

## 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

18 – 19 September 2013, Trondheim, Norway

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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 at 09.00 h. The Secretariat will be invited to make introductory remarks.*

#### 2. Revision and adoption of the Rules of Procedure

*A revised version of the Rules of Procedure (Doc. StC 9.4) prepared by the Secretariat will be submitted to the Standing Committee for consideration and adoption.*

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

*The provisional agenda (Doc. StC 9.1Rev.2) and provisional schedule (Doc. StC 9.2 Rev.1) will be proposed for adoption. Possible items to be discussed under item 20. Any other business, should be identified. The possible need of closed sessions should also be identified.*

#### 4. Welcome and 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.*

#### 5. Adoption of the report of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee

*A draft report of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee prepared by the Secretariat (Doc. StC 9.5) will be submitted to the meeting for review and adoption.*

#### 6. Reports by

##### a. Standing Committee Regional Members and Party Observers

*The members 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/organization of relevance to the Agreement. In compiling their reports, regional members are expected to refer to the "Guidelines for reports submitted by the Regional Members to Meetings of the AEWA Standing Committee":*

*[http://www.unep-aewa.org/meetings/en/stc\\_meetings/guidelines\\_report\\_regional\\_members\\_stc.pdf](http://www.unep-aewa.org/meetings/en/stc_meetings/guidelines_report_regional_members_stc.pdf).*

*The reports should be submitted in writing to the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat no later than eight days prior to the StC Meeting.*

##### b. Technical Committee

*The Chairperson of the Technical Committee will report on the outcome of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Committee and possible other activities of the Technical Committee since the last meeting of the Standing Committee.*

##### c. Depositary

*The representative of the Depositary will provide the Meeting with the latest information on accession of Range States to the Agreement (Doc. StC 9.6).*

##### d. Secretariat

*The Secretariat will introduce the report on its activities (Doc. StC 9.7).*

e. **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.*

**7. Preparations for the 6<sup>th</sup> ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties and celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AEWA**

*The Secretariat will orally report on progress made regarding logistical and substantial preparation, and will highlight any issues requiring guidance from the Standing Committee, including a decision on the venue of MOP6. The representative of the Government of Iceland will be invited to give a presentation of the proposed arrangements for the hosting of MOP6, should the offer be accepted. The Standing Committee is expected to comment, request any possible clarification and make a decision on the acceptance of the offer by the Government of Iceland to host MOP6. The Secretariat will also present some preliminary ideas concerning the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AEWA in conjunction with MOP6 (Doc. StC 9.8). The meeting is expected to take note and provide guidance as appropriate. The Secretariat will also present an analysis of the questionnaires filled out by MOP5 participants, aimed at assessing the degree of satisfaction of the attendance on various aspects of the organization of the session (Doc. StC 9.9). The meeting is expected to take note of the analysis and draw lessons as appropriate with a view to the organization of future sessions of the MOP.*

**8. The Central Asian Flyway and possible related amendments to the annexes of the Agreement**

*The preliminary results of an analysis of the implications of an extension of the scope of AEWA to incorporate the Central Asian Flyway Action Plan to Conserve Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats will be presented by the consultant hired to undertake the analysis. The Standing Committee is expected to comment on the analysis and provide guidance as appropriate towards its further development and finalization.*

**9. Contribution of the Standing Committee to the implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017**

*The Standing Committee is expected to consider how it can support the implementation of the recommendations of the Standing Committee report to MOP5 on the "Progress of implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017" (AEWA/MOP 5.11).*

**10. African Initiative for the Conservation of Migratory Waterbirds and their habitats in Africa**

*The Secretariat will report on progress in the implementation of the African Initiative since MOP5 (Doc. StC 9.10). Representatives of the Technical Support Unit offered by France will report on activities undertaken by the Unit since its establishment. The meeting will be invited to comment on progress and provide guidance and support as appropriate towards the further implementation of the initiative.*

**11. National reports and online reporting process**

*A revised format for the national report cycle to MOP6 prepared by the Technical Committee will be submitted to the Standing Committee for approval (Doc. StC 9.11). The Secretariat will report on progress towards the further development of the Online Reporting System. The meeting is expected to take note of the report and comment as appropriate.*

**12. Implementation Review Process**

*The Secretariat will present an update on progress in the implementation of open cases (Doc. StC 9.12). The meeting will be invited to take note of the report and make recommendations as appropriate. The Secretariat will also present possible new cases submitted for consideration under the IRP procedure. The meeting will be invited to make decisions on how to proceed for such cases.*

**13. Revision of the Modus Operandi for the AEWA Small Grant Fund**

*A revision of the Modus Operandi for the AEWA Small Grant Fund proposed by the Secretariat will be submitted to the Standing Committee for approval (Doc. StC 9.13).*

**14. Report on the implementation and revision of the Communication Strategy**

*The Secretariat will present the process towards the revision of the AEWA Communication Strategy (Doc. StC 9.14). The meeting will be invited to take note and provide guidance as appropriate. The Secretariat will also present the expected roles and responsibilities for the National Focal Points for Communication,*

*Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) appointed pursuant to Res. 5.5 (Doc. StC 9.15). The meeting will be invited to review and approve the document.*

**15. New Arabic translation of the Agreement text**

*The Secretariat will report on progress in the revision of the Arabic Translation of the Agreement text.*

**16. International Single Species Action Plans (ISSAPs) and International Single Species Management Plan (ISSMP)**

*The Secretariat will report on progress in the coordination of adopted International Single Species Action Plans (ISSAPs) and International Single Species Management Plan (ISSMP) and the development of new ones (Doc. StC 9.16). The draft ISSAP for the Shoebill (Doc. StC 9.17) will be submitted to the meeting for preliminary adoption by the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee will be provided with an up-date on the ongoing revision of the Lesser White-fronted Goose ISSAP.*

**17. AEWA participation in, and collaboration with other relevant bodies and processes**

**a. Future Structure and Strategies of the CMS and CMS Family**

*The UNEP/CMS Secretariat will present a report on the development of the new Strategic Plan for Migratory Species developed within the framework of CMS, and its participation in the process (Doc. StC 9.19). The Standing Committee will be invited to consider the further involvement of AEWA in the development of the Strategic Plan. The UNEP/CMS and/or UNEP/AEWA Secretariats will also report on the implementation of activities identified in Annex 1 of CMS Resolution 10.9 (Doc. StC Inf. 9.6) of relevance to AEWA. The meeting will be invited to consider how AEWA, and the Standing Committee in particular, could further contribute to the implementation of CMS Res. 10.9.*

**b. Other bodies and processes**

*The Secretariat will report on progress in collaboration and synergies with other bodies and processes. The meeting will be invited to take note and comment as appropriate.*

**18. Financial and administrative matters**

**a. Execution of the 2009-2012 and 2013-2015 budgets**

*The Secretariat will report on income and expenditures in the periods 2009-2012 and 2013-2015 (Doc. StC 9.20). The Meeting will be invited to take note of the report, and comment as appropriate.*

**b. Migratory Species Champion Programme**

*The Secretariat will present the “Migratory Species Champion Programme” concept (Doc. StC 9.21). The Standing Committee is expected to consider the applicability of the approach to AEWA and endorse the concept as appropriate.*

**c. Administrative and personnel matters**

*The Secretariat will report on administrative and personnel matters since MOP5 (Doc. StC 9.20). The Meeting will be invited to take note of the report, and comment as appropriate. The UNEP/CMS Secretariat will report on progress in the recruitment of the AEWA Executive Officer, and make a proposal towards its finalization (Doc. StC 9.22). The Standing Committee is expected to approve the UNEP/CMS Secretariat’s proposal or to agree on an alternative course of action.*

**19. Date and venue of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee**

*The Secretariat has tentatively identified mid-March 2015 as an appropriate date for the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee, in connection with MOP6 preparations. The meeting will be invited to consider this proposal. Possible offers to host the meeting will also be considered.*

**20. Any other business**

**21. Closure of the meeting**

## PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

*18 September 2013 (Wednesday)*

### **Morning session, 09.00-12.30h**

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### **Lunch break, 12.30-14.30h**

### **Afternoon session, 14.30-18.00h**

- 18.a Execution of the 2009-2012 and 2013-2015 budget
- 18.b Migratory Species Champion Programme
- 18.c Administrative and personnel matters
- 17.a Future Structure and Strategies of the CMS and CMS Family
11. National reports and online reporting process
16. International Single Species Action Plans (ISSAPs) and International Single Species Management Plan (ISSMP)

*19 September 2013 (Thursday)*

### **Morning session, 09.00-12.30h**

- 6.a Reports by Standing Committee Members and Party Observers
- 6.b Report by the Technical Committee
- 6.c Report by the Depositary
- 6.d Report by the Secretariat
- 6.e Reports by other Observers
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