

CMS AMBASSADORS - TERMS OF REFERENCE

A CMS Ambassador will be expected to actively promote CMS, and where appropriate, its agreements and MOUs through a range of activities, according to their particular skills and interests. Such activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Promoting the implementation of the CMS mandate and policies, such as the resolutions and recommendations of the Conference of the Parties, Meeting of the Parties, and/or meeting of signatories;
- Representing CMS at meetings relevant to migratory species, as may be requested and appropriate;
- Undertaking missions on behalf of CMS to range states of migratory species;
- Engaging with the media in order to present statements or press releases in support of CMS Family and its activities;
- Writing popular, policy and/or scientific publications on behalf of CMS, or contributing to CMS initiated publications;
- Taking part in the launch of CMS publications or other products;
- Giving lectures on CMS related themes;
- Chairing and/or organizing meetings or working groups on CMS related themes within their area of expertise;
- Raising funds for CMS projects and initiatives, including utilizing their networks to support CMS fundraising activities;
- Providing advice to the Secretariat on specific areas of relevance;
- Attending appropriate CMS meetings (such as the Conference of the Parties, Standing Committee or Scientific Council) to keep abreast of developments within CMS; and
- Undertaking other activities as may be considered necessary and appropriate by the CMS Secretariat.

In fulfilling their role, CMS Ambassadors will:

- Provide their time at no cost to the Secretariat (agreed out-of-pocket expenses will be met);
- Acknowledge CMS in relevant communications;
- Maintain regular contact with the CMS Secretariat;
- Only use the UNEP and CMS logo and name appropriately; and

- Ensure that the reputation of UNEP and CMS are at all times maintained by ensuring the use of accurate information, best operating practices, ethical behaviour and respect for national and international laws.

CMS Responsibilities

In appointing and supporting an Ambassador, the CMS Executive Secretary will:

- Provide regular updates on the work of the Secretariat;
- Render support to assist the Ambassador in carrying out their role;
- Appoint a focal point for the Ambassador within the Secretariat to facilitate day-to-day communication;
- Invite the Ambassador to conduct missions and to participate in important fora relating to migratory species; and
- Provide funds for travel, per diem and related expenses in accordance with UN rules and procedures, as necessary.

Conditions

The period of appointment will be for three years, after which time the Secretariat and the Ambassador will review arrangements and mutually decide whether to proceed with a subsequent term.

CMS Ambassadors are neither "staff members" under the Staff Regulations of the United Nations nor "officials" for the purpose of the Convention of 13 February 1946 on the privileges and immunities of the United Nations.