

**Range States Meeting on the Institutional Framework and
next steps for the Central Asian Flyway**

New Delhi, India, 02 – 04 May 2023

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

(As at 1st of May 2023)

MEETING SCHEDULE

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Tuesday, 2 May 2023 DAY 1	Wednesday, 3 May 2023 DAY 2	Thursday, 4 May 2023 DAY 3
08.30 – Registration	09.00 – Opening of second day	06.00 – Departure for field trip to Sultanpur National Park (Ramsar Site) from Hotel Ashok
09.15 – Opening of Meeting 1. 1 Inaugural Programme by the Government of India & CMS	09.30 – 4. Options institutional framework for the Central Asian Flyway – continued from session on day 1	Field trip organized by the Government of India
10.15 – <i>Coffee Break and Group Photo</i>	11.15 – <i>Coffee Break</i>	
10.45 – Chair election and adoption of the Agenda 2.1 Chair election 2.2 Adoption of Agenda	11.45 – 5. Action Plan for the Central Asian Flyway	
10.55 – CAF updates 3.1 CMS & Government of India update on CAF 3.2 Range States updates 3.3 CMS Instruments updates 3.4 CAF Stakeholder Updates		
13.30 – <i>Lunch Break</i>	13.30 – <i>Lunch Break</i>	
15.00 – CAF Situation Analysis 3.5 Conservation and Management Situation Analysis of the Central Asian Flyway (CAF) by BLI	14.30 – 6. Break-out sessions for cross-cutting issues affecting the CAF	10:30 - Return from field trip to the Hotel Ashok
16.00 – <i>Coffee Break</i>	16.00 – <i>Coffee Break</i>	

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<p>16.30 – 4. Options for an institutional framework for the Central Asian Flyway</p>	<p>16.30 – 7. Conclusions of the meeting and next steps towards CMS COP and beyond 8. Any other business 9. Closure of the meeting</p>	
<p>18.00 – <i>End of First Day</i></p>	<p>18.00 – <i>End of Second Day</i></p>	

DAY 1
Tuesday, 2 May 2023
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Time	Agenda item	Documents/ Expected outcomes
08.30 – 09.15	Registration	
OPENING OF THE MEETING		
09.15 – 10.15	1- Inaugural Programme by the Government of India & CMS	
10.15 – 10.45	Coffee Break and Group Photo	
10.45 – 10.55	2- Chair election and adoption of the Agenda	
	<p>2.1 Chair election</p> <p>2.2 Adoption of Agenda</p> <p>2.3 Rules of Procedure & Code of Conduct</p>	<p><i>Documents:</i></p> <p>UNEP/CMS/CAF4/Inf.1 - Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Text)</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/CAF4/Inf.2 – Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COP)</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/CAF4/Inf.3 Code of Conduct for events organized under the CMS</p> <p><i>Outcomes</i></p> <p><i>Chair is elected</i></p> <p><i>Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule are adopted. Participants are informed on Housekeeping (incl. info on fieldtrip)</i></p>

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10.55- 13.30	3- CAF Updates	
	<p>3.1 CMS & Government of India update on CAF</p> <p>3.2 Range States updates</p> <p>3.3 CMS Instruments updates</p> <p>3.4 CAF Stakeholder Updates</p>	<p><i>Documents:</i></p> <p>CMS Presentation on the history and background of CAF</p> <p>Indian Government Presentation on CAF engagement</p> <p>Range States Updates PPTs</p> <p>AEWA, Raptors MOU and AEMLAP PPTs</p> <p>Stakeholder PPTs</p> <p><i>Outcome:</i></p> <p><i>Participants are reminded of the history of the CAF process and recent developments and activities undertaken by the Government of India, CAF Range States and CAF Stakeholders in the frame of CMS.</i></p>
13.30 – 15.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
15.00 – 16.00	<p>3.5 Conservation and Management Situation Analysis of the Central Asian Flyway (CAF)</p> <p>Representative of BirdLife International will introduce the document and give an overview presentation</p>	<p><i>Situation analysis of Conservation and Management of Migratory Birds in the Central Asian Flyway – Report by Birdlife International</i></p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/CAF4/Doc.3.4</p> <p><i>Outcome:</i></p> <p><i>Participants are informed about the current status of the conservation and management of migratory birds and their habitats in the CAF, as identified by BirdLife International in the situation analysis.</i></p> <p><i>They have the opportunity to comment on the analysis report and to formulate conclusions for necessary actions in the CAF in the future.</i></p>

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16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break	
	4. An institutional framework for the Central Asian Flyway	
16.30 – 18.00	<p>4. Options for an Institutional Framework for the Central Asian Flyway Dr Tilman Schneider, CMS Secretariat, will introduce the document.</p> <p>The Chair will lead the discussion of the participants on the preferred option for an institutional framework for the CAF and its modalities.</p>	<p><i>Documents:</i> UNEP/CMS/CAF4/Doc.4</p> <p><i>Outcome:</i> <i>Participants express their opinion on the preferred legal and institutional framework for the CAF, discuss the preferred and required modalities, and identify further policy actions to establish the preferred framework.</i></p>
18.00	End of first day	

DAY 2
Wednesday, 3 May 2023
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Time	Agenda item	Documents/ Expected outcomes
OPENING OF THE MEETING		
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09.00 – 09.30	Opening of the second day of the meeting Introduction to the agenda and summary of first meeting day	<i>Chair will present a short briefing of first day</i> <i>Outcome:</i> <i>Participants are reminded of housekeeping items and informed about the programme and logistics for the day.</i>
4. An institutional framework for the Central Asian Flyway - continued		
09.30 – 11.15	4. Options for an Institutional Framework for the Central Asian Flyway – continued from the previous session 4.1 Summary of outcomes of previous day on the institutional framework 4.2 Discussion on next steps on how to operationalize de framework 4.3 Presentation of draft Resolution text on endorsement of Framework	<i>Documents:</i> UNEP/CMS/CAF4/Doc.4 <i>Outcome:</i> <i>Participants endorse the preferred legal and institutional framework for the CAF, discuss and further develop the modalities for the coordination and implementation of the CAF, including by guidance on relevant documentation to be developed subsequent to this meeting, and potentially propose draft decisions to be submitted to the fourteenth meeting of the CMS Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.</i>
11.15 – 11.45	Coffee Break	
5. Action Plan for the Central Asian Flyway		
11.45 – 13.30	5. Roadmap for an update of the Central Asian Flyway Action Plan to Conserve Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats Dr Iván Ramírez, CMS Secretariat, will introduce the document.	<i>Documents:</i> UNEP/CMS/CAF4/Doc.5

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		<p><i>Outcome:</i> <i>Participants agree on a process to deliver an updated Action Plan including all species, and agree on AP Layout and timeline to deliver</i></p>
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch Break	
	6. Break-out sessions for cross-cutting issues affecting the CAF	
14.30 – 16.00	<p>6. Break-out sessions for cross-cutting issues affecting the CAF Participants will form break-out groups to discuss ideas and identify initiatives on cross-cutting issues relevant to conservation of migratory birds in the CAF. Group rapporteurs will produce short notes and report back to plenary.</p> <p>6.1 Break-out groups meet (14.35 to 15.20) 6.2 Break-out groups report back (15.20 to 15.45) 6.3 Q&A on how to take reports forward (15.45 to 16.00)</p>	<p><i>Rapporteurs to be selected within break out groups</i> <i>Rapporteurs to report back to plenary</i></p> <p><i>Outcome:</i> <i>Participants discuss and identify in break-out groups key issues such as Communication, Capacity building and Fundraising needs for implementing conservation action in the CAF. The outcomes identified by the break-out groups are briefly reported back to the plenary.</i></p>
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break	
	7. Conclusions of the meeting and next steps toward CMS COP and beyond	
16.30 – 17.30	<p>7. Conclusions of the meeting and next steps toward CMS COP and beyond The Chair, with support from the CMS Secretariat, will lead the discussion on next steps for the CAF-related work</p>	<p><i>Outcome:</i> <i>Next steps are determined, and agreed upon, and potential proposals for draft decisions to be submitted to the fourteenth meeting of the CMS Conference of the Parties endorsed.</i></p>
17.30 – 18.00	<p>8. Any other business and closure of the meeting The Chair and the CMS Secretariat will make some final remarks</p>	
18.00	End of the plenary sessions of the meeting	

DAY 3
Thursday, 4 May 2023
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FIELD TRIP		
Field trip organized by the Government of India		
XX.XX (tbc)	Departure for field trip Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEFCC), Government of India.	
XX.XX (tbc)	Return from field trip	
	<i>End of meeting</i>	