

## MEDIA ADVISORY

<b>What</b>	Third Meeting of the Parties of the Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and Their Habitats (Gorilla Agreement), administered by the CMS Secretariat / UN Environment
<b>When</b>	18 – 20 June 2019
<b>Where</b>	Imperial Golf View Hotel, Entebbe, Uganda
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://bit.ly/2wONk5P">https://bit.ly/2wONk5P</a>
<b>Accreditation</b>	Media representatives can register on site when presenting a press card.

The Gorilla Agreement is a Multilateral Environmental Agreement under the umbrella of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS). It aims to facilitate international cooperation to improve the conservation status of gorillas in all ten Range States.

The Third Meeting of the Gorilla Agreement is the first meeting of the Parties since 2011 and will point the way for its future implementation.

Angola, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, the Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Nigeria, Rwanda and Uganda will take stock of conservation measures undertaken for gorillas over the last eight years.

Two species of gorilla, the Western and Eastern Gorilla, are listed on CMS Appendix I, each with two subspecies: The Western Lowland Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*), Cross River Gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla diehli*), Eastern Lowland Gorilla (*Gorilla beringei graueri*) and Mountain Gorilla (*Gorilla beringei beringei*)

Key threats to gorillas are habitat loss and degradation, poaching, agriculture, energy production, mining, armed conflicts, disease and climate change. Except for Mountain Gorillas in the Virunga Massif, whose numbers have increased from 480 in 2010 to more than 600 animals in 2016, and Bwindi Impenetrable National Park from 320 to 400 at the last count, all other gorilla sub-species are in decline. Both Western and Eastern Gorillas are Critically Endangered.

The UN Great Apes Survival Partnership (GRASP), the IUCN Primate Specialist Group, the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology and other high-level experts of governmental and non-governmental observers will attend the meeting.

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