



13th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
03 - 05 July 2018, The Hague, the Netherlands

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. 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 (Doc. AEWA/StC Inf. 13.4).

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme

The provisional agenda (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.2 Rev.2) and provisional work programme (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.3) will be proposed for adoption.

Possible items to be discussed under agenda item 23 - Any Other Business, should be identified. The possible need of closed sessions should also be identified.

4. Proposal for the Revision of Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedures of the Standing Committee

The Secretariat will present the analysis and the three options to revise Rule 17 of the StC RoP. The meeting will be invited to comment and choose between the three options (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.4- Provisional List of Participants).

5. 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 (Doc. AEWA/StC/Inf. 13.1 – Guidelines for Reports Submitted by the StC Regional Representatives).

b. Technical Committee

The Chairperson of the Technical Committee will present the report of the Technical Committee to MOP7 (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.5).

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 13.6).

d. Secretariat

The Secretariat will introduce the report on its activities (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.7).

e. UNEP

The representative of UNEP will present the activities of UNEP related to MEAs and the resolutions adopted during the UNEA3 Meeting (Doc. AEWA/StC/Inf 13.3).

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. Report on the Implementation of the African Initiative and the Plan of Action for Africa

The Secretariat will report on progress in the implementation of the African Initiative and the Plan of Action for Africa (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.8). The meeting will be invited to comment on progress and provide guidance and support as appropriate towards the further implementation of the initiative.

7. Report on the Joint CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communication and Awareness-raising Unit

The Secretariat will present Doc AEWA/StC 13.9. The meeting will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate.

8. Report on the Implementation of the Communication Strategy

The Secretariat will present Doc AEWA/StC 13.10. The meeting will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate.

9. The 7th Ordinary Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA (MOP7)

a. Report by the host of MOP7 on logistical preparations

The representative of the Host Country will orally report on progress made regarding the venue and logistical preparations. The meeting will also be invited to review a Draft Resolution on Tribute to the Organizers (StC13. DR.14).

b. Status of National Reporting, analysis of National reports and final report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2009-2018

The Secretariat will orally present the current status of the National Reporting cycle to MOP7, the analysis of National Reports and the final report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2009-2018. The meeting will be invited to comment and provide guidance as appropriate.

10. Draft AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 and the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027

The Standing Committee will be invited to review the Draft AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 (Doc AEWA/StC 13.11) and the draft AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027 (Doc AEWA/StC 13.12) and approve these two documents for submission to MOP7 for consideration.

The Secretariat will present the Draft Format for National Reports on the Implementation of AEWA 2018-2020 (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.13). The meeting will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate.

The meeting will be invited to review a Draft Resolution on the adoption and implementation of these two plans for the period 2019-2027 (Doc. AEWA/StC 13. DR.1) and approve its submission to MOP7 for consideration.

11. Implementation Review Process (IRP)

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

12. International Reviews

The Secretariat will present the 7th Edition of the Conservation Status Report (Doc AEWA/StC 13.14). The meeting will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate.

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

The Secretariat will report on progress in the coordination of adopted International Single and Multi-species Action Plans (ISSAPs and IMSAPs) and International Single Species Management Plans (ISSMPs) focusing on the recommendations to be submitted to MOP for extension, revision or retirement (Doc AEWA/StC 13.20).

The Secretariat will present the Draft Revised Format for AEWA International Single and Multi-species Action Plans (Doc AEWA/StC 13.21). The Standing Committee will be invited to review and approve these two documents for submission to MOP7 for consideration.

The meeting will be then requested to review the following newly developed and revised ISSAPs and ISSMPs and approve their submissions to MOP7 for adoption:

- a. Velvet Scoter Western Siberia & Northern Europe/NW Europe Population ISSAP (Doc AEWA/StC 13.15);*
- b. White-headed Duck ISSAP (revision of the 2008 plan) (Doc AEWA/StC 13.16);*
- c. Dalmatian Pelican ISSAP (Doc AEWA/StC 13.17);*
- d. Barnacle Goose ISSMP (Doc AEWA/StC 13.18);*
- e. Greylag Goose NW/SW Europe Population ISSMP (Doc AEWA/StC 13.19).*

The meeting will be invited to review a Draft Resolution on the Adoption, Revision, Retirement, Extension and Implementation of International Species Action and Management (Doc. AEWA/StC 13. DR.2) and approve its submission to MOP7 for consideration.

14. Seabirds

The Secretariat will orally report on progress made on the seabird-related issues and the preparation of relevant documents for MOP7. The meeting will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate.

15. Waterbird Monitoring

The Secretariat will present the report on the Development of Waterbird Monitoring along the African-Eurasian Flyways (Doc AEWA/StC 13.26). The meeting will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate. The Secretariat will further inform about the progress in revising AEWA Conservation Guidelines No. 9 on Waterbird Monitoring Protocol in preparation for submission to MOP7 for consideration.

The meeting will also be invited to review a Draft Resolution on Strengthening Monitoring of Migratory Waterbirds (Doc. AEWA/StC 13. DR.4) and approve its submission to MOP7 for consideration.

16. Guidance on Implementation of the Agreement

The Secretariat will present three documents related to different issues:

- a. Draft Guidance on Satisfying the Conditions of Paragraph 2.1.3 of the AEWA Action Plan (Document AEWA/StC 13.27)*
- b. Draft Guidance on AEWA's Provisions on Non-native Species (Document AEWA/StC 13.28)*
- c. Draft Guidance on Taking a Systematic Approach to Responding to Waterbird Declines: A Checklist of Potential Actions (Document AEWA/StC 13.29)*

The meeting will be invited to comment and approve them for submission to MOP7 for consideration.

The meeting will also be invited to review a Draft Resolution on the Adoption of Guidance in the Context of Implementation of the AEWA Action Plan (Doc. AEWA/StC 13. DR.5) and approve its submission to MOP7 for consideration.

17. Other Draft Resolutions

The Secretariat will present a Proposal to Amend the Definition of Significant Long-Term Decline and Establish a Criterion on Short-term Decline to Apply when Classifying Populations in Table 1 of Annex 3 of the Agreement (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.30).

The meeting will be then invited to review a draft Resolution on the Adoption of Amendments in the Interpretation of Terms Used in the Context of Table 1 of AEWA Annex 3 (Doc. AEWA/StC 13. DR6) and approve the submission of the document and the draft resolution to MOP7 for consideration.

The meeting will be invited to review three other draft resolutions and approve their submissions to MOP7 for consideration:

- Draft Resolution on Climate Resilient Flyways (Doc. AEWA/StC 13. DR7)*
- Draft Resolution on AEWA's Contribution to the Aichi Targets and Relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals (Doc. AEWA/StC 13. DR8)*

- *Draft Resolution on Date, Venue and Funding of the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA (Doc. AEWA/StC13. DR.13)*

18. 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 13. DR9) and approve its submission to MOP7 for consideration.

19. Institutional Arrangements

a. Standing Committee

The meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on the Standing Committee institutional arrangements (Doc. AEWA/StC 13. DR10) and approve its submission to MOP7 for consideration.

b. Technical Committee

The Draft Technical Committee Work Plan 2019-2021 (Document Doc. AEWA/StC13.31) will be presented and the meeting will be invited to comment and to provide guidance as appropriate.

The meeting will be invited to review a draft resolution on the Technical Committee institutional arrangements (Doc. AEWA/StC13. DR11) and approve its submission to MOP7 for consideration.

20. Financial and administrative matters

a. Execution of the 2016-2018 Budget

The Secretariat will report on income and expenditures during the periods 2013-2015 and 2016-2018 (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.32 pro parte). The Meeting will be invited to take note of the report and comment as appropriate.

b. Status of AEWA contributions in arrears

The Secretariat will present the status of arrears (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.32 pro parte). The Meeting will be invited to take note of the situation and to provide guidance as necessary.

c. Administrative and Personnel Matters

The Secretariat will report on administrative and personnel matters (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.32 pro parte). The Meeting will be invited to take note of the report and comment as appropriate.

d. Draft Budget Proposal 2019-2021

The Secretariat will present five scenarios for the budget proposal (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.33). The meeting will be requested to provide guidance on the preparation of the final proposal to be submitted to MOP7.

e. Budget scale of contributions for 2019-2021

The Secretariat will present the impact of the utilisation of the UN scale on the contributions (Doc. AEWA/StC 13.33 pro parte). The Meeting will be invited to comment and provide guidance for the preparation of the scale to be used for MOP7 budget scenarios.

The meeting will be then invited to review a Draft Resolution on Financial and Administrative Matters (Doc. AEWA/StC 13. DR12) and approve its submission to MOP7 for consideration.

21. Selection of the 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.

22. Date and Venue of the 14th Meeting of the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee will be invited to consider the date and venue for its 14th meeting.

23. Any other business

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

24. Closure of the meeting

PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

03 July 2018 (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. Proposal for the Revision of Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedures of the Standing Committee
- 5.a Reports by Standing Committee Members and Party Observers
- 5.b Report by the Technical Committee

Coffee Break

- 5.c Report by the Depositary
- 5.d Report by the Secretariat
- 5.e Report by UNEP
- 5.f Reports by Other Observers

Lunch break, 12.30-14.00h

Afternoon session, 14.00-18.00h

20. Financial and administrative matters
 - a. Execution of the 2016-2018 Budget
 - b. Status of AEWA contributions in arrears
 - c. Administrative and Personnel Matters

Coffee break

- d. Draft Budget Proposal 2019-2021
- e. AEWA scale of contributions for 2019-2021

Closed session (StC members only): 21. Selection of the AEWA Award Winners

04 July 2018 (Wednesday)

Morning session, 09.00-13.00h

6. Report on the Implementation of the African Initiative and the Plan of Action for Africa
7. Report on the Joint CMS/AEWA Information Management, Communication and Awareness-raising Unit
8. Report on the Implementation of the Communication Strategy

Coffee break

- 9a. 7th Ordinary Session of the Meeting of the Parties: Report by the host of MOP7 on logistical preparations
- 9b. 7th Ordinary Session of the Meeting of the Parties: Status of National Reporting, analysis of National reports and final report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2009-2018
10. Draft AEWA Strategic Plan 2019-2027 and the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2019-2027

Lunch break, 13.00-14.00h

Afternoon session, 14.00-15.45h

11. Implementation Review Process (IRP)
12. International Reviews
14. Seabirds

Coffee break

Field trip and subsequent dinner, 16.00h

05 July 2018 (Thursday)

Morning session, 09.00-13.00h

13. International Single Species Action and Management Plans (ISSAPs and ISMPs)

15. Waterbird Monitoring

Coffee break

16. Guidance on Implementation of the Agreement

17. Other Draft Resolutions

18. Adoption of Amendments to the AEWA Annexes

Lunch break 13:00 – 14:00h

Afternoon session, 14.00-15.45h

19. Institutional Arrangements Standing Committee and Technical Committee

22. Date and Venue of the 14th Meeting of the Standing Committee

23. Any other business

24. Closure of the meeting