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**5TH MEETING OF SIGNATORIES OF
THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MIDDLE-
EUROPEAN POPULATION OF THE GREAT BUSTARD (MoU)
AND
SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM
“PROGRESS IN THE RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION OF THE
GREAT BUSTARD IN EUROPE”**

18-21 September 2023, Bratislava, Slovakia

Schedule

(Please also note the Provisional Agenda for the MOS5 in UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS5/Doc.3.a – Provisional Agenda and List of Documents and UNEP/CMS/GB/MOS5/Doc.3.b – Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule)

Sunday, 17 September 2023

15:00 – 22:00 Arrival of participants at the Hotel LOFT and informal meeting

Monday, 18 September 2023

Scientific Symposium: “Progress in the Research and Conservation of the Great Bustard in Europe”

9:45 – 10:15 Opening:

Samuel Pacenovsky (State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic)

Jana Durkošová (Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic, *TBC*)

Prof. Nigel Collar (BirdLife International)

10:15 – 13:00 Morning session, Chair: Rainer Raab

Nikola Stojnic: The current situation of Great Bustard in Republic of Serbia

Attila Nagy: The current situation of Great Bustard in Romania

Reto Spaar: The updated program of work of the African Eurasian Landbirds Action Plan AEMLAP (Swiss Ornithological Institute, Coordination unit AEMLAP)

Coffee break

Miklós Lóránt: The Great Bustard in Hungary - overview about the present situation, recent happenings, and future plans

Samuel Pacenovsky, Jan Kalavsky & Jozef Ridzon: The Great Bustard in Slovakia - overview about the present situation in Slovakia

René Köhler: Status of the reintroduction project in "Zerbster Land" (Saxony-Anhalt, Germany)

Marek Galis: The impact of power lines on Great Bustard in Slovakia - history and current knowledge on mitigation measures

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 18:00 Afternoon session, Chair: Torsten Langgemach

András Schmidt: Projects to bury medium-voltage power lines underground in Great Bustard sites in Hungary

Rainer Raab, Hannah Böing, Eike Julius, Péter Spakovszky, Jochen Steindl & Manuel Wojta: The Great Bustard in Austria: results of the protection within LIFE Projects and other projects in the period 2005 to 2023

Sona Nuhlickova, Nado Ladislav, Eike Julius, Rainhard Raab & Rainer Raab: Results of Telemetry of the West Pannonian Great Bustard population

Coffee break (with poster session)

David Waters: Practicalities of a Reintroduction – an update

Milada Bielekova: LIFE Project Steppe on border

18:30 Dinner

20:00 Evening program

Film “The Country of People and the Bustard” (35 minutes)

This film was produced in 2009 in frame of the LIFE project "Conservation of the Great Bustard (*Otis tarda*) in Slovakia".

Tuesday, 19 September 2023

Excursion and Scientific Symposium, continued

08:00 – 12:30 Excursion to the Great Bustard habitat in Bratislava and surroundings

13:00 Lunch

14:00 – 19:00 Scientific Symposium, Chair: Ivan Ramirez

Introduction, flashback report from the last meeting / discussion of open items / conclusions from the discussion

Preparation of MoU documents (Medium-Term Work-Program, Action Plan, Guidelines to be finalized)

Coffee break

Preparation of MoU documents, continued

19:30 Dinner

20:30 Evening program

Nigel Collar: The Bustard Family and its conservation – update

Wednesday, 20 September 2023

09:45 – 19:30 Fifth Meeting of the Signatories (MOS5) of the Great Bustard MoU

14:00 – 15:00 Press conference

Representatives of the ministries from Austria, Hungary & Slovakia

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Thursday, 21 September 2023

09:00 - 13:00 Fifth Meeting of the Signatories (MOS5) of the Great Bustard MoU

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