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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

(Prepared by the Interim Secretariat)

MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2023 08:00 to 18:00 CET

	INDEPENDENT SESSION OF GORILLA AGREEMENT MOP4			
Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/ Outcomes	
	1. Opening of the Meeting	No document	The Interim Secretariat will make brief opening remarks.	
08:00 – 10:00	2. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure	Rules of Procedure	The Meeting will be invited to adopt the Rules of Procedure as adopted at MOP3.	
	3. Election of Officers	No document	In accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure, the Meeting will elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.	
	4. Adoption of the Agenda	UNEP/GA/MOP4/Doc.1	The Meeting will be invited to review and adopt Agenda for the independent sessions of MOP4 of the Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule.	
	5. Establishment of Credentials Committee	No document	In accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure, the Meeting will be invited to establish a Credentials Committee of not more than five members.	
	6. Admission of Observers	UNEP/GA/MOP4/Doc.2	In accordance with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure, the Meeting will be invited to admit any international and national agencies and bodies that meet the criteria set out in the Rule to be represented at this Meeting by observers.	
	JOINT SESSIONS OF GORILLA AGREEI	MENT MOP4 AND THIRD G	RASP COUNCIL MEETING ¹	
	7. Opening of the Third GRASP Council Meeting	No document		
	8. Election of Third GRASP Council Meeting Chair	No document		
10:00 –13:00	9. Adoption of the Agenda	UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP/ COUNCIL/3.1		
		UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP/ COUNCIL/3.2		
	10. GRASP Secretariat Report	UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP/ COUNCIL/3.3	Discussion on questions/suggestions from partners and approval of Secretariat report.	

¹ Please note that the agenda for the joint sessions were prepared by the GRASP Secretariat and are integrated into the MOP4 agenda for the convenience of delegates attending both meetings. Minor edits were made by the Interim Secretariat of the Gorilla Agreement for clarification.

13:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break		
15:00 –18:00	11. Update on the Status of Great Apes and their Habitats	UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP/ COUNCIL/3.4	Presentation of information from the IUCN A.P.E.S. database prepared in collaboration with the GRASP Scientific Commission and IUCN Primate Specialist Group/Section on great apes.
	12. Presentation of the GRASP Review and Key Recommendations	UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP/ Council/3.5 UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP/ Council/3.6	Discussions on review findings and recommendations to feed into deliberations on the new Global Strategy.
Evening Session	13. Evening Reception		

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2023 10:00 to 18:00 CET

JOINT SESSIONS OF GORILLA AGREEMENT MOP4 AND THIRD GRASP COUNCIL MEETING			
Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/ Outcomes
10:00 –13:00	14. Great Apes and Health	No document	Keynote speech
	15. GRASP Global Strategy	UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP/ COUNCIL/3.7	Agreement on a revised Global Strategy
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch Break		
15:00 –18:00	16. Business Model	UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP/ COUNCIL/3.8	Agreement on new business model
Evening Session	17. Working Group on Illegal Trade		

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2023 10:00 to 18:00 CET

JOINT SESSIONS OF GORILLA AGREEMENT MOP4 AND THIRD GRASP COUNCIL MEETING			
Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/ Outcomes
10:00 –13:00	18. Large Scale Development and Great Apes Discussion	No document	Keynote speech
	19. Outlines of the Workplan	No document	Outline of a workplan for the GRASP Secretariat and partners in a lead/supporting role
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break		
15:00 –18:00	20. Revision of the Rules for the Management of GRASP	UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP/ COUNCIL/3.9	Agreement on revised Rules for the Management of GRASP
Evening Session	21. Elections of the GRASP Executive Committee		

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2023 10:00 to 20:00 CET

JOINT SESSIONS OF GORILLA AGREEMENT MOP4 AND THIRD GRASP COUNCIL MEETING			
Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/ Outcomes
	22. Innovative Finance Strategies to Benefit Communities who Live with Great Apes	No document	Keynote speech
	23. Sharing Information on Potential Inclusion of Gibbons	UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP/ COUNCIL/3.10	Information on the two studies the Secretariat contracted to inform the Council
10:00 –13:00		UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP/ COUNCIL/3.11	
	24. Request to Host the Secretariat of the CMS Gorilla Agreement	No document	Information on the request to host the CMS Gorilla Agreement Secretariat
	25. Adoption of Documents	No document	Adoption of Global Strategy, business model, outline of the workplan and amended Rules for the management of GRASP
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break		
15:00 –18:00	26. Continuation: Adoption of Documents	UNEP/UNESCO/GRASP/ COUNCIL/3.9	Continuation: Adoption of Documents

FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2023 09:00 to 17:00 CET

INDEPENDENT SESSIONS OF GORILLA AGREEMENT MOP4			
Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/ Outcomes
09:00 – 10:30	27. Statements from Parties on progress made and difficulties encountered in the implementation of the Gorilla Agreement	No document	Parties will be invited to make brief statements highlighting progress made and any difficulty encountered in the implementation of the Gorilla Agreement
10:30 – 11:15	28. Report of the Interim Secretariat	UNEP/GA/MOP4/Doc.3	The Interim Secretariat will report on its activities and the implementation of the Resolutions adopted at MOP3.
11:15 – 11:30	29. Report of the Depositary	UNEP/GA/MOP4/Doc.4	The CMS Secretariat will provide its report as depositary.
11:30 – 12:00	30. Institutional Arrangements for the Agreement	UNEP/GA/MOP4/Doc.3	The Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration Secretariat will present its proposal to host the Gorilla Agreement Secretariat and the Meeting will be invited to discuss and decide on the institutional arrangements of the Gorilla Agreement.
12:00 – 14:00		Lunch Break	
14:00 – 14:10	31. GRASP Scientific Commission replacing the Technical Committee of the Gorilla Agreement	No document	The Meeting will be invited to decide on whether the GRASP Scientific Commission, instead of the Technical Committee of the Gorilla Agreement continue to provide scientific advice on the implementation of the Gorilla Agreement in accordance with Article VI, paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Gorilla Agreement
14:10 – 14:50	32. Outcomes of MOP4	UNEP/GA/MOP4/Doc.5	The Interim Secretariat will present a draft resolution on Action Plans and institutional arrangements.
14:50 – 16:00	33. Budget and Programme of Work (2024-2026) of the Gorilla Agreement	UNEP/GA/MOP4/Doc.6	The Interim Secretariat will present the financial report during the intersessional period, give an overview of Party contributions and present its draft budget and programme of work for the new triennium 2024-2026.
16:00 – 16:20	34. Adoption of Resolutions	No documents	The Meeting will be invited to adopt the draft Resolutions covering items discussed as part of the joint sessions with the GRASP Council.
16:20 – 16:30	35. Report of the Meeting	No document	The Meeting will be invited to discuss and adopt Action

			Points. The Meeting will further discuss and decide on the process to finalize the Report.
16:30 – 16:40	36. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting	No document	The Chairperson will invite proposals and offers from the participating countries on the venue of the Fifth Meeting of the Parties.
16:40 – 16:50	37. Any Other Business	No documents	Any other business not covered elsewhere in the Agenda may be raised under this Agenda Item.
16:50 - 17:00	38. Closure of the Meeting	No documents	The Chairperson will declare MOP4 closed.