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## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

### REGISTRATION AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CMS SESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE CMS SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL (ScC-SC7)

The Seventh Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council will take place from **17 to 20 September 2024** in Bonn, Germany.

This notification serves as an invitation for the meeting to all members of the Sessional Committee

#### Sessional Committee members

<b>REGION</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
<b>Africa</b>	Mr. Stephen Okiror Prof. Dr. Edson Gandiwa (vacant)
<b>Asia</b>	Dr. Sathyakumar Sambandam Mr. Askar Davletbakov, PhD Mr. Daniel Fernando
<b>Europe</b>	Dr. Joao José Loureiro Ms. Daliborka Stankovic Mr. Rubén Moreno-Opo Diaz-Meco
<b>Oceania</b>	Ms. Narelle Montgomery Ms. Senivasa Waqairamasi Mr. Graeme Taylor
<b>South &amp; Central America &amp; Caribbean</b>	Mr. Andrei Langeloh Roos Dr. Carlos Mario Orrego Vásquez Dr. Héctor Samuel Vera Alcaraz
<b>COP-Appointed Councillors</b>	
Aquatic Mammals	Ms. Vanesa Patricia Tossenberger
Birds	Dr. Rob P. Clay <sup>1</sup>
Birds	Prof. Stephen Garnett <sup>1</sup>
Bycatch	Dr. Barry G. Baker

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Climate Change	Prof. Des B.A. Thompson, PhD
Connectivity/Network	Dr. Fernando Spina
Fish	Dr. Zeb S. Hogan <sup>2</sup>
Fish	Dr. Rima Jabado <sup>2</sup>
Invasive species, disease, feral animals, insects, and marine pests and weeds	Dr. Ruth Cromie
Marine Pollution	Mr. Mark P. Simmonds
Terrestrial Mammals	Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah

<sup>1</sup> Councillors Clay and Garnett share responsibility for birds, which counts as a single position.

<sup>2</sup> Councillors Hogan and Jabado share responsibility for fish, which counts as a single position.

## Objectives of the Meeting

ScC-SC7 being the first meeting of the Scientific Council after the Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS (COP14), its main objective will be to discuss and agree its work plan for the intersessional period between COP14 and COP15, based on the mandates from CMS COP14.

## Organizational matters

The meeting will take place in the Secretariat's headquarters in Bonn, at the UNEP/CMS Secretariat premises, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1, 53113 Bonn, Germany.

## Agenda and documents

The Provisional Agenda for the meeting and other documents for ScC-SC7 will be made available in due course, together with further programme details, on the [ScC-SC7 page](#) of the [CMS website](#).

In accordance with the rules of procedure, the deadline for submitting reports and documents to the Secretariat for the consideration of the ScC-SC7 is **20 July 2024**.

The template for submitting documents will be made available on the meeting webpage.

## Participation

In accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the CMS Scientific Council and its Sessional Committee, the following entities have the right to attend the meeting as observers:

- Members of the Scientific Council who do not serve in the Sessional Committee, and alternates to the regional representatives of the Sessional Committee;
- Party or non-Party government representatives;
- Representatives of instruments within the 'CMS family' or of multilateral environmental agreements within the 'biodiversity cluster';
- Bodies and Organizations recognized in paragraph 19 of [CMS Resolution 12.4](#)(Rev.COP14).

Any agency or body, whether national or international, inter-governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and management of migratory species, wishing to be represented at the meeting may do so, unless at least one third of the members present at the meeting object. Bodies or agencies desiring to be represented at the meeting by observers should inform the Secretariat not less than 45 days before the meeting of the Sessional Committees and submit the names of their representatives to the Convention Secretariat at least 45 days prior to the opening of the meeting.

All observers may participate, but without the right to vote. The Secretariat may, in advance of the meeting, and for practical reasons such as space, limit the number of individuals, such as to a given number per observer entity.

## Registration

Please complete the [online pre-registration form](#) on the [ScC-SC7 webpage](#).

- Members of the Sessional Committee eligible for funding are encouraged to confirm their participation no later than **30 June 2024** 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 **03 August 2024**. Completing the CMS registration form shall serve as a request to participate.
- Members 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 **8 September 2024**.

## 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 invited to check whether they need an entry visa to Germany and any transit country, 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.

All participants are also responsible for having medical and travel insurance.

## 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](mailto:cms.secretariat@cms.int)

For further information about the Seventh Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council, please contact Ms Dagmar Zíková, Scientific Officer, at [dagmar.zikova@un.org](mailto:dagmar.zikova@un.org).