

OPTIONS FOR FOLLOW UP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES 2015-2023

The Standing Committee:

Having considered the analysis and compilations prepared by the Secretariat pursuant to Decisions 13.4 (a) - (c), as included in documents UNEP/CMS/StC53/Doc.11, UNEP/CMS/StC53/Doc.12 and UNEP/CMS/StC53/Doc.12/Add.1;

1. Agrees to establish an Intersessional Working Group (IWG) tasked to elaborate, with support from the Secretariat, a draft Strategic Plan for Migratory Species, as a follow-up to the SPMS 2015-2023, for consideration by COP14. The IWG will meet at least once prior to COP14, in person or virtually. The Terms of Reference of the IWG are detailed in the attachment to this decision;
2. Requests the CMS Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to support the work of the IWG, including by preparing inputs, documents, drafts and other material for its consideration.
3. Encourages Parties and stakeholders to provide financial and technical support to support implementation of its decision regarding next steps.

ANNEX

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON A FOLLOW UP TO THE SPMS 2015-2023

Objectives

1. The main objective of the Intersessional Working Group (IWG) will be to elaborate, with support from the Secretariat, a draft Strategic Plan for Migratory Species, as a follow-up to the SPMS 2015-2023, for the consideration of COP14.
2. The draft SPMS will:
 - Provide a framework of core strategic goals and objectives of the CMS, in a concise format;
 - Address priorities that will elevate the profile of the Convention and assist Parties with implementation;
 - Include action targets that are clear, concrete, implementable and measurable;
 - Cover a time period of 2-3 triennia;
 - Be aligned with processes for progress reporting on Convention implementation;
 - Be prepared in time for adoption by COP14, but foreseeing the opportunity for being underpinned with further documents in future (on matters of expanded detail)
 - Allow for review and updating of various elements;
 - Indicate where strategic synergies can be achieved with other MEAs, and with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
3. In developing the proposal, the IWG will take into account, inter alia:
 - a. The relevant outcomes of the 53rd meeting of the Standing Committee;
 - b. Elements of the SPMS 2015-2023 that continue to be relevant to CMS implementation and migratory species conservation more broadly, considering inter alia the analysis of implementation of the SPMS 2015-2023, as set forth in document UNEP/CMS/StC53/Doc.11;

- c. Current CMS decisions and resolutions, including the CMS Programme of Work, to identify key priorities and cross-cutting policy issues for achieving CMS objectives;
- d. Results of recent global scientific assessments relevant for CMS, including the IPBES Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the IPBES Assessment on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species, the IPBES Assessment of the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature, the 5th edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, the draft CMS report on the conservation status of migratory species;
- e. The post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, outcomes of other relevant global agreements including UNFCCC, UNCCD, the Sustainable Development Goals, other global initiatives such as the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration; and
- f. Strategic planning approaches used by other biodiversity-related conventions.

Composition of the Intersessional Working Group

4. The IWG shall be open to all members of the Standing Committee, and it will be composed of at least [one representative per region] [five members from three regions]
5. The Chair of the Scientific Council shall be an ex-officio member of the Working Group.
6. Representatives of Parties not members of the Standing Committee, stakeholder organizations and MEA Secretariats can participate in meetings of the IWG as observers.

Modalities of work

7. The work of the IWG will be facilitated by the CMS Secretariat.
8. The IWG will meet at least once prior to COP14, in person or virtually.
9. Parties shall be consulted at appropriate steps of the process of development of the proposal to COP14.
10. Insofar as practical and possible, the IWG will invite the views of the Secretariats of the whole CMS Family of instruments.
11. The proposal developed by the IWG will be submitted to the Standing Committee for review and endorsement. The endorsed proposal will be submitted by the Standing Committee to COP14 for consideration.
12. The IWG will only operate in English.