

**8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CMS  
Multi-Stakeholder Energy Task Force**

*16th-17th September, Online*

ETF8/Doc.1

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED MEETING AGENDA AND SCHEDULE**

*(as of 11 September 2025)*

## **INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES**

The UN Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) Energy Task Force (ETF) was established in 2016 to mobilize efforts to reconcile renewable energy developments with the conservation of migratory species.

The ETF facilitates the use of best-practice guidance and promotes concrete action on the ground by bringing together governments, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, academia, non-government organizations and civil society.

The 8<sup>th</sup> meeting (ETF8) presents a unique opportunity to collaboratively review the progress of the ETF Working Groups, finalize and adopt the new ETF Work Plan for 2025–2032, and define key priorities and next steps in preparation for [CMS COP15](#). Meeting documents are accessible on the ETF8 webpage [here](#).

### **Meeting Objectives**

- Review progress in the implementation of the ETF Work Plan 2021–2024
- Discuss and seek approval of the ETF Work Plan 2025–2032
- Share updates from the ETF Working Groups in 2024 and 2025
- Discuss and endorse strategic documents related to the Working Groups and COP15
- Prepare for the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15)
- Advance understanding of emerging issues related to the sustainable planning of energy infrastructure, and enable accelerated action on the nexus of energy, nature and climate.

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### DAY 1: 16th September 2025

Tentative Time (CEST)	Agenda Item	Documents	Presenters
14:00 – 14:05	<b>Housekeeping and meeting protocol</b>		Cathy Yitong Li
<b>1. Introductions</b>			
14:05 – 14:20 (5 minutes each)	<b>a) Opening remarks</b> Welcome and opening remarks by the ETF Chair, ETF Coordinator, and CMS Secretariat.		Borja Heredia (Facilitator) Amy Frankel (tentative) and Ivan Ramirez Cathy Yitong Li
14:20 – 14:40	<b>b) Introduction of participants and adoption of the agenda</b> The Chair will introduce the meeting procedures, welcome members and observers, and facilitate the adoption of the agenda.	ETF8/Doc.1 – <i>Provisional Annotated Agenda and Schedule</i>	Borja Heredia (Facilitator) Ivan Ramirez
<b>2. Report on ETF Workplan Implementation</b>			
14:40 – 15:20	<b>a) Coordinator report</b> Stocktake of progress since ETF7 and the implementation of the 2021 – 2024 Work Plan, followed by open discussion on gaps and opportunities.	ETF8/Doc.2 – <i>Joint Report of CMS Secretariat and ETF Coordinator on Activities of the ETF</i>	Borja Heredia (Facilitator) Cathy Yitong Li Manoswini Sarkar
15:20 – 15:40	<b>b) Working Group reports</b> 1. Private Sector Engagement Working Group	ETF/Doc.3 – <i>Draft ETF Private Sector Engagement Strategy</i>	Borja Heredia (Facilitator) Alicia De La Cruz-Novoy
15:40 – 15:50	<b>BREAK</b>		
15:50 – 16:20 (5 minutes presentation each, followed by open discussion)	<b>b) Working Group reports (continued)</b> 2. Bat Mitigation Working Group, including Small Grant Fund updates 3. Marine Species Working Group 4. Technical Working Group, including Mortality Database Working Group	ETF/Doc.4 – <i>Report of the Bat Mitigation Working Group</i> ETF/Doc.5 – <i>Progress Report of Small Grant Fund</i> ETF/Doc.6 – <i>Report of the Technical Working Group</i>	Borja Heredia (Facilitator) Winifred Frick Jennifer (Daan) de Leur, on behalf of Jenny Renell Liam Innis, on behalf of Tris Allinson

<b>3. Synergies Across Multilateral Environmental Agreements</b>			
16:20 – 16:55 (5 minutes presentation each, followed by open discussion)	<p><b>Updates on synergies with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements</b></p> <p>Updates on cooperation and collaboration with other multilateral environmental agreements, followed by a discussion of future opportunities to scale up action.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)</li> <li>2. International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)</li> <li>3. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)</li> <li>4. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)</li> <li>5. Open for interventions from other intergovernmental organizations</li> </ol>	Presentations used will be made available on the ETF8 meeting webpage	Cathy Yitong Li (Facilitator) Tristan Tyrrell Ute Collier TBC Mirja Stoldt
16:55 – 17:00	<b>Closing by the Chair</b>		Borja Heredia
<b>END OF DAY 1</b>			

**DAY 2: 17th September 2025**

<b>Tentative Time (CEST)</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Documents</b>	<b>Presenters</b>
<b>4. Election of Chair/Vice Chair (closed to members only)</b>			
9:00 – 9:15	<b>Election of Chair/Vice Chair</b> Election by members.	<i>ETF Modus Operandi</i>	Ivan Ramirez (Facilitator)
<b>5. Recap of Day 1</b>			
9:15 – 9:30	<b>Recap of Day 1</b> Presentation summarizing the discussion in Day 1.		Cathy Yitong Li Yong June Kim
<b>6. Strategic Discussion on CMS COP15</b>			
9:30 – 10:00	<b>Strategic discussion on CMS COP15</b> Presentation on COP15 preparation, followed by an in-depth discussion of ETF planning for COP15, on relevant decisions/resolutions, events and other activities.	The presentation used will be made available on the ETF8 meeting webpage	Cathy Yitong Li (Facilitator) Ivan Ramirez
<b>7. Spotlight on ETF member</b>			
10:00 – 10:20	<b>a) Case study presentation from an ETF member</b>		Sofia Natalia Torres (Facilitator)
10:20 – 10:40	<b>b) Round of updates from members and observers</b> On key progress, opportunities and challenges of their organization or government in the past year.		Cathy Yitong Li (Facilitator)
10:40 – 10:50	<b>BREAK</b>		
<b>8. ETF Work Plan 2025-2032</b>			
10:50 – 11:30	<b>Discussion and approval of the Work Plan</b> Presentation from the respective Working Group, followed by discussion and approval.	<i>ETF/Doc.7 – Draft ETF 2026 –2032 Work Plan</i>	Manoswini Sarkar (Facilitator)
<b>9. ETF Priorities for 2026</b>			
11:30 – 11:50	<b>ETF priorities for 2026</b> Discussion to identify top priorities for action, based on the Work Plan, projects and key events.		Cathy Yitong Li (Facilitator)
<b>10. Closing</b>			
11:50 – 12:00	<b>Closing remarks</b> Summary of meeting and next steps.		Elected Vice Chair Ivan Ramirez Cathy Yitong Li
<b>END OF MEETING</b>			