

Third Meeting of the Americas Flyways Task Force

Campo Grande, Brazil, 22 March 2026

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

(as of 4 March 2026)

Key Objectives of the Meeting:

- Finalize updates/revisions of the Americas Flyways Framework and Action Plan in line with the Decisions from CMS COP14 and the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species.
- Agree on the best option for an instrument for governance and oversight of the Americas Flyways Framework (Agreement, MoU, Initiative).
- Agree next steps to develop a workplan for development of an instrument and implementation of the AFF Action Plan during the next triennium.

Sunday 22 March 2026			
Time	Agenda item	Documents	Comments
14:00 - 14:15	Registration of participants		
14:15 - 14:30	1. Opening of the meeting Welcome and introduction of participants (Representative of the Ministry of Environment of Brazil (TBC), CMS Secretariat)		The representative of the Ministry of Environment of Brazil will open the meeting and give some welcoming remarks (TBC). The Secretariat will make a brief intervention. Participants introduce themselves through a tour de table.
14:30 - 14:35	2. Election of officers		The Meeting will be invited to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. Expected outcome: Officers are elected.
14:35 - 14:45	3. Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule	UNEP/CMS/AFTF3/Doc.1 – <i>Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule</i>	The Chair will introduce the annotated agenda and meeting schedule. Participants will have the opportunity to provide comments and suggest items to be discussed under Any Other Business. Expected outcome: Agenda and Meeting schedule adopted.
14:45 - 15:30	4. Review of updates and revisions to the Americas Flyways Framework and associated Action Plan	UNEP/CMS/AFTF3/Doc.2 – <i>Updated Americas Flyways Framework</i> UNEP/CMS/AFTF3/Doc.3 – <i>Updated Action Plan for the Americas Flyways Framework</i>	The Chair will provide an overview of updates and revisions made to the AFF and Action Plan during and since AFTAF2. Participants will discuss and either adopt or agree on a process and timeframe to finalize the Framework and new Workplan. Expected outcome: Updated Framework and Action Plan adopted (or process and timeframe for finalization agreed).

15:30 - 16:30	5. Open discussion on best instrument for governance and oversight of AFF implementation	UNEP/CMS/AFTF3/Doc.4 - Options for an Institutional Framework	Secretariat will present an overview of the different types of instrument available under CMS (Agreement, MoU, Initiative). Participants to discuss and agree on the best option for the AFF.
16:30 - 16:45	<i>Coffee break and group photo of participants</i>		
16:45 - 17:30	Continue open discussion		Expected outcome: Agreement reached on best instrument to support AFF implementation.
17:30 - 18:00	6. Next steps to develop AFF Instrument		The Chair will facilitate a discussion on next steps for developing a proposed AFF Instrument, including timeframe. Expected outcome: Process and timeframe for developing instrument agreed.
18:00 - 18:10	7. Date and venue of next meeting		Governments and organizations present at the meeting will be invited to express their interest in hosting the next meeting of the Task Force and to propose dates
18:10 - 18:25	8. Any other business		
18:25 - 18:30	9. Closure of the meeting		After the customary expression of thanks to the host country and the organizers and sponsors, the Chair will close the meeting. The Secretariat will also make brief closing remarks.