

**THIRD RANGE STATE MEETING OF THE CMS
CENTRAL ASIAN MAMMALS INITIATIVE (CAMI)**

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**PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CHAIR OF THE CENTRAL ASIAN
MAMMALS INITIATIVE**

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary: This document proposes updated Terms of Reference for the CAMI Chair and Vice-Chair to enhance political support for the implementation of the CAMI Work Programme (2026–2032).

Action requested:

Review and endorse the Terms of Reference for CAMI Chair and Vice-Chair.

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Background

At the Second Range State Meeting of the CMS Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI), which took place on 25 - 28 September 2019 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, participants agreed that two Range State Governments should take on the role of chairing the Initiative during intersessional periods between the meetings of the Range States to be held every six years, in conjunction with the CMS COP cycle.

The Meeting elected Tajikistan as Chair and India as Vice-Chair of CAMI for the current POW cycle (2021-2026) to represent the Initiative and provide political guidance in consultation with other national Governments on any matters that might arise. A new Chair and Vice Chair shall be nominated at the Third Meeting Range States to CAMI. The proposed Terms of Reference (TORs) are provided below.

Terms of Reference for Chair and Vice-Chair of the CAMI

1. Integrate the CAMI Work Programme (2026–2032) into relevant regional and international processes

Provide timely, coordinated input—in cooperation with the CMS Secretariat—so that new or updated regional, national and international instruments explicitly reflect relevant actions of the Work Programme.

2. Increase visibility of CAMI

Reference the Work Programme in presentations, speeches and briefing notes at relevant conferences, workshops and political fora.

3. Strengthen policy synergies

Facilitate communication between the CMS Secretariat, Range States and other MEAs to enhance synergies and foster implementation of the Work Programme.

4. Engage cross-sector stakeholders

When requested by the Secretariat, assist the Secretariat in determining and involving other sectors and local communities — to tackle issues that affect CAMI species.

5. Term of Chairpersonship

- a) The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be nominated by the Range States at each meeting and serve over the intersessional period until the next meeting.
- b) A Chair who can no longer exercise the above duties shall inform the Secretariat in writing, requesting the Vice-Chair to take on the duties.
- c) A Vice-Chair, who can no longer exercise the above duties shall inform the Secretariat in writing
- d) A new Vice-Chair shall be nominated by the Range States either by written procedure or during an online meeting.

To operationalize the TORs, an annual workplan will jointly be developed and agreed upon by the Chair and the CMS Secretariat.