

Notification 2022/021

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## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

### **CMS COP14 DATES, VENUE AND DEADLINES**

The CMS Secretariat is pleased to announce the dates of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14).

COP14 will take place from **23 to 28 October 2023 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan**.

The deadlines for Parties to submit documents to COP14 are provided in the attached document. This includes deadlines for National Reports, proposals for the amendment of the Convention and its Appendices, and proposed Resolutions and Decisions. The document also outlines the flow of documents through the Scientific Council and indicates when documents will be made available on the CMS website.

Further guidance on drafting Resolutions, Decisions, proposals for the amendment of the Appendices, and proposals for Concerted Actions will be provided in the near future.

Parties are requested to submit all documents to the Secretariat at [cms.secretariat@cms.int](mailto:cms.secretariat@cms.int), by the stated deadlines.

Further information on COP14 including registration and travel arrangements for funded delegates will be forthcoming.

<http://www.cms.int/en/news/notifications>

## CMS COP 14 DOCUMENT TIMELINE

Date	Days before COP <sup>1</sup> -	Proposals to Amend the Appendices	Resolutions and Decisions – With a scientific element	Resolutions and Decisions – Without a scientific element	Other COP Documents or milestones
Wednesday, April 26, 2023	180				National Reports (Art VI.4) - Submission by Parties
Friday, May 26, 2023	150	Parties submit proposals for amendment of the Convention and its Appendices. (Rule 19.1 and Article XI.3)	Parties submit proposed Resolutions and Decisions that include a scientific element (Rule 18.1)	Parties should endeavour to submit proposed Resolutions and Decisions that do not include a scientific element at least 90 days before the meeting (Rule 18.2)	
	asap	Secretariat makes proposals available to Parties in working languages as soon as possible after receipt (Rule 19.1).			
Sunday, June 25, 2023	120		Secretariat makes Resolutions and Decisions that include a scientific element available to the Scientific Council (Rule 18.2).		
18 – 21 July 2023	Approx 100	<b>6th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (SC-ScC6) in Bonn, Germany</b> ScC provides comments and recommendations on Proposals and on Resolutions and Decisions with a scientific element.			
	asap after SC-ScC6		The Scientific Council shall provide appropriate advice to the Standing Committee on such proposed Resolutions and Decisions (Rule 18.3). StC submits any comments on ScC comments to Secretariat for posting by the 60 days deadline.		

<sup>1</sup> Where indicated, deadlines are derived from the Convention text or Rules of Procedure (ROP) adopted at COP12. Deadlines without such a reference have been established by the Secretariat in order to ensure the timely production of documents

Date	Days before COP <sup>1</sup> -	Proposals to Amend the Appendices	Resolutions and Decisions – With a scientific element	Resolutions and Decisions – Without a scientific element	Other COP Documents or milestones
Tuesday, July 25, 2023	90			Parties submit proposed Resolutions and Decisions that do not include a scientific element (Rule 18.2)	Parties submit other documents for inclusion as Conference Documents <sup>2</sup>
Thursday, August 24, 2023	60	Any comments on the text by the Parties shall be communicated to the Secretariat not less than 60 days before the meeting begins (CMS Art X, para 3)		Secretariat makes all remaining documents available to the Parties (Rule 18.4).	
Sunday, October 22, 2023	1	<b>54<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee</b>			
Monday, October 23, 2023	0	<b>COP14 begins</b>			
Sunday, January 21, 2024	90	Reservation to amendments of Appendices			

<sup>2</sup> Documents include reports and other working documents. Any document received after this deadline can only be posted as Information Documents.