

FRAMEWORK ETF WORKPLAN 2021 - 2024

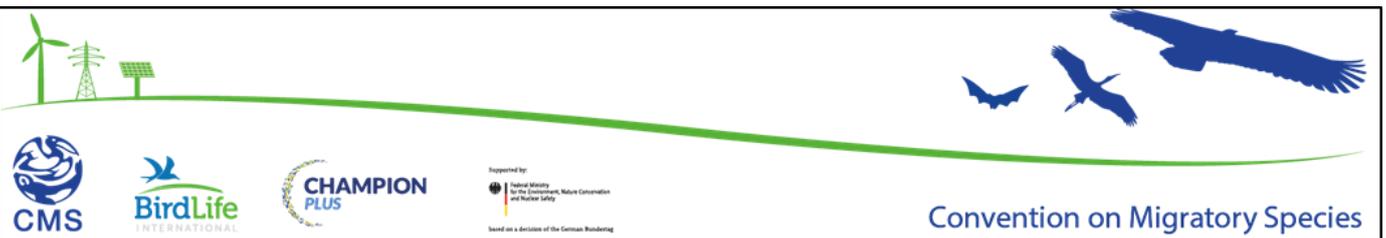


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1. The CMS Energy Task Force is embarking on the development of a new post-2020 work plan to lead the network into its next phase of work. This document is expected to build on and eventually replace the existing 2018-2020 work plan that has guided the direction of the Task Force over recent years.
2. An initial draft of a work plan covering the period 2021-2024 was presented to ETF members and observers in the ETF virtual meeting held in August 2020. The representatives of ETF members and observers have been asked to provide comments and commitments on the draft work plan in advance of ETF5, including associating actions within the work plan that match or are similar to member/observer current and proposed work areas and interests.
3. The draft Framework ETF Workplan 2021-2024 included in this document (Annex 1) is a revision of the initial draft that takes into account comments received thus far. Proposed actions and associated deliverables are grouped under eight key themes as follows:
 1. Promote implementation of relevant guidelines adopted in the frameworks of the participating MEAs
 2. Promote mainstreaming migratory species conservation into corporate and financial decision-making
 3. Priority setting
 4. Mobilising resources
 5. Monitoring implementation and impediments to implementation
 6. Stimulating communication and information exchange
 7. Strengthening regional and international networks
 8. Stimulating research
4. The current status and future objectives, opportunities and timeframes for the post-2020 work plan will be discussed further with members and observers during the ETF5 meeting.

ANNEX 1

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Key:

AMEND = amended item from existing workplan

NEW = new item in future workplan

** = participants to be confirmed based on discussion with ETF members/observers

Proposed new items, action and deliverables are underlined in the table below

| Item | Actions | Responsible Entities | Deliverables by ETF Coordinator | Proposed Funding Status | Member/Observer Interest |
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| 1. | Theme: Promote implementation of relevant guidelines adopted in the frameworks of the participating MEAs Expected Result: Guidelines are integrated into decision-making | | | | |
| 1.1 | Prepare and disseminate information packages, including fact sheets and information about existing decision support tools for the following stakeholders (<i>including in relevant languages</i>): CMS and AEWA Parties Renewables energy sector stakeholders and environmental assessment practitioners Financial institutions Conservation organisations Member case studies | Coordinator, CMS, AEWA, EUROBATS Secretariats, ETF members ** | ETF to review information packages (resource documents) and ETF Coordinator to revise as necessary (including in relevant languages) ETF to consider additional material Provide revised versions to sector specific stakeholders <u>ETF members to support development of tailored information packages</u> | Funded (AMEND) | |
| <u>1.2</u> | <u>Global mapping of ETF member activities</u> | <u>Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members</u> | <u>Identify and map ETF member activities in line with workplan actions</u> | Funded (NEW) | |
| 1.3 | Present at or host side-events at key global conventions e.g. <u>UNFCCC COP; CBD COP; CMS COP; IUCN WCC and UNGA Biodiversity Summit</u> | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members ** | Prepare and submit side event proposals and invite ETF members | Funded (AMEND) | |

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| 1.4 | Track, engage and support, as appropriate, CBD and UNFCCC mainstreaming biodiversity agenda in the energy sector | Coordinator, ETF members | Coordinator to engage CBD and UNFCCC Secretariat and provide information to members | Funded (AMEND) | |
| 1.5 | Further engage national focal points from relevant MEAs (including CBD and UNFCCC) and national energy authorities, to inform them of the work of ETF-endorsed guidelines, research and upcoming ETF events | ETF member governments, Coordinator | ETF Coordinator to work with Government members <u>Government members to engage with appropriate national energy stakeholders</u> | In-kind (CONT) | |
| 2. | Theme: Promote mainstreaming migratory species conservation into corporate and financial decision-making Expected Result: Appropriate safeguards are integrated into corporate and financial decision-making | | | | |
| 2.1 | Continue to identify relevant stakeholders in energy and financial sectors | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members | Coordinator in consultation with CMS and ETF to decide on priority stakeholder approach and approach stakeholders for potential membership or collaboration | Funded (AMEND) | |
| 2.2 | Engage with industry and investors - build partnerships and establish pilot initiatives with industry and investors | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members ** | Ongoing engagement with industry and investors in work plan activities <u>Development of pilot concept initiatives with members</u> | Unfunded (AMEND) | |
| 2.3 | Information document for renewable energy and environmental sectors on the business case for implementing guidelines | ETF Coordinator, ETF members ** | Development of business case and interactive tool based on briefing document <u>Support from relevant members</u> | Funded (AMEND) | |
| 2.4 | <u>Promotion of ETF at key global energy forums and summits, industry and consultation events for promotion of ETF activities, including international finance events, regional energy forums and international industry events</u> | ETF Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members ** | <u>Scope opportunities for engagement with private sector events</u> <u>Prepare and submit event proposals and invite ETF members/observers as appropriate</u> | Funded (NEW) | |

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| 3. | Theme: Priority setting Expected Result: Workplan reflects priorities | | | | |
| 3.1 | Review workplan at annual ETF meetings to identify additional priority activities in line with CMS Resolutions 11.27 (Rev.COP13) and 10.11 (Rev.COP13) and including long-term goals | ETF members | Update work plan | Funded (CONT) | |
| <u>3.2</u> | <u>Hold workshop to identify ETF research priorities</u> | <u>ETF Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, TWG, ETF members **</u> | <u>Create a Technical Working Group (TWG) to discuss ETF research priorities</u> <u>Identify research priorities for Coordinator and TWG to develop survey and engage with ETF members in advance</u> | <u>Funded (AMEND)</u> | |
| 3.3 | Review progress on implementing the workplan every six months | ETF Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members | Coordinator to initiate and facilitate progress review | Funded (CONT) | |
| 4. | Theme: Mobilising resources Expected Result: Priority activities identified and funded | | | | |
| 4.1 | Identify key funding priorities and opportunities | ETF Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members | Review fundraising plan Encourage and coordinate fundraising efforts of ETF members | In-kind (CONT) | |
| 4.2 | Prepare funding proposal to further develop decision support tools | ETF Coordinator, ETF members | Develop fundraising concept notes to address funding needs | Funded (CONT) | |

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| 4.3 | Liaise with potential donors to seek support for ETF activities | ETF Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members | Work with CMS Secretariat to coordinate donor engagement by ETF members | Funded (CONT) | |
| 4.4 | <u>Identify national opportunities via selective grants available to ETF members/observers to carry out activities nationally</u> | <u>Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members/observers **</u> | <u>Scope requirements of members/observers</u> <u>Coordinator to organize planning meeting(s) for interested members</u> <u>Identify potential for follow up meetings</u> | Funded (NEW) | |
| 5 | Theme: Monitoring implementation and impediments to implementation Expected Result: Report on status of implementation; impediments to implementation and potential solutions identified | | | | |
| 5.1 | Conduct surveys and interviews with selected CMS Parties to implement different components of ETF-endorsed guidelines and identify key impediments to implementation | Coordinator, CMS, AEW, EUROBATS Secretariats, ETF members | <u>ETF members to engage with process</u> Coordinator and to develop survey and interview questions | Unfunded / in-kind (CONT) | |
| 5.2 | 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, <u>cumulative impacts, decision support tools</u>) | Technical Working Group (TWG) | TWG to agree on further activities, timelines and responsibilities | Unfunded (AMEND) | |
| 6 | Theme: Stimulating communication and information exchange Expected Result: Task force members collaborate and share information | | | | |
| 6.1 | Make information about the ETF available on the ETF website | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat | Coordinator to review <u>and keep updated</u> | Funded (CONT) | |

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| 6.2 | Organisation of the annual meetings of the ETF | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat | Coordinator to prepare travel arrangements for ETF members Coordinator to facilitate and prepare meeting as appropriate | Funded (CONT) | |
| 6.3 | ETF members exchange case studies, lessons learnt and best practices during ETF meetings and through online platform | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members | Coordinator to encourage sharing of materials between members during meetings and via website | Funded (CONT) | |
| 6.4 | Deliver and record webinar series for CMS Parties, financial institutions and energy sector stakeholders, with presentations via ETF members and other experts | Coordinator, ETF members ** | Work with ETF members to discuss need and identify best approach for delivering webinar series; support arrangements for production | Unfunded / in-kind (AMEND) | |
| 6.5 | Identify relevant best practices in relation to powerline impacts that could be applicable in other countries. Disseminate guidelines | ETF members ** | Work with members to initiate engagement with relevant task force members Identify roles, responsibilities and funding needs | Unfunded / in-kind (AMEND) | |
| 6.6 | Develop short video highlighting the role of the ETF and sharing case studies/views from across ETF members | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members | Coordinator to develop draft concept together with CMS Secretariat | Unfunded / in-kind (CONT) | |
| 6.7 | Disseminate research and other ETF outputs (e.g. via hubs and other expert forums) | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members | Member initiative <u>Members to identify appropriate fora</u> | In-kind (CONT) | |
| 6.8 | Develop communications strategy for ETF | Coordinator, CMS Secretariat | Coordinator to prepare/amend <u>ETF members consulted on strategy</u> | Funded (CONT) | |
| 6.9 | <u>Continue development and promotion of ETF network through a quarterly newsletter</u> | <u>Coordinator</u> | <u>Coordinator to prepare</u> | <u>Funded (NEW)</u> | |

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| 6.10 | <u>Develop social media package and strategy for ETF</u> | <u>Coordinator, CMS Secretariat</u> | <u>Coordinator to prepare in consultation with CMS Secretariat</u> | <u>Funded (NEW)</u> | |
| 7 | Theme: Strengthening regional and international networks Expected Result: Strong regional and international networks | | | | |
| 7.1 | ETF members to promote the aims of the ETF through relevant regional and international networks | ETF members | Coordinator to encourage ETF members to promote aims of ETF through their network | In-kind (CONT) | |
| 7.2 | Map priority regional and international networks | Coordinator, ETF members | Identify priorities in ETF6 meeting | Funded (CONT) | |
| 7.3 | <u>Scope and promote ETF expansion globally into other regions (including Asia and the Americas)</u> | <u>Coordinator, ETF members</u> | <u>Coordinator to prepare in consultation with ETF members and regional networks</u> | <u>In-kind (NEW)</u> | |
| 7.4 | <u>Expand regional engagement and advocacy through regional ETF workshops, including in the Americas, Africa, Asia Pacific and Europe</u> | <u>Coordinator, CMS Secretariat</u> | <u>Plan and prepare regional ETF workshops</u> | <u>Funded (NEW)</u> | |
| 8 | Theme: Stimulating research Expected Result: Significantly increase the evidence base on which to make planning and mitigation decisions | | | | |
| 8.1 | <u>Engage with international research community – build relationships and evidence base</u> | <u>Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members **</u> | <u>Ongoing engagement with research community in work plan activities</u> | <u>Funded (NEW)</u> | |
| 8.2 | Further develop spatial mapping tools to assess the potential risk of government commitments following the Paris Agreement and to help show governments how they can meet their commitments with minimal impact upon biodiversity | Coordinator, ETF members ** | Further concept <u>Organise planning meeting for interested members</u> | Unfunded (CONT) | |

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| 8.3 | Develop appropriate tools and guidance for developers and regulators to help them assess cumulative impacts across powerlines and RETs, collaborating with CMS Scientific Council | Coordinator, ETF members ** _ | Organise planning meeting for interested members | Unfunded (CONT) | |
| 8.4 | Synthesise and compare information on the impacts of different renewable energy technologies and the potential for mitigating species impacts | Coordinator, ETF members ** _ | Organise planning meeting for interested members | Unfunded (CONT) | |
| 8.5 | Collision modelling for powerlines to identify vulnerable species globally | Coordinator, ETF members ** _ | Organise planning meeting for interested members | Unfunded (CONT) | |
| 8.6 | Review and synthesise mitigation solutions (e.g. shut down-on-demand) across different technologies and powerlines to identify whether there is sufficient evidence to promote particular solutions and to identify knowledge gaps for further assessment | Coordinator, ETF members ** _ | Organise planning meeting for interested members | Unfunded (CONT) | |
| <u>8.7</u> | <u>Review how global climate change mitigation scenarios can be met by achieving both renewable energy and biodiversity targets</u> | <u>Coordinator, BirdLife International, ETF members</u> | <u>Further concept – led by BirdLife International</u> <u>Consultation with ETF members</u> | <u>Unfunded (NEW)</u> | |
| <u>8.8</u> | <u>Scope opportunities for expanding renewable energy guidance base to cover additional renewables, such as hydropower</u> | <u>Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members</u> | <u>Coordinator to prepare in consultation with ETF members</u> | <u>In-kind (NEW)</u> | |
| <u>8.9</u> | <u>Scope opportunities for expanding renewable energy guidance base to cover additional migratory species, such as marine species and bats, to a larger extent</u> | <u>Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members</u> | <u>Coordinator to prepare in consultation with ETF members</u> | <u>In-kind (NEW)</u> | |

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