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NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

DATES, ARRANGEMENTS AND REGISTRATION FOR THE 56TH MEETING OF THE CMS STANDING COMMITTEE

The 56th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the CMS will take place from **25 to 27 March 2024** in Bonn, Germany.

This notification serves as an invitation to the meeting, which is open to all members and alternate members of the Standing Committee, representatives of CMS Parties, CMS Agreements, partner organizations and other observers. A list of the current CMS Standing Committee members and alternates is set forth below.

Standing Committee members and alternates

REGION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
Africa	Algeria	Seychelles
	Kenya	Uganda
	Zimbabwe	Morocco
Asia	Bahrain	Maldives
	India	Bangladesh
Europe	Italy	France
	Monaco	Montenegro
	United Kingdom	Croatia
South & Central America & Caribbean	Panama	Costa Rica
	Uruguay	Peru
Oceania	New Zealand	Cook Island
Depositary	Germany	
Host of COP14	Uzbekistan	

Organizational matters

The meeting will take place at the Secretariat's headquarters in Bonn.

The German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety has kindly agreed to provide simultaneous interpretation in English, French, Spanish and German.

The Sub-committee on Budget and Finance will meet on 24 March 2025.

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Agenda and documents

The Provisional Agenda for the meeting and other papers for StC56 will be made available in due course, together with further programme details, on the [StC56 page](#).

In accordance with the rules of procedure, the deadline for submitting reports and documents to the Secretariat for the consideration of the StC56 is **24 January 2025**. All documents will be posted in the three working languages by **13 February 2025**.

The template for submitting documents and reports from the regional representatives will be made available on the meeting webpage.

Participation

The United Nations, its Specialized Agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, any Party that is not a member of the Standing Committee, as well as any State not a Party to the Convention, after advising the Secretariat of their intention to attend, is able to observe a meeting of the Committee at their own expense.

Any other agency or body that wishes to observe a meeting shall submit a request to the Secretariat at least 30 days before the meeting by registering.

Registration

Please complete the [online pre-registration form](#).

- Members of the Standing Committee eligible for funding are encouraged to confirm their participation no later than **25 January 2025** in order to facilitate the necessary logistical arrangements.
- Any body or agency that is not a member of the Committee and wishes to observe a meeting shall submit a request to the Secretariat no later than **25 February 2025**. Completing the CMS registration form shall serve as a request to participate.
- Members and alternates not eligible for funding are kindly requested to confirm their intention to participate in the meeting by completing the online pre-registration form at their earliest convenience and no later than **19 March 2025**.

Travel arrangements

The Secretariat will arrange the travel for those participants receiving financial support. **All participants will be responsible for their own hotel bookings**. Information on hotels and local transport will be available on the meeting webpage in the Fact Sheet for participants.

Participants are urged to check whether they need an entry visa to Germany and, if necessary, apply for it at the earliest possible opportunity. Should you need a personalized invitation letter or any other assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

Contacts

If you encounter problems with the online registration or require assistance with your visa application, kindly let the Secretariat know immediately at cms.secretariat@cms.int

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