



AEWA 15th ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM
14 – 15 June 2010, Bel Air Hotel, The Hague, the Netherlands

“Flyway conservation in action”

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA¹

DAY 1, 14 June 2010

9.00 – 12.30	PLENARY: Chair: Ms. Anita Wouters, Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, the Netherlands (LNV)
9.00 – 10.00	Opening Ceremony
9.00 – 9.10	Ms. Anita Wouters – welcoming remarks
9.10 – 9.30	Ms. Gerda Verburg (Dutch Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality) – opening address
9.30 – 9.40	Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema (Executive Secretary, UNEP/CMS Secretariat, Germany) – welcoming address
9.40 – 9.50	Dr. Gerard Boere (Honorary Patron of AEWA, the Netherlands) – short address on the history of AEWA
9.50 – 10.00	Mr. Bert Lenten (Executive Secretary UNEP/AEWA Secretariat, Germany) – welcoming address
10.00 – 10.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.30 - 12.30	Presentations by partner organisations
10.30 – 10.45	Mr. Paulo Paixão (European Commission, Directorate-General Environment, Biodiversity Division, Belgium)
10.45 – 11.00	Prof. Nick Davidson (Deputy Secretary General, Ramsar Convention Secretariat, Switzerland): <i>The Ramsar Convention, migratory waterbirds and AEWA: enhancing synergies and cooperation</i>
11.00 – 11.15	Dr. Marco Lambertini (Chief Executive Officer (CEO) BirdLife International, UK): <i>Auspices of our own future: the challenges of migratory birds and the quest for sustainability</i>
11.15 – 11.30	Ms. Jane Madgwick (CEO, Wetlands International, the Netherlands)

¹ The working language of the Symposium is English. Simultaneous interpretation into French will be available during the plenary sessions and for those workshops taking place in the plenary room.

11.30 – 11.45	Mr. John Swift (CEO, The British Association for Shooting and Conservation [BASC]); also speaking on behalf of the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) and the Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU (FACE), UK
11.45 – 12.05	Key Note Presentation Mr. Eddy Wymenga: “Living on the edge” – Wetlands and birds in a changing Sahel (Director, Ecological Consultancy Altenburg and Wymenga; also on behalf of Mr. Bob Bijlsma, Mr. Leo Zwarts and Mr. Jan van der Kamp, the Netherlands)
12.05 – 12.30	The Hague Recommendations: First introduction to the main aspects (Mr. Bert Lenten, Executive Secretary UNEP/AEWA Secretariat and Mr. Martin Lok, LNV)
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 14.30	PLENARY Chair: TBA Wings over Wetlands (WOW) UNEP-GEF African-Eurasian Flyways Project presentations
14.00 – 14.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ward Hagemeyer (Wetlands International, the Netherlands) • Dr. Lincoln Fishpool (BirdLife International, UK) • Mr. Andrew Cottam (WCMC, UK) <p>Presentation and launch of the <i>Critical Site Network Tool</i> as developed under WOW</p>
14.20 – 14.30	Mr. Camillo Ponziani (Operations Manager, Wings Over Wetlands Project) Signing ceremony of the new Partnership Agreement by the partners present UNEP/GEF/WOW project: Ramsar Convention Secretariat, UNEP/AEWA Secretariat, BirdLife International and Wetlands International (facilitated by the WOW Team and partners and the WOW Project Coordination Unit, UNOPS, Bonn, Germany)
14.45 – 16.30	Three simultaneous workshops (Workshops 1 – 3)
Plenary room (Room C)	<p><u>Workshop 1: Land use developments in the AEWA region with a special focus on Africa</u></p> <p>Chair: Mr. Paul Mafabi (Ministry of Natural Resources, Uganda) (Facilitator: Mr. Eddy Wymenga)</p> <p><u>Tentative programme:</u> Mr. Paul Mafabi: Opening remarks Mr. Eddy Wymenga: <i>Choices in land use development in the Senegal Delta, in the past and in the future</i> Mr. Ward Hagemeyer: <i>Biofuels and wetlands in Africa</i> Mr. Paul Terwan (Terwan Consultancy, the Netherlands): <i>European situation - land use changes focusing on farmland</i></p>

<p>Smaller room next to the plenary room (Room 5)</p>	<p><u>Workshop 2: Management of waterbird site networks on the national level</u></p> <p>Chair: Dr. Jelena Kralj (Chair of the AEWA Technical Committee, Institute of Ornithology, Croatia) Facilitator: Dr. Szabolcs Nagy (Wetlands International, the Netherlands)</p> <p><u>Tentative Programme:</u> Dr. Jelena Kralj: Opening remarks Dr. Szabolcs Nagy: <i>Introduction on site networks</i> Mr. Marc van Roomen (SOVON, the Netherlands): <i>Using waterbird monitoring data to identify and manage Natura 2000 sites</i> Mr. Georges Oueda (Direction de la Faune et des Chasses, Burkina Faso): <i>Short presentation on Oursi reserve in Burkina Faso</i> Mr. Gerold Luerssen (Common Wadden Sea Secretariat, Germany) : <i>The outcome and consequences of the World Heritage Nomination and the related recommendation on the Flyway cooperation</i> Mr. Ousmane Kane (Direction des Parcs Nationaux, Senegal) TBA</p>
<p>Private part of the restaurant</p>	<p><u>Workshop 3: Sustainable management of migratory birds and invasive species</u></p> <p>Chair: Mr. Kai-Uwe Wollscheid (CEO of CIC, Hungary) Facilitator: Mr. Niels Kanstrup (CIC Migratory Birds Commission, Denmark)</p> <p><u>Tentative programme:</u> Mr. Kai-Uwe Wollscheid: Opening remarks Mr. Jesper Madsen (NERI, Denmark): <i>Launch of the first AEWA adaptive flyway management plan: the case of the Svalbard population of the Pink-footed Goose</i> Dr. Bart Ebbing (Alterra, the Netherlands): <i>Sustainable (spring) hunting update.</i> Mr. Angus Middleton (Face, Belgium): <i>Sustainable management of migratory birds – European issues</i> Mr. Niels Kanstrup: <i>Hunting with lead shot – an update</i> Mr. Crawford Prentice (UNEP/GEF/CMS MoU: Siberian Crane Project): <i>Strategic considerations towards promoting sustainable waterbird harvesting practices in Western/Central Asia (pending)</i></p>
<p>16.30 – 17.00</p>	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>
<p>17.00 – 18.00</p>	<p>PLENARY: Chair: TBA Co-chair: Mr. Martin Lok (LNV)</p>
<p>17.00 – 17.30</p>	<p>Reporting back from the workshops</p>
<p>17.30 – 18.00</p>	<p>Discussion on The Hague Recommendations</p>
<p>19.00</p>	<p>Official dinner, hosted by LNV, UNEP/AEWA and UNEP/CMS, in the presence of the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Ms. Gerda Verburg. <i>(please note that it is about 10 minutes walk from the conference hotel to the restaurant Gember)</i></p>
	<p>Presentation of the AEWA History Book to Minister Gerda Verburg by Mr. Bert Lenten and Mr. Gerard Boere. Copies will be distributed to all the guests after the dinner</p>

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DAY 2, 15 June 2010

9.00 – 10.00	PLENARY: Chair: Mr. Rob van Brouwershaven, Director for Nature, Landscape and Rural Affairs, LNV
9.00 – 9.30	Plenary discussion on The Hague Recommendations
9.30 – 10.00	Key note by Prof. Dr. Theunis Piersma (University of Groningen, the Netherlands): <i>Short-term habitat destruction and changes and their effects on waterbird populations; overriding the long-term effects of climate change</i>
10.00 – 10.30	<i>Coffee break</i> <i>A short film about the Black-tailed Godwit, Limosa limosa (7-8 minutes) will be shown in the plenary room. Facilitator: Mr. Yves Fagniard, wildlife painter, Belgium</i>
10.30 – 12.00	Three simultaneous workshops (Workshops 4 - 6)
Private part of the restaurant	<u>Workshop 4: The wider flyway approach and priorities for single species action plans (SSAP)</u> Chair: Mr. Øystein Størkersen (Directorate of Nature Management, Norway) (Facilitator: Mr. Taej Mundkur (Wetlands International, the Netherlands) <u>Tentative programme:</u> Mr. Øystein Størkersen: Opening remarks Ms. Nina Mikander (UNEP/AEWA Secretariat, Germany): <i>Lesser White-fronted Goose SSAP and how AEWA SSAPs can be implemented</i> Dr. Taej Mundkur: Tentative title: <i>Wider flyway approach</i> Mr. Tom van der Have (Wageningen University research, the Netherlands): <i>invasive species on a flyway level; the examples of Egyptian Goose and Sacred Ibis</i> Mr. Crawford Prentice and Ms. Claire Miranda: (UNEP/GEF/CMS MoU) <i>Siberian Crane Project and lessons learned for AEWA to extend to CAF</i>
Plenary room (Room C)	<u>Workshop 5: Establishment of international site networks</u> Chair: Dr. Kifle Argaw (Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority) Facilitator: Dr. Jonathan Barnard (BirdLife International, UK) <u>Tentative programme:</u> Chair: Opening remarks (pending) Mr. Andrew Cottam: Using internet tools to help identify networks; (this would be wider than the CSN tool) Dr. Vicky Jones (BirdLife): Defining and applying criteria to identify critical site

	<p>networks; technical details on how the CSN Tool criteria define the critical sites</p> <p>Dr. David Kleijn (Alterra, Wageningen University Research): <i>Using African Waterbird Census data to identify Critical Sites for endangered European waterbirds and examine effects of Ramsar and IBA site designation</i></p> <p>Mr. Roger Jaensch: Site networks in the EAAFP</p> <p>Dr. Jonathan Barnard: Defining the questions for discussion</p>
Smaller room next to the plenary room (Room 5)	<p>Workshop 6: Migratory birds and climate change in the light of other human interferences</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Borja Heredia (UNEP/CMS Secretariat, Germany)</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Bruno Ens (SOVON, the Netherlands)</p> <p>Tentative programme:</p> <p>Mr. Borja Heredia: Opening remarks</p> <p>Mr. Sergey Dereliev (UNEP/AEWA Secretariat): Climate change-related work in the framework of AEWA</p> <p>Dr. Bruno Ens: <i>Predicting the impact of climate change on arctic-breeding shorebirds and the need for monitoring in the Arctic</i> (see also recent CAFF/Arctic Council publication on Arctic Biodiversity Trends 2010).</p> <p>Mr. David Stroud (JNCC, UK): <i>The effects of changing climate on protected area networks: current UK studies and implications for conservation policy.</i></p>
12.00 – 12.30	<p>PLENARY:</p> <p>Chair: TBA</p> <p>Co-chair: Mr. Martin Lok</p>
12.00 – 12.30	Reporting back from the workshops to the plenary
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 15.00	<p>PLENARY:</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Rob van Brouwershaven (LNV)</p>
13.30 – 14.45	Plenary on the approval of The Hague Recommendations
14.45 – 15.00	Closure of the symposium; statements by Mr. Rob van Brouwershaven, Mr. Bert Lenten and Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema

	Other Meetings taking place after the Symposium
15.15 – 19.00	Wetlands International : Strengthening of international waterbird monitoring in the AEWA region; venue Bel Air Hotel
16 – 17 June	Sixth AEWA Standing Committee Meeting ; venue: LNV