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CMS RAPTORS MOU

FOURTH MEETING OF SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS OF PREY IN AFRICA AND EURASIA

(Victoria Falls, 30 November- 2 December 2026)

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ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

(Prepared by the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU)

Summary: This document presents the list of registered and invited Observers.

The Meeting is invited to examine the list presented with a view to admitting participation by these parties.

1. Paragraph 13 of the Text of the Raptors MOU states that "*any agency or body technically qualified […] may be represented at sessions of the Meeting of Signatories by observers, unless at least one third of the Signatories present object"*. Paragraph 13 also states that such participation is to be subject to the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Meeting.

2. Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of Signatories adopted at the Third Meeting of Signatories (MOS3, Dubai, July 2023; UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS3/Report/Annex II) sets the rules for the admission of Observers to Meetings of Signatories.

3. Annex 1 to this document lists the registered Observers for the present Meeting by 30 October 2026 and those invited after that date.

Recommended action

4. In line with Rule 4 of the mentioned Rules of Procedure, the Meeting is invited to admit to the Meeting the Observers listed in Annex 1 below.

Annex 1

List of Observers Registered by 3 November 2023

Non-Signatory States

1. Benin
2. Guinea-Bissau
3. Ireland
4. Mauritania
5. Nigeria
6. North Macedonia
7. Tanzania

Agencies/Bodies

1. BirdLife International
2. BirdLife South Africa
3. BirdLinks Armenia
4. Dubai Environment and Climate Change Authority
5. Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi
6. Humanitarian Organization for Poverty Eradication – Pakistan
7. Nature Kenya
8. International Association for Falconry
9. International Bird Conservation Partnership
10. International Fund for Houbara Conservation
11. International Union for Conservation of Nature Vulture Specialist Group
12. International Union for Conservation of Nature Thematic Group on Sustainable Use and Management of Ecosystems (SUME)
13. The Peregrine Fund
14. University Rey Juan Carlos
15. United Nations Environment Programme/Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals/African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan (AEMLAP)
16. Royal Society for the Protection of Birds / BirdLife UK
17. Tanzania Forest Services

Annex 2

List of Invited Observers by 3 November 2026

Agencies/Bodies

1. Asian Development Bank
2. BirdLife International, Africa
3. BirdLife International, Middle East
4. Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
5. East African Community (EAC)
6. Hanns Seidel Foundation
7. International Centre for Birds of Prey
8. International Finance Corporation (IFC)
9. International Union for Conservation of Nature
10. International Union for Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission
11. International Union for Conservation of Nature Bustard Specialist Group
12. Mohamed Bin Zayed Raptor Conservation Fund
13. Peace Parks Foundation
14. Sahara Conservation Fund
15. Southern African Development Community
16. World Organization for Animal Health