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Date/Time	Agenda items and Activities	Documents	Annotations
Sunday 19 October			
All day:	Arrival of participants		Organisers will pick up participants from the airport to their hotels
15:00- 18:30	Registration		<u>Conference venue:</u> Beach Rotana Hotel and Towers ; Fact Sheet under: http://www.cms.int/bodies/meetings/regional/birdsofprey/Fact_Sheet_E.pdf
18:00-18:30	Heads of delegations meeting with CMS Secretariat	UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/4	The brief meeting will discuss the overall objectives, the chairmanship of the meeting as well as other organisational matters such as the need for and possible chairmanship of any working groups. Venue: Beach Rotana Hotel and Towers (the Conference venue).
Monday 20 October			
09:00-10:00	Registration		Delegates and participants who did not register yet and participants arriving away from UAE.
Morning 10:00-12:30	Agenda items 1 – 7		
	1. Welcoming remarks		The CMS Secretariat will open the meeting and invite remarks from representatives of the Government of the United Arab Emirates, the Environmental Agency – Abu Dhabi, as well as the representative of UK as host of the first meeting on Birds of Prey. CMS will also provide some introductory remarks.

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	Coffee break		
	2. Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Schedule	UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/1 UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/2 UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/3 UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/Inf/2	The meeting is invited to review and agree or amend the provisional agenda as well as the schedule of the meeting. Provided rules of procedure and list of documents will be introduced and agreed.
	3. Election of Officers		Meeting Chair and Vice Chair will be elected.
	4. Establishment of credentials Committee		A credentials Committee that will report periodically to the meeting is elected. The Committee will review credentials of representative of official delegations.
	5. Meeting Overview and Objectives	UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/4	The Chair will invite the Secretariat to report on progress made in the inter-session since the first meeting held in Loch Lomond, Scotland, UK. The meeting will be briefed on the present objectives and main pending issues that need finalisation.
	6. General overview on the final MOU & AP	UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/5	The meeting will be informed on the main comments provided as well as their incorporation in the final texts of the MoU & AP. The objective is the participants do focus on formally concluding rather than further discussing substantives issues.
	7. Preliminary in-country reports: Presentation on Bird work with focus on BOP in UAE		The presentation will aim at highlighting achievements in UAE in BOP as a case study for Asia.
	Lunch break		
Afternoon 14:00-18:00	Agenda items 7 – 8		
	7. Preliminary in-country reports: Presentation on Monitoring for and with BOP in Europe		The presentation will aim at highlighting achievements in UAE in BOP as a case study for Europe.

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	8. Presentation of the report of the Inter-sessional Working Group in financial matters and discussion in plenary	UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/8	The Chair of the inter-sessional WG in financial matters (UK) will present the outcomes and recommendations of the group to the meeting. The report will be posted in early September 2008 following its finalisation by the ISWG.
	Coffee break		
	8. Discussion of the report of ISWG (cont'd)		
	8. Establishing ad hoc sub-Working Group(s) in finance and Action Plan implementation		When and if deemed necessary by the Meeting for specific topics arising from the discussion, one or two ad hoc group(s) will be established. The objective would be the finalisation of supporting financial resources towards establishing a Coordination Unit and implementing the work programme, in relation with the AP.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Credential's Committee 		A first update on valid credentials provided by the delegates will be given to the meeting.
19:00-20:00	Reception		Reception offered by the Environmental Agency – ABU DHABI (EAD) – Conference venue
Tuesday 21 October			
Morning 09:00-12:30	Agenda items 8 – 9		
	8. Ad hoc (or initial) WG (cont'd)		Continuation of the ad hoc sub-WG(s) or the initial ISWG
	Coffee break		
	8. Adoption of the inter-sessional WG in financial matters in plenary	UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/8	Expected outcome: final ISWG agreed by the meeting.

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	9. Adoption of the final Action Plan text	UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/7	The final AP text prepared by the Secretariat will be presented to the meeting. The Chair will allow a brief formal discussion, which does not debate on substantive issues. This is allowed by the Chair in light of the outcomes of the ad hoc sub-WG(s).
	9. Establishing an ad hoc drafting group for the Action Plan		When and if deemed appropriate by the meeting. Otherwise the Secretariat will finalise the draft for its conclusion by the meeting.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Credential's Committee 		Second update on credentials.
	Lunch break		
Afternoon 14:00-18:00	Agenda items 7 – 9		
	7. Preliminary in-country reports and statements by delegates of range states		In addition to the day 1 presentation for Asia & Europe, other range states from Africa may wish to make statements and comment on their strategies on BOP conservation. Brief statements should clarify the will to sign the MoU at the extent possible.
	7. Statements by observers and partners		Observers may wish to make brief statements to the meeting and focus on conservation activities, as well as their support to the MoU.
	Coffee break		
	9. Conclusion of the final MoU text	UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/6	The Chair will request from the meeting to conclude and agree the final MoU text.
	9. Conclusion of the final Action Plan text	UNEP/CMS/AEBOP/2/6	The Chair will request from the meeting to conclude and agree the final AP text.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Meeting report (Final Act) 	In-session document	The participants will be presented the draft report as a final act to be adopted by the meeting.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Credential's Committee 		Third and last update on credentials.
Wednesday 22 October			
Morning 09:00-12:30	Agenda items 9 – 10 – 11 - 12		
	9. Adoption of the report of the meeting		Official delegations will adopt the meeting report and consider the signature of the original MoU prepared by the Secretariat. The issue of signature by supporting organisations should have been agreed under item 9.
	Coffee break		
	10. First Meeting of the Signatories (AEBOP-1)		The meeting will agree the date of the first meeting of Parties to the MoU (MOP1) at the extent possible.
	11. Any other business		The Range States will be invited to propose and consider other issues not covered under the preceding agenda items.
	Lunch		
	9. Signing Ceremony of the MoU (and/or the Final Act)		Based on the last update on credentials, the original MoU text will be opened for signature during a Ceremony of Signature in the venue of the meeting. The programme will be announced timely by the Chair of the meeting.
	12. Closure of the Meeting		
19:00-20:30	Gala dinner		Outside Gala dinner offered by UAE
Thursday 23 October			
All day:	Departure of participants		