

CMS ENERGY TASK FORCE DRAFT FRAMEWORK WORK PLAN: 2021-2024

Key:

AMEND = amended item from existing work plan

NEW = new item in future work plan

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

Item	Actions	Responsible Entities	Deliverables by ETF Coordinator	Proposed Funding Status
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 (including in relevant languages): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 package and ETF Coordinator to revise as necessary (including in relevant languages) ETF to consider additional material Provide revised versions to sector specific stakeholders	Funded (AMEND)
1.2	Global mapping of ETF member activities	Coordinator, CMS, ETF members	Identify and map ETF member activities in line with workplan actions	Funded (NEW)
1.3	Side-events hosted at key global conventions, including UNFCCC COP; CBD COP; CMS COP; IUCN WCC and UNGA Biodiversity Summit	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members (TBC)	Prepare and submit side event proposals and invite ETF members	Funded (AMEND)
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	In-kind (CONT)
1.6	Expand regional engagement and advocacy through regional ETF workshops, including in the Americas, Africa, Asia Pacific and Europe	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Plan and prepare regional ETF workshops	Funded (NEW)

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	ETF members, Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	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 (TBC)	Ongoing engagement with industry and investors in work plan activities Development of pilot concept initiatives	Unfunded (AMEND)
2.3	Information document for renewable energy and environmental sectors on the business case for implementing guidelines	ETF Coordinator, ETF members (TBC)	Development of business base and interactive tool based on briefing document	Funded (AMEND)
2.4	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	ETF Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members (TBC)	Scope opportunities for engagement with private sector events Prepare and submit event proposals and invite ETF members/observers as appropriate	Funded (NEW)
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 and 10.11 (Rev.COP13) and including long-term goals	ETF members	Update work plan	Funded (CONT)
3.2	Hold workshop to identify ETF research priorities	ETF Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, TWG, ETF members (TBC)	Identify research priorities for upcoming workplan in ETF 6 meeting Coordinator and Technical Working Group (TWG) to develop survey and engage with ETF members in advance	Funded (AMEND)
3.3	Review progress on implementing the workplan every six months	ETF Coordinator, ETF members	Coordinator to initiate 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)

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	Identify national opportunities via selective grants available to ETF members/observers to carry out activities nationally	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members/observers (TBC)	Scope requirements of members/observers Coordinator to organise planning meeting for interested members	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, TWG, ETF members	Coordinator and Technical Working Group (TWG) 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, cumulative impacts, decision support tools)	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 via dedicated web-space on CMS website	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Coordinator to review	Funded (CONT)
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 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 (TBC)	Work with ETF members to discuss need and identify best approach for delivering webinar series	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 (TBC)	Work with appropriate 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	In-kind (CONT)
6.8	Develop communications strategy for ETF	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Coordinator to prepare/amend	Funded (CONT)
6.9	Continue development and promotion of ETF network work through 3-monthly newsletter	Coordinator	Coordinator to prepare	Funded (NEW)
6.10	Develop social media package and strategy for ETF	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Coordinator to prepare in consultation with CMS Secretariat	Funded (NEW)
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 ETF 6 meeting	Funded (CONT)
7.3	Scope and promote ETF expansion globally into other regions (including Asia and the Americas)	Coordinator, ETF members	Coordinator to prepare in consultation with ETF members	In-kind (NEW)
7.4	Expand regional engagement and advocacy through regional ETF workshops, including in the Americas, Africa, Asia Pacific and Europe	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat	Plan and prepare regional ETF workshops	Funded (NEW)
8	Theme: Stimulating research Expected Result: Significantly increase the evidence base on which to make planning and mitigation decisions			
8.1	Engage with international research community – build relationships and evidence base	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members (TBC)	Ongoing engagement with research community in work plan activities	Funded (NEW)
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	ETF members (TBC)	Further concept	Unfunded (CONT)
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	ETF members (TBC)	Organise planning meeting for interested members	Unfunded (CONT)

8.4	Synthesise and compare information on the impacts of different renewable energy options and the potential for mitigating species impacts	ETF members (TBC)	Organise planning meeting for interested members	Unfunded (CONT)
8.5	Collision modelling for powerlines to identify vulnerable species globally	ETF members (TBC)	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	ETF members (TBC)	Organise planning meeting for interested members	Unfunded (CONT)
8.7	Review how global climate change mitigation scenarios can be met by achieving both renewable energy and biodiversity targets	Coordinator, BirdLife International, ETF members	Further concept	Unfunded (NEW)
8.8	Scope opportunities for expanding renewable energy guidance base to cover additional renewables, such as hydropower	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to prepare in consultation with ETF members	In-kind (NEW)
8.9	Scope opportunities for expanding renewable energy guidance base to cover additional migratory species, such as marine species and bats	Coordinator, CMS Secretariat, ETF members	Coordinator to prepare in consultation with ETF members	In-kind (NEW)