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FIRST MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING
CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR THE WEST AFRICAN
POPULATIONS OF THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT (*Loxodonta africana*)
Accra, Ghana, 30-31 March 2009

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

(23 March 2009)

Item 1 - Opening of the meeting

The opening ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on 30 March 2009. It will include a welcoming address from the representative of the host country, an introduction of the Executive Secretary and other speeches as appropriate.

Item 2 – Adoption of the rules of procedure

Draft rules of procedure will be presented by the Secretariat and submitted for consideration. The representatives of the Signatory States will be invited to adopt the rules as drafted or agree to any potential amendments.

Item 3 - Election of officers

The meeting officers will be elected in accordance with the rules of procedure adopted.

Item 4 - Adoption of the agenda and the meeting schedule

The meeting will be invited to consider the provisional agenda and to make any suggestions for its amendment prior to its adoption.

Item 5 - Secretariat's report

The Secretariat will present the report on its activities since the signing of the Memorandum in 2005. The IUCN AfESG will participate in that presentation in its capacity as advisor designated in the Memorandum to support its implementation. The meeting will be invited to take note of the Secretariat's Report and to provide any comments.

Item 6 – National reports

The representatives of the Signatory States will be invited to present a summary of their respective national report concerning the implementation of the MoU and the Strategy since their signing. The observers present will also have the opportunity to briefly present

relevant activities carried out by them. The delegates are requested to limit the duration of their presentation to 5 minutes. A draft national report format prepared by the Secretariat will be submitted to the meeting for consideration, finalisation and adoption.

Item 7 - Continuation of the implementation of the Memorandum and the organisation of intersessional work

Item 7.1 - Intersessional work programme

The Secretariat will submit a draft international mid-term work programme for the implementation of the MoU and the Strategy to the meeting. The delegates will be invited to suggest any appropriate amendment to the draft work programme so that it may be finalised and adopted. If necessary, a working group charged with the development of a draft revised programme could be created.

Item 7.2 - Trans-boundary priorities

Under this item, it is intended that the trans-boundary priorities described in a document prepared by the Secretariat will be considered in order that they be completed and/or amended, keeping in mind the core joint action undertaken through the MoU in West Africa. This work will constitute a part of the preparatory work for the joint technical meeting of the national contact points CMS-MoU/CITES-MIKE scheduled for 1 April 2009.

Item 8 - Presentation/discussion of the terms of reference for national focal points and their coordination

Under this item, the delegates will be asked to specify the role of the national contact points in the context of the Memorandum and to finalise the draft terms of reference proposed by the Secretariat. Comments on the coordination of the Memorandum will be incorporated into the discussion above in order to consider all possible synergies, taking into account the financial means to achieve them.

Item 9 - Budgetary matters

The Secretariat will report on the efforts undertaken to obtain resources in order to provide support to the implementation of the MoU and the Strategy. The meeting will be invited to identify all existing opportunities to secure regular coordination assistance to support the implementation of the MoU and the Strategy.

Item 10 - Cooperation with other partners

The delegates will be invited to identify the partners that may be invited to participate in the work of the MoU in the future and to specify their role. The meeting will also be invited to discuss the implementation of resolution 9.2 and recommendation 9.5 adopted by CMS COP9 in Rome concerning the conservation of elephants in Central Africa, in particular the relationship to be developed between the MoU and this new initiative.

Item 11 - Miscellaneous issues

All other issues not covered above may be raised under this agenda item.

Item 12 - Date and place of the next meeting of the Signatory States

The adoption of the work programme considered in session should allow the date of the next meeting to be specified. Those Signatory States that so desire may put themselves forward as candidates for the organisation of the next meeting.

Item 13 – Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to finish on 31 March at 5.30 p.m.