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# 3rd Meeting of Range States of the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative (ACI3)

*Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 7 – 10 December 2026*

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## PROVISIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

*As of 20 November 2026*

*(Prepared by the CITES and CMS Secretariats)*


**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 |
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| **08.00-09.00** | ***Registration*** | | | |
| 09.00-11.00 | Official opening of the meeting; organisational matters; and context for the meeting<br><br>Implementing the ACI Programme of Work<br><br>- Secretariat reports and updates, including new mandates | Focused discussions<br>- Results of the *Comparative study of African lion population trends and conservation and management practices* (AC34 recommendation – AC34 SR)<br>- Transboundary conservation and connectivity – identifying priority cross-border populations of ACI species and their corridors<br>- Updates to the *Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa* and the *Roadmap for the Conservation of Leopards in Africa* | *Field trip* | *Human Wildlife Conflict and Coexistence (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 (cont.)<br>- ACI species conservation status: presentations and reports from IUCN species specialists<br>- Summary of questionnaire responses | Review of updated ACI Programme of Work (cont.):<br><br>- Objectives 1-11<br><br>➢ 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<br>Governance arrangements of ACI<br>- Working Group presentation on proposed governance options<br>- Discussing and agreeing on a governance structure | Reviewing the updated ACI Programme of Work<br><br>- Objectives 1-11<br><br>➢ 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<br>African Lion Database<br>- Presenting and adopting the Terms of Use<br>- Discussing the future scope of the ALD and an African Carnivores Database | Focused discussions – Range States only<br><br>- Managing and monitoring leopard quotas (CITES Decisions 18.169 (Rev. CoP20) and 20.140) | Reviewing and adopting outcomes<br>Next steps<br>Closing Remarks | *HWCC Workshop* |