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Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 7 – 10 December 2026

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PROVISIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

As of 13 November 2026

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Summary

The Meeting Schedule provides an overview of the agenda for the meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE

TIME	MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER	TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER	THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER
08.00-09.00	***Registration***			
09.00-11.00	Official opening of the meeting; organisational matters; and context for the meeting	Focused discussions - Results of the *Comparative study of African lion population trends and conservation and management practices* (AC34 recommendation – AC34 SR) - Transboundary conservation and connectivity – identifying priority cross-border populations of ACI species and their corridors - Updates to the *Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa* and the *Roadmap for the Conservation of Leopards in Africa*	*Field trip*	*HWCC Workshop*
11.00-11.30	**Coffee/Tea Break**	**Coffee/Tea Break**		**Coffee/Tea Break (10.30)**
11.30-13.00	Implementing the ACI Programme of Work - Secretariat reports and updates, including new mandates - ACI species conservation status: presentations and reports from IUCN species specialists - Summary of questionnaire responses	Review of updated ACI Programme of Work (cont.): - Objectives 1-11 ➢ Working Groups	*Field trip*	*HWCC Workshop*
13.00-14.00	**Lunch Break**	**Lunch Break**	**Lunch Break**	**Lunch Break (12.30-13.30)**
14.00-16.00	Intersessional Working Group outcomes Governance arrangements of ACI - Working Group presentation on proposed governance options - Discussing and agreeing on a governance structure	Reviewing the updated ACI Programme of Work - Objectives 1-11 ➢ Working Groups	Funding implementation of the revised ACI POW	*HWCC Workshop*
16.00-16.30	**Coffee/Tea Break**	**Coffee/Tea Break**	**Coffee/Tea Break**	**Coffee/Tea Break (15.30)**
16.30-18.00	Intersessional Working Group outcomes African Lion Database - Presenting and adopting the Terms of Use - Discussing the future scope of the ALD and an African Carnivores Database	- Managing and monitoring leopard quotas (CITES Decisions 18.169 (Rev. CoP20) and 20.140)	Reviewing and adopting outcomes Next steps Closing Remarks	*HWCC Workshop*