenda Item 19: Implementation of the Communication Strategy and Adoption of the New Communication Strategy
WEDNESDAY 11 November 2015		
09:00 – 12:00	PLENARY	Agenda Item 25: Issues affecting the Conservation Status of Migratory Waterbirds in the AEWA Region Agenda Item 21: Adoption of the New Arabic Translation of the Agreement Text Agenda Item 18: Financial and Administrative Matters Agenda Item 26a: Institutional Arrangements: Standing Committee Agenda Item 26b: Institutional Arrangements: Technical Committee Agenda Item 27: Report of the Credentials Committee
12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break		
14:00 – 18:30	WG1 SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL	<i>Working Group 1 will consider the following agenda items in detail:</i> Agenda Item 17: Report on the Implementation and Revision of the AEWA International Implementation Tasks 2012-2015 Agenda Item 20: Proposals for Amendments to the Agreement and/or its Annexes Agenda Item 22: Waterbird Monitoring along the African-Eurasian Flyways Agenda Item 23: International Single Species and Multi-species Actions Plans and Management Plans Agenda Item 24: Conservation Guidelines, Guidances and Definitions Agenda Item 25: Issues affecting the Conservation Status of Migratory Waterbirds in the AEWA Region Agenda Item 26b: Institutional Arrangements: Technical Committee (<i>in particular the proposed TC Work Plan for 2016-2018</i>)
14:00 – 18:30	WG2 FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION	<i>Working Group 2 will consider the following agenda items in detail:</i>

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		Agenda Item 10: Joint CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communications and Awareness-raising Team Agenda Item 18: Financial and Administrative Matters Agenda Item 19: Implementation of the Communication Strategy and Adoption of the New Communication Strategy Agenda Item 21: Adoption of the New Arabic Translation of the Agreement Text
THURSDAY 12 November 2015		
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 previous day</i>
14:00 – 18:30	WG2 FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION	<i>Continuation of Working Group 2 business from previous day</i>
FRIDAY 13 November 2015		
All day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excursions for delegates - Wadden See Flyway Initiative workshop “<i>Strengthening cooperation and World Heritage sites along the East Atlantic Flyway in Africa</i>” (upon invitation) - Secretariat to finalise revised versions of documents for adoption
SATURDAY 14 November 2015		
9:00 – 12:00	PLENARY	Agenda Item 27: Report of the Credentials and Sessional Committees Agenda Item 28: 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 28: Adoption of the Resolutions and Amendments to the Annexes of the Agreement Agenda Item 29: Dates and Venue of the 7 th Meeting of the Parties Agenda Item 30: Adoption of the Report of the Meeting Agenda Item 31: Any Other Business Agenda Item 32: Closure of the Meeting