



**6<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES**

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*“Making flyway conservation happen”*

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RESOLUTION 6.14

**EXTENSION AND REVISION OF THE AEWA STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE AEWA  
PLAN OF ACTION FOR AFRICA**

*Recalling* Resolution 4.7 through which, *inter alia*, the Meeting of the Parties adopted the first AEWA Strategic Plan for the period 2009-2017,

*Noting* the limited progress of implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan so far as reported by the Standing Committee (documents AEWA/MOP 5.11 and AEWA/MOP 6.12) and *further noting* the incomplete national reports submitted by some Contracting Parties preventing full assessment of implementation,

*Recalling* Resolution 5.9 through which the Meeting of the Parties adopted the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa 2012-2017 as a guide to the implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan 2009-2017 in the African Region,

*Recognising* the positive results from the implementation of the Plan of Action for Africa during the period of 2012-2015 (document AEWA/MOP 6.11),

*Expressing appreciation* to the Governments of France and Senegal for generously providing substantial contributions to the implementation of the Plan of Action for Africa through the Technical Support Unit hosted by the Fondation Tour du Valat in France and the Department of National Parks in Senegal and also supported by the Department of Water and Biodiversity of the French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy (MEDDE) and the French hunting and wildlife agency (ONCFS),

*Equally expressing appreciation* to the Government of Switzerland for generously co-funding the position of a Coordinator for the AEWA African Initiative over the past triennium,

*Also expressing appreciation* to the Government of Germany for generously funding the position of the Programme Assistant for the AEWA African Initiative over the past triennium,

*Further expressing appreciation* to the Governments of Botswana, France, Germany, Kenya, Rwanda, the United Kingdom, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, South Africa, and Switzerland, to the European Commission, as well as to AEWA partners including the African Crane Conservation Programme (ACCP), BirdLife International, the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat, the French hunting and wildlife agency (ONCFS), Naturschutzbund Deutschland (NABU - the BirdLife Partner in Germany) and Wetlands International for providing voluntary financial and substantial contributions to support activities conducted under the AEWA African Initiative over the period of 2012-2015,

*Further acknowledging* the collaboration and support to the African Initiative from the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and other partner Multilateral Environmental Agreements, particularly the Ramsar Convention,

*Recognising* the need to further mobilise significant amounts of financial and other resources for the effective implementation of the activities outlined in the AEWA Plan of Action 2012-2017,

*Acknowledging* Resolution 11.2 of the Convention on Migratory Species which adopted the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023, urged the CMS Family of instruments, amongst others, to integrate the goals and targets of this Strategic Plan within relevant policy and planning instruments and invited the decision-making bodies of CMS instruments to consider this Strategic Plan for adoption at their next meetings,

*Noting* that the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA (MOP7) will not take place before 2018.

*The Meeting of the Parties:*

1. *Extends* the AEWA Strategic Plan and the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa until MOP7;
2. *Urges* all Contracting Parties and other stakeholders to step up the implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan and the Plan of Action for Africa and *invites* Non-party Range States to consider implementing both policy processes;
3. *Calls* upon donor countries and organisations to further support the implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan and the Plan of Action of Africa through financial and in-kind contributions;
4. *Further urges* all Contracting Parties to provide complete and thorough national reports to MOP7 to allow a comprehensive assessment of the implementation of the AEWA Strategic Plan and the Plan of Action for Africa;
5. *Decides* that the deadline for submission of national reports by Contracting Parties to MOP7 shall be 180 days before the opening date of MOP7;
6. *Instructs* the Standing Committee, working with the Technical Committee and supported by the Secretariat, to revise the AEWA Strategic Plan taking into account the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023, and to present a draft plan for the period 2019-2027 for consideration and adoption by MOP7;
7. *Further instructs* the Standing Committee, working with the Technical Committee and supported by the Secretariat, to revise the AEWA Plan of Action for Africa alongside the revision of the AEWA Strategic Plan and present a draft plan for the period 2019-2027 for consideration and adoption by MOP7.