

WORK PLAN FOR THE ENERGY TASK FORCE 2017-2018

As finalized by the 1st meeting of the Energy Task Force, Cape Town, 1-2 December 2016

| Theme ¹ | Expected result | Actions | Responsible entity(ies) ² | Timeline | Funding status ³ | Roll Out Action |
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| Promoting implementation of relevant guidelines | Guidelines are integrated into decision-making. | Prepare and disseminate an information package for CMS and AEWA Parties, including fact sheets and information about existing decision support tools. | Coordinator , CMS and AEWA Secretariats, Israel | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to develop first draft |
| | | Prepare PowerPoint slides promoting the Energy Task Force and guidelines to use Task Force Members at relevant international events. | Coordinator , CMS Secretariat | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to develop first draft |
| | | Identify relevant stakeholders in energy and financial sectors. | Coordinator , CMS Secretariat | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to invite relevant stakeholders. |
| | | Prepare and disseminate an information package for energy sector stakeholders and environmental assessment practitioners, including fact sheets and information about existing decision support tools. | Coordinator , CMS Secretariat, BirdLife South Africa, Egypt | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to develop first draft |
| | | Prepare and disseminate an information package for financial institutions , including fact sheets and information about existing decision support tools. | Coordinator , CMS Secretariat, South Africa, EBRD | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to develop first draft |
| | | Prepare and disseminate an information package for conservation organisations , including fact sheets and information about existing decision support tools. | Coordinator , CMS Secretariat | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to develop first draft |
| | | Organise multi-stakeholder dialogue on renewable energy development and migratory species during CMS COP12. | Coordinator , CMS Secretariat, Task Force Members, Egypt, Germany | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to initiate plan |
| | | Prepare an information paper for CMS COP12 (Manila, October 2017) including | Coordinator , CMS Secretariat, Task | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to develop first draft |

¹ These themes are based on the remit of the Energy Task Force, as described in the Terms of Reference (CMS Resolution 11.27 Annex 1).

² Organisations and agencies that have voluntarily committed to implementing the relevant action, with lead organisation in **bold text**.

³ Funding status of the relevant action (e.g. in-kind contribution, funding confirmed, partially funded, not yet confirmed).

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| | | implementation analysis and global impact assessment (see below). | Force Members, Egypt, Germany | | | |
| | | Side-event at UNFCCC COP23 (Bonn, November 2017) | Coordinator , CMS Secretariat, Task Force Members, Germany | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to initiate plan |
| | | Information document for energy and environmental sectors on the business case for implementing guidelines. | PowerAfrica, EWT, Egypt | | In kind | Member initiative |
| | | Engage with industry and investors - build partnerships and establish pilot initiatives with industry and investors. | Coordinator , CMS Secretariat, Task Force Members | | Unfunded /In kind | Coordinator to continue engagement |
| | | Translate key information into other languages (as required). | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat | | Unfunded | To be determined |
| Priority setting | Work plan reflects priorities. | Review work plan at 2 nd Energy Task Force meeting to identify additional priority activities in line with CMS Resolution 11.27 and including long term goals. | Task Force Members | 2017 | In kind | Coordinator to initiate review |
| | | Establish technical working group for renewable energy and powerlines. | Israel , Coordinator, BirdLife South Africa, EWT | 2017 | In kind | Coordinator to establish Technical WG |
| Mobilising resources | Priority activities identified and funded. | Identify key funding priorities and opportunities. | Coordinator , CMS Secretariat, Task Force Members | 2017 | In kind | Member initiative |
| | | Prepare fundraising concept note(s), with input from Energy Task Force members | Coordinator , CMS Secretariat | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to prepare draft |
| | | Prepare funding proposal to further develop decision support tools | BirdLife International, Task Force Members | 2018 | In kind | Member initiative |
| | | Liaise with potential donors to seek support for Energy Task Force activities | CMS Secretariat , Coordinator, Task Force Members | 2017-2018 | Funded (2017) | Member initiative |
| Monitoring implementation and | Report on status of implementation; | Conduct an analysis of 2014 CMS national reports to assess implementation of relevant resolutions. | Coordinator , CMS Secretariat | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to develop draft |

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| impediments to implementation | Impediments to implementation and potential solutions identified. | Conduct an analysis of 2017 CMS national reports to assess implementation of relevant resolutions. | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to develop draft |
| | | Document implementation barriers and potential solutions identified during the 1 st Energy Task Force meeting. | Coordinator | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to develop draft |
| | | Interview selected CMS Parties and relevant stakeholders to identify key impediments to implementation. | Coordinator | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to develop draft |
| | | Incorporate implementation analysis into information paper for CMS COP12 (above). | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat | 2017 | Funded | Coordinator to develop draft |
| | | Analyse existing guidelines to identify gaps and need for more technical detail; develop complementary technical notes (e.g. sensitivity mapping, thresholds, data collection and monitoring, mitigation hierarchy and powerlines). | Technical working group. | 2017 | Un-funded/ In-kind | Member initiative |
| Stimulating communication and information exchange | Task force members collaborate and share information. | Make information about the ETF available via dedicated web space on CMS website. | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat | 2017-2018 | In-kind | Coordinator to develop content; CMS Secretariat upload |
| | | Energy Task Force members exchange case studies, lessons learnt and best practices during task force meetings. | Task Force Members | 2016-2018 | In-kind | Member initiative |
| | | Create online discussion platform to facilitate collaboration between Energy Task Force members. | CMS Secretariat | 2017-2018 | In-kind | CMS Secretariat |
| | | Task force members use online platform to share information and resources, and plan collaborative activities. | Coordinator, Task Force Members, | 2017-2018 | Funded (2017 only) | Member initiative |
| | | Deliver and record webinar series for CMS Parties, financial institutions and energy sector stakeholders, with presentations by Energy Task Force members and other experts. | Coordinator, Task Force Members, EBRD | 2017-2018 | Un-funded/ In-kind | To be determined |

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| | | Identify relevant Best Practices in relation to powerline impacts that could be applicable in other countries. Disseminate guidelines. | RGI (Europe), EWT, Egypt, Task Force Members | 2017 | Un-funded/In kind | Member initiative |
| | | Survey Task Force Members and collate available resources and lessons learned with regards to planning, impact assessment and mitigation. | Technical Working Group | 2017 | | Member initiative |
| Strengthening regional and international networks | Strong regional and international networks | Task Force members to promote the aims of the Task Force through relevant regional and international networks. | Task Force Members | 2017-2018 | In-kind | Member initiative |
| Stimulating research | Significantly increase the evidence base on which to make planning and mitigation decisions. | Identify research gaps and priorities. | Technical Working Group | 2017 | Unfunded | Member initiative |
| | | Complete a global assessment of predicted impacts of large-scale renewable energy deployment on birds and mammals. ⁴ | British Trust for Ornithology, BirdLife International, IUCN, RSPB, University of Cambridge, EWT | 2016-2017 | Funded (Follow-up to current project requires funding) | Coordinator to setup introductions and working group input |
| | | Assessment of potential effectiveness of management to mitigate negative impacts of renewable energy upon biodiversity | British Trust for Ornithology, and others, Egypt. Israel | 2017-2018 | Funding required | To be determined |
| | | Encourage further assessments of the potential conflicts between different renewable energy sectors and grid infrastructure at a regional and/or national scale to improve the understanding of the impacts on biodiversity, the effectiveness of mitigation measures, and to explore innovative solutions. | Task Force Members, EWT | 2017-2018 | Funding required | Member initiative |

⁴ Outputs from the research will include: report and paper on species' sensitivity to renewable energy generation; species assessments incorporated within the Species Information Service, co-managed by IUCN and BirdLife International; hotspot maps of vulnerability to renewable energy generation; report and paper summarising global vulnerability assessment results; and, policy-focussed summaries for online dissemination.