



SECOND SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE
CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY WATERBIRDS (AEWA)
GERMANY, 25-27 SEPTEMBER 2002

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening

A representative of the Host country will open¹ the meeting at 09.30 hrs.

2. Welcome addresses

The Chairman of the Technical Committee will make an opening statement and will conduct the business of the meeting through to the election of officers (agenda item 4).

3. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure (doc: AEWA/ MOP2.3) will be proposed for adoption.

4. 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 at the meeting.

5. Adoption of the agenda and work programme

The agenda (doc: AEWA/ MOP2.2) as well as the work programme (doc: AEWA/ MOP2.4) will be proposed for adoption.

6. Establishment of the Credentials Committee and sessional committees

The meeting is 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. The meeting may wish to establish further sessional committees as the need arises.

7. Admission of Observers

The meeting is invited to admit as observers, representatives of IGOs, international and national NGOs (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.5) that meet the criteria set out in Article VI, para. 4, of the Agreement.

8. Opening Statements

Written statements will be circulated and compiled for inclusion in the report of the meeting. While such statements, as a general rule, are not to be presented orally, the Chair may invite representatives of non-Party observers to give an indication of their Government's considerations vis-à-vis accession to AEWA.

¹ The Meeting will be formally opened in the morning of 18 September at the conclusion of a common (CMS-AEWA) opening ceremony, for which a separate programme will be made available.

9. Reports by:

a) Secretariat

The Secretariat will introduce briefly the report (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.6) regarding its activities since MOP1.

b) Technical Committee

With reference to his written report (doc: AEWA/ MOP2.7), 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 2.8) on activities to the discharge of his functions as Depositary, notably with respect to acceptance of instruments of accession/ ratification.

10. Amendments to the Agreement and its Action Plan

The Government of South Africa has submitted some proposals for amendment of the species list of Annex II to the Agreement (doc: AEWA/ Inf. 2.1). In accordance with Resolution 1.9, para. 4, the Technical Committee recommends to include some species in Annex II. In addition to this, the Technical Committee recommends to include all migratory waterbird species in the Action Plan (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.9). The meeting will be invited to review these lists and to adopt Resolution 2.2.

11. Report on the African-Eurasian Flyway GEF project

The Project coordinator of the African-Eurasian Flyway GEF project will orally inform the meeting on progress made regarding this project.

12. Review of the implementation of the Agreement

a) International Implementation Priorities AEWA 2000-2004

The meeting will be invited to review progress made towards implementation of the International Implementation Priorities AEWA 2000-2004 (doc: AEWA/ MOP2.10)

b) Phasing out lead shot for waterbird hunting

The Secretariat and/ or the consultant will report on the activities of AEWA regarding phasing out lead shot (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.11) e.g. through raising awareness via a special issue of the AEWA Newsletter (doc:AEWA/ Inf. 2.2). The meeting will be requested to review the draft Resolution on Phasing out lead shot for waterbird hunting (Res. 2.3)

c) Synthesis of Party reports

The Secretariat will report on the exercise undertaken to synthesise information contained in the National Reports submitted by AEWA Parties

d) Cooperation with other bodies

The meeting will be informed by the Secretariat on cooperation with other intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies with whom institutional linkages are desirable, including (but not limited to): CBD, Ramsar, UNCCD, Wetlands International, BirdLife International, IUCN, WWF, OMPO, CIC, FACE, etc. This will include Joint Work Programmes (doc: AEWA/ Inf. 2.3 and AEWA/ Inf.2.4) already in place or foreseen.

13. Adoption of the Conservation Guidelines

In accordance with Resolution 1.10, para 2, the Technical Committee has revised the initial guidelines. Furthermore, an additional guideline on emergency situations at international level has been drafted. The meeting is invited to review these guidelines (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.12) and to adopt them via Resolution 2.4.

14. Review and approval of new projects for inclusion in the Register of International Projects
At the 3rd Meeting of the Technical Committee the Register of International Projects was reviewed and amended. The meeting will be invited to review the Register (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.13).

15. International Implementation Priorities AEWA 2003-2007
The Secretariat and/ or the consultant will inform the meeting on the International Implementation Priorities AEWA 2003-2007 (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.14). The meeting will be requested to review the list of priorities and to adopt Resolution 2.5.

16. International Single Species Action Plans for:

- a) **Sociable Plover (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.15)**
- b) **Great Snipe (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.16)**
- c) **Dark-bellied Brent Goose (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.17)**
- d) **Black-winged Pratincole (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.18)**
- e) **Format for AEWA Species Action Plans (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.19)**

BirdLife International/ Chairman of the Dark-bellied Brent Goose Working Group will briefly introduce the above-mentioned Action Plans including the proposal for a the format of an AEWA Species Action Plan. The meeting will be requested to review these Single Species Action Plans and the AEWA Species Action Plan format and to adopt them via Resolution 2.6.

17. Development of the Action Plan for the Central Asian-Indian Flyway
Wetlands International will orally inform the meeting on progress made regarding the development of the Action Plan (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.20) for the Central Asian-Indian Flyway. Furthermore, the Secretariat will introduce the note on the three options for concerted international actions in this region (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.21). The meeting will be requested to provide some guidance regarding future involvement of the AEWA Secretariat in the CAIF

18. Institutional Arrangements:

- a) **Headquarters agreement and juridical personality**
The meeting will be informed by a representative of UNEP/ CMS Secretariat and/ or the German Government on the anticipated conclusion of a Headquarters Agreement (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.22) between the Government of Germany, the United Nations Environmental Programme and the UNEP/ CMS Secretariat and what this will mean for the UNEP/ AEWA Secretariat.
- b) **Technical Committee**
The Chairman of the Technical Committee will introduce the proposal of the Technical Committee to review the given tasks accordance with Article VII, para. 3, of the Agreement and to amend the rules of procedure for meetings of the Technical Committee. The expected outcome is adoption of Resolution 2.7.
- c) **Standing Committee**
The meeting is requested to consider the establishment of a Standing Committee (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.23) making use of the provisions of Article VI, para 9 e, of the Agreement. The Chairman of the Technical Committee will be invited to inform the meeting about the recommendation of the Technical Committee regarding this issue. The expected outcome is adoption of Resolution 2.8.

19. Financial Arrangements:

a) Adoption of Budget 2003-2005

The Secretariat and/ or the Administrative and Fund Officer will report on contributions received to the AEWA Trust Funds and on the use of resources over the previous triennium. The meeting has to decide on the budget for the next triennium (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.24) and to extend the duration of the Trust Fund for another three years. Expected outcome: Noting of the Secretariat report on budgetary matters; adoption by consensus of a budget for the 2003-2005 triennium and extension of the AEWA Trust Fund through 31 December 2005 via Resolution 2.9.

b) Consideration of accepting contributions in kind in lieu of cash to the budget of the Agreement

The Secretariat will introduce the Guidelines on Contribution in Kind doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.25). The meeting will be invited to consider the acceptance of contributions in kind and to adopt Resolution 2.10

c) Establishment of a small conservation grant fund for the Agreement

In accordance with Resolution 1.7, para. 2, the Secretariat prepared a proposal for the operation of the Small Conservation Grant Fund (doc: AEWA/ MOP 2.26). The meeting will be invited to review this proposal and to adopt Resolution 2.11.

20. Report of the sessional committees

Reports of the sessional committees will be presented on an ad hoc basis. Sections of the main report will be considered in the plenary as they become available

21. Adoption of resolutions and amendments to the Agreement and its Annexes

The meeting will be invited to adopt, in its final session, the text of resolutions and recommendations forwarded to the plenary, after having been discussed in the working groups. Furthermore the meeting will be also invited to adopt the amendments agreed to the Annexes of the Agreement.

22. Date and venue of the third Session of the Meeting of the Parties

Hopefully just before or during the MOP2 one or more AEWA Parties will announce their candidacy to host, the 3rd Session of the Meeting of the Parties during the course of 2005.

23. Adoption of the report of the meeting

A draft report of the meeting will be presented for adoption as far as possible in the two working languages, with the understanding that the Secretariat will be entrusted to finalise the text in the weeks following the meeting.

24. Any other business

Any other matters not covered under the previous agenda items may be raised under this agenda item.

25. Closure

The Meeting is expected to be closed on Friday, 27 September, at 17.00 hrs at the latest.