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Körös-Valley Visitor Centre of the Körös-Maros National Park Directorate, Szarvas, Hungary
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(as at 5 April 2013)

Date/Time	Agenda items and Activities	Documents	Annotations
Sunday: 7 April			
All Day	Delegates arrive in Szarvas		Please see fact sheet
1900-2000	Meeting between the Host Country organisers, the moderators and lecturers of the Scientific Symposium and the CMS Secretariat		Aranyménes Pansion This one-hour meeting will discuss <i>inter alia</i> the meeting flow, especially the role of moderators and the interactive part of the sessions and other organisational matters.
Monday: 8 April			
0830-0900	Registration		Participants are kindly requested to submit original credentials for the MoS3 and register for both meetings.
All Day	Scientific Symposium on the Great Bustard	CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.11	See separate agenda. Meeting starts at 0900.
	Welcome Reception hosted by the Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development		1930 at conference venue.
Tuesday: 9 April			
All Day	Scientific Symposium on the Great Bustard	CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.11	See separate agenda. Meeting starts at 0900.

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Evening	Heads of delegation meeting with the CMS Secretariat		This one-hour meeting lead by the CMS Secretariat will discuss <i>inter alia</i> chairmanship and vice chairmanship of the meeting, rules of procedure, meeting flow and other organisational matters. Time and venue to be determined.
Wednesday: 10 April	Excursion: Organised by Hungary		Programme starts at 0900 from the Conference venue and participants will arrive back at Szarbas around 1900. Visit to the Great Bustard Rescue Station and 400 ha enclosure in Dévaványa and to some typical breeding and feeding grounds as well as the observation of birds in the field. Lunch at Réhely Visiting Center.
Thursday: 11 April	Third Meeting of the Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard (<i>Otis tarda</i>)		
0830-0900	Registration		Delegates only arriving for the MoS3 are kindly requested to submit credentials and to pick up their badges.
Morning 0900-1300¹	Agenda items 1.0 – 6.2		
	1.0 Welcoming remarks		Dr. József Viski, Head of Department of the Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development will open the meeting. Melanie Virtue, CMS Secretariat will make some introductory remarks.

¹ NB: A coffee or other break is foreseen in all morning and afternoon sessions.

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	2.0 Election of officers		<p>The Meeting will be invited to elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the representatives of the Signatories in attendance.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Officers are elected.</p>
	3.0 Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule	<p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.3.1</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.3.2</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.3.3</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.9</p>	<p>The Second Meeting of the Signatories (Ukraine, 2008) agreed to operate without formal written rules of procedure since this arrangement had reportedly worked well during the First Meeting of Signatories. It is proposed that all decisions at the Meeting be taken by consensus.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Agenda and Meeting schedule adopted.</p>
	4.0 Opening statements	<p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.9</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.12</p>	<p>It is <u>not</u> envisaged to have presentations of national activities at this stage of the meeting, however delegates may wish to make brief opening statements (no more than 2-3 minutes) to indicate any support or assistance (financial or in-kind) their country has provided or intends to provide towards the MoU's implementation keeping in mind MoU Paragraph 10 (financial issues). Signing organisations will also be invited to make short (2-3 minute) interventions A representative from the preceding Scientific Symposium on the Great Bustard will be invited to make a short summary of the Symposium's outcomes (no more than 5-10 minutes) most relevant to the MoU meeting.</p>
	5.0 Reports		
	5.1 Report of the Secretariat	<p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.5.1</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.3</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.4</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.5</p>	<p>The Meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat's report concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the status of signatures and recruitment efforts. Representatives of non-Signatory States eligible to sign the MoU will be invited to inform the Meeting of their Government's intentions vis-à-vis signature of the MoU.

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			<p>The Meeting may wish to consider ways and means to increase membership in the MoU;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provisional list of designated national contact points; • CMS COP Outcomes; • CMS Strategic Plan; and • Any other additional matters relevant to the Secretariat.
	<p>5.2 Overview Report</p>	<p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.5.2 CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.6 CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.7</p>	<p>The First Meeting of the Signatories (Austria, 2004) adopted a format for national reports to be produced pursuant to Paragraph 6 of the MoU.</p> <p>National Reports received have been circulated.</p> <p>András Schmidt from the Hungarian delegation will report on National Reports received from Signatories and give a summary upon the Overview Report on the status and results as follows.</p> <p>The Overview Report summarizes the information received and available as of 2 April 2013 with regard to the status of MoU's and Action Plan's (AP) implementation. It is proposed that a brief summary of the Overview Report is provided drawing conclusions as necessary.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information shared on the status of MoU and Action Plan (AP) implementation within the agreement area.</p>
	<p>6.0 Review of MoU and Action Plan implementation</p>		
	<p>6.1 Review of the conservation status of the Great Bustard populations in the agreement area</p>	<p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.7.1 CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.6 CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.7</p>	<p>Delegates will report outcomes from the Scientific Symposium regarding conservation status of the Great Bustard in the Agreement area.</p> <p>The Meeting may then wish to briefly consider the</p>

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		<p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.8</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.9</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.12</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.13</p>	<p>conservation status of the Great Bustard outside of the agreement area and invite interventions from observer States and signing organisations. This information will be relevant to discussions on expanding the geographical scope of the MoU under Agenda Item 7.1.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information shared on the conservation status of the Great Bustard within the agreement area; possible additional information shared on the Great Bustard's conservation status outside of the agreement area.</p>
	<p>6.2 Status of development and implementation of national work programmes</p>	<p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.5.2</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.5.x</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.6.x</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.7</p> <p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.9</p>	<p>Pursuant to Paragraph 4.g of the MoU, Signatories should endeavour to adopt or update National Work Programmes for the implementation of the MoU and its associated Action Plan. National Work Programmes should be communicated to the Secretariat (para. 6 of the MoU).</p> <p>The Secretariat will report orally on the status of National Work Programme received from Signatories. Delegates will also be invited to confirm the existence of their national work programmes and any problems / gaps in their establishment and implementation.</p> <p>The Meeting will be invited to consider best practice in how to proceed with the establishment of the national work programmes still missing and how best to measure progress under the MoU and Action Plan, both in terms of national level actions and overall conservation and management outcomes for the Great Bustard.</p> <p>Further, the Meeting should take note of the fact that the Action Plan (Part II) and national report format will lose effect; delegates should discuss the possible implications and make suggestions in how to deal with the new frame of the Action Plan to be adopted – regarding national and international commitments under the MoU.</p>

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			<p>Expected outcome: Confirmation that national work programmes are in place; implementation gaps identified by country and possible means to fill gaps identified; take note of changes regarding the new Action Plan structure and give guidance on tools needed for the best implementation of the MoU and Action Plan – to be discussed under Agenda item 7.0 on ‘Future implementation and further development of the MoU and Action Plan’.</p>
1300-1400	Lunch break		
Afternoon 1400-1830	Agenda items 6.3 – 7.2		
	<p>6.3 Status of implementation of the Medium-term International Work Programme (2008-2012)</p>	<p>CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.5.2 CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.6.3 CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.2</p>	<p>The First Meeting of the Signatories adopted a Medium Term International Work Programme (MTIWP), covering the period 2005-2010, which was updated and extended until 2012 at the Second Meeting of Signatories (Annex 7 to the meeting report). The Meeting will be invited to review implementation of the MTIWP, including scientific, conservation and financial aspects, identify the problems and obstacles of actions not fulfilled and consider if these should be extended in the new MTIWP, plus what ongoing measures are needed to be continued.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information shared on the status of MTIWP implementation. Further needs for the implementation of the MTIWP assessed and agreed. Suggestions made for measures to be continued or extended in the new MTIWP (Agenda item 7.3) and agreed as appropriate.</p>
	<p>7.0 Future implementation and further development of the MoU and Action Plan</p>		

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	7.1 Amendment of the Geographical Scope of the MoU: Recognition of Additional Range States	CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.7.1 CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.9	<p>The Meeting will be invited to have discussion on expanding the MoU's geographical scope to finally include Italy, Montenegro, Russia and Serbia. New Range States present at the meeting will be invited to report on their intention to sign the MoU.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Amendment of the MoU and inclusion of the additional Range States.</p>
	7.2 Amendment of MoU's Action Plan	CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.7.2 CMS/GB/MoS3/Inf.9	<p>The Meeting will be invited to have discussion on amendment of the MoU's Action Plan.</p> <p>Signatories made additional amendments to the official amendment proposal which were submitted to the Secretariat and should be also presented.</p> <p>As a consequence of the amendment the item 14 in the Final clauses of the MoU should be deleted, which refers to Part 2 of the Action Plan losing effect.</p> <p>The Meeting should also discuss the development of a new template for the National Report accordingly, intersessionally, following the meeting.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Adoption of the new Action Plan; deletion of MoU Final clauses item 14; agreement on a new template developed as a National Report format in line with the new Action Plan.</p>
Evening	Reception hosted by CMS		1930: venue to be announced.
Friday: 12 April			
Morning 0900-1300	Agenda items 7.3 – 7.4.4 and 7.5		

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	The morning session will begin with Agenda Item 7.5 (pl. see below) after which the normal order will continue		
	7.3 Adoption of new Medium-term International Work Programme (2013.....)	CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.7.3	<p>The Meeting will be invited to consider the new draft Medium Term International Work Programme for the Great Bustard with a view to its adoption as required by MoU Paragraph 8. After an introduction by Anna Práger from the Hungarian delegation, it is suggested that a “tour de table” be made to solicit general comments on the draft.</p> <p>Note: the new MTIWP has to be restructured to be in line with the newly adopted Action Plan and has to take into account Doc.7.4.4 on determined Joint Research Programme for the future and next intersessional period.</p> <p>Expected outcome: New MTIWP adopted.</p>
	7.4 Adoption of Guidelines		
	7.4.1 Guidelines for Reinforcement and Reintroduction of the Great Bustard	CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.7.4.1	<p>After an introduction by the German delegation on the prepared document and a verbal report on the outcomes of the Scientific Symposium which also discussed the draft, delegates will still be invited to make any further comments or amendments to the report.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Guidelines adopted.</p>
	7.4.2 Guidelines for Monitoring of population parameters and of the effects of management measures	CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.7.4.2 CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.7.4.2/Annex 1 CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.7.4.2/Annex 2	<p>After an introduction by the Austrian delegation on the prepared document and a verbal report on the outcomes of the Scientific Symposium which also discussed the draft, delegates will still be invited to make any further comments or amendments to the report.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Guidelines adopted.</p>

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	7.4.3 Guidelines for best practice on mitigating impacts of infrastructure development and afforestation of the Great Bustard	CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.7.4.3	<p>After an introduction by the Austrian delegation on the prepared document and a verbal report on the outcomes of the Scientific Symposium which also discussed the draft, delegates will still be invited to make any further comments or amendments to the report.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Guidelines adopted.</p>
	7.4.4 Great Bustard Joint Research Programme	CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.7.4.4	<p>After an introduction by the German delegation on the prepared document and a verbal report on the outcomes of the Scientific Symposium which also discussed the draft, delegates will still be invited to make any further comments or amendments to the report.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Guidelines adopted.</p>
	7.5 MoU Coordination		<p>The CMS Secretariat acts as the secretariat to MoUs developed under CMS auspices at no cost to the MoU signatories. However, when feasible and appropriate it can outsource some aspects of the MoU coordination to range states and/or collaborating organizations to support a range of activities including meeting preparation, project development and fundraising, membership development and awareness raising. The Meeting will be invited to consider options for the future coordination of the MoU. Signatories or collaborating organizations willing to provide financial and/or in kind support towards MoU coordination will be invited to illustrate their offers.</p> <p>Expected outcome: General consideration of the MoU coordination issue; guidance provided and options identified on the particular issue of outsourcing MoU coordination activities, including financial considerations.</p>
1300-1400	Lunch break		

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Afternoon 1400-1600	Agenda items 7.4.5 - 10.0		
	7.4.5 Guidelines on measures to secure the successful wintering of Great Bustards	CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.7.4.5	<p>The Hungarian delegation will introduce the draft guideline and report on the outcomes of the Scientific Symposium thereof. Delegates will be invited to comment on the draft. Signatories with migratory Great Bustard populations will be asked to prepare Part 2 of the guideline on the management of wintering sites and populations on the migratory routes.</p> <p>A preliminary plan for the timing of intersessional work and the final preparation of the guideline should be discussed among the delegates.</p> <p>Expected outcome: General consideration of the guideline Part 1 and a work plan for the preparation of Part 2 and finalisation of the document accepted by the Meeting.</p>
	7.4.6 Cancelled		Cancelled
	7.47 Study on the different agri-environmental schemes for the benefit of the Great Bustard	CMS/GB/MoS3/Doc.7.4.7	<p>The Hungarian delegation will introduce the draft guideline and report on the outcomes of the Scientific Symposium thereof. Delegates will be invited to comment on the draft.</p> <p>Signatories will be asked to prepare the country specific part of the document and comment on their views.</p> <p>A preliminary plan for the timing of intersessional work and the final preparation of the guideline should be discussed among the delegates.</p> <p>Expected outcome: General consideration of the guideline and a work plan for the preparation of the country specific part and the finalisation of the document accepted by the Meeting.</p>
	7.6 Any other matters		Participants will be invited to raise any other matters concerning future MoU and Action Plan implementation.

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	8.0 Next meeting of the Signatories		<p>The meeting will be invited to consider when the next meeting of the Signatory States should take place.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Tentative date set for the next meeting of the Signatory States and any invitations to host the next meeting considered; general financial considerations reviewed.</p>
	9.0 Any other business		<p>The Meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other issues not covered under the former agenda items.</p>
	10.0 Closure of the meeting		