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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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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

(Prepared by the Coordinating Unit of the Raptors MOU)

All times are local time in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (UTC+2)

Day 1 – Monday, 30 November 2026

Start	End	No.	Agenda item	Remarks and relevant documentation
08:00	09:00		**Registration**	**Remarks:** Sign-in of registered participants. Personal identification document required for all participants. Original version of credentials required for delegates of Signatories.
09:00	09:50	1.	**Opening of the Meeting**	**Remarks:** Opening statements and welcoming remarks.
09:50	10:00	2.	**Signing Ceremony for New Signatories**	**Remarks:** Signature of the MOU by any new Signatories. This item will take place only if required; any time not used will be reallocated to the following items.
10:00	10:10	3.	**Adoption of the Rules of Procedure**	**Remarks:** Consideration of the Rules of Procedure adopted at MOS3 (UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS3/Report/Annex II) and of any proposed amendments thereto, for adoption by consensus in accordance with Rule 17. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.3
10:10	10:20	4.	**Election of Officers**	**Remarks:** Appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Meeting, in accordance with Rule 7. In accordance with Rule 5, paragraph 4, the Coordinating Unit, in consultation with the Chair or Vice-Chair, will examine the credentials submitted and report thereon under item 6.

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10:20	10:40		*Break (20')*	**Remarks:** The official photograph of the Meeting will be taken during the break. All participants are requested to attend.
10:40	10:50	5.	**Adoption of the Meeting Agenda and Schedule**	**Remarks:** Consideration and adoption of the agenda and schedule. **Documents:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.1 and UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.5 (present document)
10:50	11:00	7.	**Admission of Observers**	**Remarks:** Consideration of the admission of observers in accordance with Rule 4. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.7
11:00	11:30	8.	**Statements from Signatories, Cooperating Partners and Observers**	**Remarks:** Opportunity for brief statements by Signatories, Cooperating Partners and Observers. Speakers are invited to keep oral statements brief and to submit longer statements in writing.
11:30	11:55	9.	**Report of the Coordinating Unit**	**Remarks:** Report on relevant developments since MOS3. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.9
11:55	12:20	10.	**Report of the Technical Advisory Group**	**Remarks:** Report on relevant developments since MOS3. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.10
12:20	12:45	11.	**Report of the CMS Secretariat**	**Remarks:** Report on relevant developments since MOS3. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.11
12:45	14:15		*Lunch (90')*	**Remarks:** Side events may be held during the lunch break. Details to be announced.
		12.	**Review of Implementation of the MOU and its Action Plan**	
14:15	14:45	12.1	**Overview of Progress in the Implementation of the Action Plan**	**Remarks:** Presentation of progress made in the implementation of the Action Plan (Annex 3) since MOS3. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.12.1(Rev.1)
14:45	15:25	12.2	**Reporting by Signatories and Cooperating Partners: Synthesis of the National Reports**	**Remarks:** Presentation of the synthesis of the reports submitted by Signatories and Cooperating Partners. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.12.2
15:25	15:40		*Break (15')*	
15:40	16:20	12.3	**Site Network Analysis for priority species**	**Remarks:** Presentation of the site network analysis for Category 1 species, consideration of its findings and limitations, and discussion of priorities for phased follow-up. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.12.3
16:20	17:00	12.4	**Second Conservation Status Assessment Report**	**Remarks:** Presentation of the Second Conservation Status Assessment Report for consideration and possible endorsement, and consideration of arrangements and resource needs for the next report. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.12.4
		13.	**Conservation Initiatives under the MOU**	

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17:00	17:30	13.1	**Report on Implementation of the Saker Falcon (*Falco cherrug*) Global Action Plan (SakerGAP)**	**Remarks:** Report on relevant developments since MOS3. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.13.1(Rev.2)

Day 2 – Tuesday, 1 December 2026

Start	End	No.	Agenda item	Remarks and relevant documentation
08:30	09:00		**Registration**	**Remarks:** Sign-in of registered participants. Personal identification document required for all participants. Original version of credentials required for delegates of Signatories.
		13.	**Conservation Initiatives under the MOU (continued)**	
09:00	10:45	13.2	**Conservation of African-Eurasian Vultures**	**Remarks:** Report on the implementation of the Multi-species Action Plan to Conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP), and consideration of the questions raised in the document. Subject to the Meeting's agreement, focused working groups may consider specified questions and report recommendations to plenary for consideration. The time allocated covers the introduction and instructions, working group discussions, reporting back and plenary consideration. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.13.2(Rev.2)
10:45	11:00		*Break (15')*	
11:00	11:25	13.3	**Internationally Important Raptor Areas (IIRAs)**	**Remarks:** Presentation of CMS COP15 Resolution 15.10 and related Decisions on Internationally Important Raptor Areas, and consideration of follow-up under the Raptors MOU. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.13.3
11:25	11:50	13.4	**Global Action Plan for the Conservation of the Steppe Eagle (Aquila nipalensis) (2026-2035): Progress and Implementation Priorities**	**Remarks:** Report on progress following the adoption of the Steppe Eagle Global Action Plan by CMS COP15, including coordination, outreach and priorities for facilitating implementation. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.13.4 (Rev.2)
11:50	12:15	13.5	**International Single Species Action Plan for the Sooty Falcon (Falco concolor) (2024-2036): Progress in Implementation**	**Remarks:** Report on progress following the adoption of the Sooty Falcon International Single Species Action Plan (ISSAP), including coordination arrangements and priorities for facilitating implementation. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.13.5 (Rev.1)
12:15	12:45	13.6	**Proposal for the Establishment of a Raptor Air Safety Working Group**	**Remarks:** Presentation and consideration of a proposal to establish a Working Group, for the Meeting's decision. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.13.6
12:45	14:15		*Lunch (90')*	**Remarks:** Side events may be held during the lunch break. Details to be announced.
		14.	**Institutional Matters**	
14:15	14:50	14.1	**Proposed Amendments to Annex 1 (Species List) and Table 1 of Annex 3 (Action Plan) of the Raptors MOU**	**Remarks:** Presentation and consideration of proposed amendments to Annex 1 and Table 1 of Annex 3, for possible adoption in accordance with the MOU and its Rules of Procedure. Amendments to the MOU are adopted by consensus (Rule 12, paragraph 4) on the basis of proposals submitted in accordance with Rule 16. **Documents:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.14.1 and UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc14.1.1

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14:50	15:05	14.2	**Proposed Amendment by Italy to Annex 3, Table 3 (List of Sites)**	**Remarks:** Presentation and consideration of Italy's proposed amendment, for possible adoption by consensus in accordance with Rule 12, paragraph 4, and Rule 16. **Documents:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.14.2 and UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc. 14.2.1
15:05	15:40	14.3	**Proposed Amendments to Annex 3, Table 3: List of Internationally Important Sites for Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia**	**Remarks:** Presentation and consideration of proposed amendments to Table 3, for possible adoption by consensus in accordance with Rule 12, paragraph 4, and Rule 16. **Documents:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.14.3 and UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.14.3.1
15:40	15:55		*Break (15')*	
15:55	16:35	14.4	**Proposed Approach to Reviewing and Updating Table 3 of Annex 3 to the Raptors MOU**	**Remarks:** Presentation of a proposed approach for the review and update of Table 3, and subsequent endorsement. **Documents:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.14.4 and UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc14.4.1
16:35	17:05	14.5	**Exploring the Expansion of the Geographic Scope of the Raptors MOU**	**Remarks:** Presentation of the interim geographical analysis and consideration of further scientific assessment, consultation with the countries concerned and resource implications, with findings and any justified amendment proposals to be brought to MOS5 through the applicable procedures. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.14.5
17:05	17:20	14.6	**Site Proposal and Amendment Form**	**Remarks:** Consideration of the revised site proposal and amendment form, in conjunction with the approach discussed under item 14.4, for possible approval. The form is without prejudice to the procedures for amending the MOU set out in Rule 16. **Documents:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.14.6 (Rev.1) and UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc14.6.1
17:20	17:30	6.	**Review of Credentials**	**Remarks:** Report by the Coordinating Unit, in consultation with the Chair or Vice-Chair, on the credentials submitted by delegates of Signatories, for final approval by the Meeting, in accordance with Rule 5.

Day 3 – Wednesday, 2 December 2026

Start	End	No.	Agenda item	Remarks and relevant documentation
08:30	09:00		**Registration**	**Remarks:** Sign-in of registered participants. Personal identification document required for all participants. Original version of credentials required for delegates of Signatories.
		15.	**Technical Advisory Group Matters**	
09:00	09:25	15.1	**Appointment of Members of the Technical Advisory Group**	**Remarks:** Presentation of recommendations for the composition of the TAG, and subsequent endorsement. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.15.1
09:25	10:10	15.2	**Technical Advisory Group Workplan 2027-2029**	**Remarks:** Presentation and consideration of the TAG Workplan 2027-2029, including priorities and resource implications, for the Meeting's decision. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.15.2
10:10	10:25		*Break (15')*	
		16.	**Financial and Administrative Matters**	
10:25	11:25	16.1	**Current Financial Status and Future Funding**	**Remarks:** Review of expenditure, contributions and the funding outlook; and consideration of three voluntary funding scenarios for 2027-2029. **Document:** UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS4/Doc.16.1
11:25	12:15	17.	**Adoption of Outcomes**	**Remarks:** Consideration and adoption of the Meeting's draft outcomes, including resolution of outstanding matters. Draft outcomes will be made available progressively to facilitate review.
12:15	12:25	18.	**Date and Venue of MOS5**	**Remarks:** Indication of tentative dates for MOS5 and opportunity to express interest in hosting it.
12:25	12:35	19.	**Any Other Business**	
12:35	12:45	20.	**Closure of the Meeting**	