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EIGHTH MEETING OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES  
Nairobi, 20-25 November 2005  
Agenda item 5

**PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE**

*Prepared by the Secretariat*

The provisional timetable should be read in conjunction with the Provisional Agenda (UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.1/Rev.3) and the List of Documents (UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.1 Add 2/Rev 5). The timetable is subject to amendment in order to take into account additional documents that may require consideration during the meeting.

**EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP8) AND ASSOCIATED MEETINGS  
CONFERENCE SERVICES – United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON)**

**PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF OFFICIAL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS (as at 16 November 2005)**

**TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER**

PARTICIPANTS ARRIVAL (all day)

**WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER**

Registration for CMS Scientific Council meeting and COP (morning)

Lobby

CMS Scientific Council meeting - Opening (10:00)

Plenary Hall: Members and invited observers only

CMS Scientific Council meeting – Session 1 (afternoon)

Plenary Hall: Members and invited observers only

Side Events: NGOs workshops (afternoon)

**THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER**

CMS Scientific Council meeting – Session 2 (morning)

Plenary Hall: Members and invited observers only

CMS Scientific Council meeting – Session 3 (afternoon)

Plenary Hall: Members and invited observers only

Side Events: NGOs workshops (afternoon)

**FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER**

CMS Scientific Council meeting – Session 4 (morning)

Plenary Hall: Members and invited observers only

Side Events: NGOs workshops (morning)

CMS Scientific Council meeting – Session 5 (afternoon)

Plenary Hall: Members and invited observers only

**SATURDAY, 19 NOVEMBER**

Registration for CMS COP8 (morning)

Lobby

Two consecutive Round Tables on

(i) Migratory Species & Climate Change (morning)

(ii) Migratory Species as Vector of Diseases: Myth or reality? (afternoon)

UK High Commission Reception

UK High Commission

Time	Mode	Activity	Working Groups / Side Events
<b>SUNDAY, 20 NOVEMBER</b>			
All day		Registration for CMS COP8	
1000 - 1300		29 <sup>th</sup> Standing Committee Meeting (members and invited observers only)	
1300 – 1600		Lunch break	Launch of Poster Exhibition
1600 – 2100	UNEP Gigiri	Opening and CMS Partnerships Fair Introductory Remarks from Robert Hepworth, Executive Secretary CMS and Jim Knight MP, Minister for Biodiversity, UK CMS Thesis Award, Friends of CMS and Presentation by over 12 CMS Partners	Refreshments and Foods will be available courtesy of CMS for all participants
<b>MONDAY, 21 NOVEMBER</b>			
1000 - 1300	Plenary	Opening Statements <b>Agenda items 1-7:</b> Administrative matters (rules of procedure, elections, agenda/timetable, establishment of committees, admission of observers etc.) <b>Agenda item 8:</b> Reports from Convention and Agreements Bodies (Secretariat, Standing Committee, Scientific Council, Article IV Agreements) <b>Agenda item 9:</b> Reports from States (Depositary, Party States, Non-Party States) <b>Agenda item 10:</b> Reports from Partners (UNEP, Biodiversity Liaison Group, Other IGO Bodies, Civil Society) <b>Agenda item 12a:</b> Outcome of Strategic Plan 2000-2005	
1300 - 1500		Lunch break Meeting of the Credentials Committee 1 <sup>st</sup> Press Conference	Launch of SSA Partnership

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1500 – 1800	Committee of the Whole	<p><b>Agenda item 11:</b> CMS and the 2010 Biodiversity Targets</p> <p><b>Agenda item 12b:</b> New Strategic Plan 2006-2011 (working group maybe formed)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 12c:</b> Application in CMS of the AAPG for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity</p> <p>CMS Information Management Plan</p> <p><b>Agenda item 15a:</b> Review of GROMS (Global Register on Migratory Species)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 15b:</b> Information Management System (IMS)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 15c:</b> Format for Party Reports</p>	
1800 – 1830		Meeting of the Bureau	
<b>TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER</b>			
1000- 1100	Plenary	<p>Budget and Administration</p> <p><b>Agenda item 18:</b> Secretariat Manpower and Organisation</p> <p><b>Agenda item 19a:</b> Outcome of CMS Budget 2003-2005 (budget presentation) (working group maybe formed)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 19b:</b> CMS Budget and Medium Term Plan 2006-2011 (budget presentation)</p> <p><b>Agenda item 19c:</b> Other administrative issues</p> <p><b>Agenda item 19d:</b> Fundraising Project</p>	
1100 - 1300	Committee of the Whole	<p><b>Agenda item 13a:</b> Major (concerted action) projects</p> <p>- Sahelo-Saharan Antelopes project; Siberian Crane Wetland project; Potential New projects</p> <p><b>Agenda item 13b:</b> Other measures to promote the conservation of Appendix I species</p>	Resources Working Group
1300 - 1500		<p>Lunch break</p> <p>Meeting of the Credentials Committee</p>	<p>UNEP and CMS conserving Marine Mammals</p> <p>UNEP: Issue-Based Modules for the Coherent Implementation of Biodiversity Related Conventions</p>
1500 - 1530		West African Populations of the African Elephant – MoU Signing Ceremony	

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1530 - 1800	Committee of the Whole	<p><b>Agenda item 14a:</b> Strategic issues on Agreements already in force</p> <p><b>Agenda item 14b:</b> Development of new and future Agreements - Asian Houbara Bustard; West African Elephants; Central Asian Saiga Antelopes</p> <p><b>Agenda item 14c:</b> Other measures to promote conservation and sustainable management of Appendix II species</p> <p><b>Agenda item 24:</b> Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Parties</p>	
1800 - 1830		<p>Meeting of the Bureau</p> <p>Houbara Bustard Agreement Heads of Delegation Meeting (tentative)</p>	
Evening		Resources and other Working group meetings	GRASP, Great Apes and CMS
<b>WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER</b>			
0900 - 1130	Special Session	Meeting to Conclude the Agreement on the Conservation of the Asian Houbara Bustard (Resources working group also at 0900-1130)	
1130 - 1300	Plenary	<p>CMS Outreach and Communications</p> <p><b>Agenda item 16a:</b> CMS Outreach and Communications Plan</p>	
1245 - 1300		Saiga Antelope ( <i>Saiga tatarica tatarica</i> ) – Signing Ceremony	
1300 - 1500		<p>Lunch break</p> <p>Meeting of the Credentials Committee</p>	<p>UNEP, Division of Environmental Conventions: Cross-cutting issues for implementation</p> <p>IFAW: Protecting Migratory Species Around the World</p> <p>Whale shark conservation – how local communities engage in saving the world largest fish – a case study from India</p>

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1500 - 1800	Plenary	<p><b>Agenda item 16b:</b> Co-operation with other organizations Institutional Issues</p> <p><b>Agenda item 20a:</b> Elections to Scientific Council and Standing Committee</p> <p><b>Agenda item 20b:</b> Other institutional Issues</p> <p><b>Agenda item 17:</b> Proposals submitted by Parties to amend Appendices of the Convention</p>	Houbara Working Group (if needed)
1800 - 1830		Meeting of the Bureau	
Evening		Resources and other Working Group Meetings (if needed)	
<b>THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER</b>			
1000 - 1300	Committee of the Whole	<p>MoU Signing Ceremonies</p> <p>Reports of Committee Working Groups</p> <p>Completion of Committee's Work</p>	
1300 - 1500		Lunch break	<p>West Africa Linking the World, WWF West Africa Marine Ecoregion Programme Office</p> <p>Shaping 2010 today: Lessons from the countdown 2010 Initiative, IUCN</p> <p>AAPGs and their relevance for CMS</p>
1500 - 1730	Plenary	Report of the Committee of the Whole, and Resources Working Group	
1730 - 1830		Meeting of the Bureau	
Evening			A Night for the Common Dolphin, ACCOBAMS/WDCS
2000 – 2200		Pending items (only if needed)	

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<b>FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER</b>			
0900 - 1000	Special Session	Meeting to Conclude the Agreement on the Conservation of the Asian Houbara Bustard Final Act / Signing Ceremony	
1000 - 1300	Plenary	Completion of the Plenary's work including: <b>Agenda item 21:</b> Reports of the Credentials Committee <b>Agenda item 22:</b> Reports of sessional committees <b>Agenda item 23:</b> Adoption of Amendments to Appendices <b>Agenda item 24:</b> Adoption of conference resolutions and recommendations <b>Agenda item 25:</b> Date and venue of 9 <sup>th</sup> COP (2008) <b>Agenda item 26:</b> Any other business	
1300	Plenary	Distribution of draft Meeting Report to all participants	
1300 - 1500		Lunch break 2 <sup>nd</sup> Press Conference	
1500 - 1700		<b>Agenda item 27:</b> Adoption of the report of the meeting <b>Agenda item 28:</b> Closure of the meeting	
1700 - 1800		30 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee (members only)	