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New Delhi, 10-13 June 2005
Agenda Item 3.0

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE
(AS AT 3 JUNE 2005)**

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Date/Time	Agenda items and Activities	Documents	Annotations
Thursday 9 June			
	Delegates arrive in New Delhi	CMS/CAF/Inf.1	Please refer to Fact Sheet for arrival details.
Evening	Heads of Delegations Meeting with CMS Secretariat	CMS/CAF/Inf.1	Taj Mahal Hotel: This one-hour meeting will discuss <i>inter alia</i> chairmanship of the meeting, rules of procedure, meeting flow and other organisational matters. Time and room number to be announced.
Friday 10 June			
09.30-10.00	Registration	CMS/CAF/Inf.1	Delegates will be picked up from their respective hotels and brought to the conference venue by 09:30 hours to register and pick up any registration materials. Delegates are politely reminded to please bring the meeting documentation with them to the meeting. Documentation will not be available at the venue.
Morning 10.00-13.30	Agenda items 1.0-5.0		
10.00-11.00	1.0 Opening Ceremony	CMS/CAF/1/Rev.2	The programme for the opening ceremony will be available at the meeting.
11.00-11.30	Tea Break		

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11.00-11.30	Press Conference		
11.30-11.40	2.0 Election of officers	CMS/CAF/1/Rev.2	The Range States will be invited to elect a chairman from among the representatives of the Range States in attendance. Expected outcome: Chairman elected
11.40-11.50	3.0 Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule	CMS/CAF/1/Rev.2 CMS/CAF/2	The Range States will be invited to review the provisional agenda and the schedule reflected in the provisional annotated agenda and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Expected outcome: Agenda and meeting schedule adopted.
11.50-12.00	4.0 Meeting overview	CMS/CAF/2 CMS/CAF/3	The Chair will invite the CMS Secretariat to introduce the meeting, its aims and objectives. An overview of the meeting's work will be provided including the documents before the meeting for consideration. Some simple principles will be proposed as the basis for the meeting's rules of procedure.
12.00-14.00	5.0 Technical session on flyway issues	CMS/CAF/4 CMS/CAF/Inf.4.x	A technical session will provide delegates with an overview of waterbird conservation issues within the Central Asian Flyway, including an oral synthesis of country reports submitted by the Range States, as well as an overview of CMS-related activities within the region. Expected Outcome: Delegates have a better understanding of conservation issues within the region and how CMS has been trying to assist Range States to address them.
	5.1 Issues and priorities for the Central Asian Flyway	CMS/CAF/Inf.4.x	Flyway Initiatives: How CAF Fits In <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flyways: Principles and Initiatives - WI Rep (10 mins) • Central Asian Flyway: Main Issues and Opportunities for Cooperation on Migratory Waterbirds and Wetland Conservation – WI Rep (10 mins)

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			<p>15 minutes of discussion is anticipated</p> <p>Key Background Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migratory Strategies of Waterbirds in the Central Asian Flyway: Status of Knowledge - BNHS Rep. (10 mins) • Monitoring the distribution and status of waterbirds in the Central Asian Flyway - WI Rep (10 mins) • Habitat Inventory for Migratory Waterbirds: Lessons Learned from the UNDP/GEF Indian National Wetlands Project - SACON Rep (10 mins) • Site-based Approaches for Management of Internationally Important Migratory Waterbird Sites: The Role of IBAs - BirdLife Rep (10 mins) <p>15 minutes of discussion is anticipated</p> <p>CAF Country Reports Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis of the national reports of CAF Range States on status of waterbirds, wetlands and conservation initiatives - WI Rep (15 mins) <p>15 minutes of discussion is anticipated</p>
14.00-15.00	Lunch break		
Afternoon 15.00-18.00	Agenda Items 5.0 (continued)-6.0		
15.00-16.00	5.2 Existing CMS initiatives within the Central Asian Flyway	CMS/CAF/Inf.5 CMS/CAF/Inf.6 CMS/CAF/Inf.7	Existing CMS initiatives within the Central Asian Flyway will be described: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Eurasian Waterbird Agreement - AEWA Rep (10 mins)

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		CMS/CAF/Inf.9 CMS/CAF/Inf.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building and Site Conservation: A Case Study of the UNEP/GEF African Eurasian Waterbird Project – WI Rep (10 mins) • Asia-Pacific Migratory Waterbird Conservation Strategy - WI Rep (10 mins) • Use of Flagship Migratory Waterbird Species to Promote Wetlands Conservation: CMS MoU on Conservation Measures concerning the Siberian Crane and the UNEP/GEF Siberian Crane and Wetlands Project - ICF Rep (10 mins) <p>15 minutes of discussion is anticipated</p>
16.00-16.30	Tea Break		
16.30-18.30	6.0 Regional preferences for a legal and institutional framework to support the Central Asian Flyway Action Plan for Waterbirds and their Habitats	CMS/CAF/6 CMS/CAF/Inf.5 CMS/CAF/Inf.6 CMS/CAF/Inf.7 CMS/CAF/Inf.10 CMS/CAF/Inf.11	<p>The Range States will be invited to consider the options for a legal and institutional framework to support the implementation of the proposed CAF Action Plan and to develop a consensus on the region's preferred option. This will take the form of a recommendation. The discussions and conclusions will inform the consideration of the draft Action Plan including issues related to form and substance under agenda item 7 (Action Plan finalisation and endorsement).</p> <p>After an introduction by the Secretariat, which may make reference to comments received to date from Range States, the Chairman will invite Range State delegations to express their country's official position with regard to which legal and institutional option they prefer and to identify outstanding issues or provide comments.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Regional recommendation on a preferred legal and institutional option</p>
Evening	Reception to be hosted by the Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests		Time and venue to be announced.

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Saturday 11 June			
Morning 09.00-13.00	Agenda items 7.0-8.0		
09.00-11.00	7.0 Action Plan finalisation and endorsement	CMS/CAF/5 CMS/CAF/Inf.6 CMS/CAF/Inf.10 CMS/CAF/Inf.12	<p>The Range States will be invited to consider the proposed draft Central Asian Flyway Action Plan to Conserve Migratory Waterbirds and Their Habitats with a view to its finalisation and endorsement.</p> <p>After an introduction by the Secretariat, which may make reference to comments received to date from Range States, as well as a reference to the discussion on agenda item 6.0 (Regional preferences for a legal and institutional framework to support the Action Plan) the Chairman will invite Range State delegations to express their country's official position with regard to the proposal, the extent to which they are in a position to endorse the proposal and to identify outstanding issues or provide comments regarding form or substance.</p> <p>After this "tour de table", and depending on the comments received, the meeting may wish to consider the need for an open-ended working group that could further review and, if necessary, develop the draft for subsequent endorsement by the plenary. If a working group is deemed desirable the Chairman would invite the Range States to consider designating a working group chair who would be assisted by the Secretariat. A meeting venue and time would be proposed. The working group would meet on 11 June and report back to the plenary session at a mutually agreeable time. If need be the working group could undertake its work in parallel with the plenary and/or other working group sessions.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Draft Action Plan revised and endorsed</p>
11.00-11.30	Tea Break		
11.30-13.00	8.0 Proposals to initially support implementation of the Action Plan	CMS/CAF/7	The Range States will be invited to consider a list of seven proposed initial international activities to support the

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			<p>implementation of the CAF Action Plan and to suggest additional international priority activities. A priority-based ranking of the activities will be sought. A concept for a coordination mechanism to support the Action Plan's implementation will also be discussed.</p> <p>Expected outcome: A prioritised list of initial international activities to support the Action Plan's implementation developed and endorsed, and a recommendation to the CMS Secretariat to further explore and develop the coordination mechanism concept and solicit expressions of interest to host.</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch break		
Afternoon 14.00-18.00	Agenda items 6.0-8.0 (continued)		
14.00-15.30	Working Groups as appropriate		Any working groups established would meet in parallel
15.30-16.00	Tea Break		
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18.00	Plenary		The Chairman will re-convene the Plenary to receive reports from any working groups and determine progress made and determine next steps, including the need for an evening work session.
18.30-19.30	Dinner		Time and venue to be announced.
19.30-21.30	Working Groups as appropriate		Any working groups established would meet in parallel
Sunday 12 June			

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Morning 11.00-13.00	Agenda items 6.0-8.0 (continued) and 9.0		
11.00-11.30	Plenary: Distribution of any working group outputs and draft meeting statement		The Secretariat will have worked over night and in the morning to revise and reproduce documents produced by any working group the day before. The Chairman will re-convene the Plenary to hear reports from the working groups and distribute for review documents produced by them. A draft meeting statement will be introduced to the Range States for consideration and comment.
11.30-13.00	Working Groups: Independent review of and final discussion on working group outputs		The working group representatives will be provided with the opportunity to review the outputs from their respective working groups and have a final discussion.
13.00-14.00	Lunch break		
Afternoon 14.00-16.00	Agenda items 9.0-11.0		
14.00-15.30	9.0 Endorsement of meeting outputs		The Chair will reconvene the Plenary to endorse the meeting outputs. A first reading of the meeting statement will take place and comments will be solicited. Expected outcome: Meeting outputs, including meeting statement, endorsed
15.30-15.35	10.0 Any other business		The Range States will be invited to raise and discuss other issues not covered under the former agenda items.
	11.0 Closure of meeting		
Evening	Dinner		Time and venue to be announced.
	Siberian Crane Site Network Meeting: Heads of Delegations Meeting with CMS Secretariat		Taj Mahal Hotel: This one-hour meeting will discuss <i>inter alia</i> chairmanship of the meeting, rules of procedure, meeting flow and other organisational matters. Time and room number to be announced.

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Monday 13 June			
08.30-09.00	Registration: Sibe Crane Site Network Meeting		Taj Mahal Hotel. Venue to be announced
09.00-15.00	Meeting to Endorse the Proposed Western/Central Asian Site Network for Siberian Cranes (and other waterbirds)		See separate agenda available on CMS Website. Meeting starts promptly at 09.00 at the Taj Mahal Hotel. Venue to be announced. Delegates are politely reminded to please bring the meeting documentation with them to the meeting as documentation will not be available at the venue.
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Evening	Dinner and Excursion		The meeting delegates are invited by the Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests to take part in an excursion to see some of New Delhi's cultural and historical sites. Time and venue to be announced.
Tuesday 14 June			
All Day	Departure		

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