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AEMLAP-UNCCD Joint Meeting on Land Degradation Neutrality Targets

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting:
    a. Welcoming remarks by the host country;
    b. Welcoming remarks by the CMS and UNCCD Secretariats.
2. Election of the Chair and introduction of participants.
3. Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule.
4. Setting the scene - Mandates and targets:
    a. CMS Strategic Plan for Migratory Species (SPMS) Indicators across species and habitats, and the role of AEMLAP;
    b. UNCCD Mandate and Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets, including outcomes of UNCCD COP17 [Drought Rangelands, Private sector, etc.].
5. Demonstrating joint implementation on the ground:
    a. Concrete examples of projects and lessons learned;
    b. Breakout groups: identifying priority geographies/themes/species for joint conservation and restoration action.
6. Available Resources and Challenges:
    a. Financing - donor funds/pipeline, private sector engagement;
    b. Scientific and technical - methodologies and platforms.
7. Upcoming Opportunities:
    a. The 2030+ agenda:
        i. UNCCD - IWG, etc.;
        ii. LDN TSP next phase;
        iii. SPMS next phase.
    b. UNCCD COP18 in Egypt - land/water nexus.
8. Agreement on Next Steps.
9. Any Other Business.
10. Closing remarks and closure of the Meeting.