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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAPACITY BUILDING WORK PLAN FOR 2012-2014

Summary

This document is a progress report on activities related to Implementation of the Capacity Building Work Plan for 2012-2014 since StC40.

The development and implementation of CMS Capacity Building Strategy contributes to:

- Resolution 10.6: CMS Capacity Building Strategy
- Resolution 10.7: Outreach and Communication
- Resolution 10.9: Future Shape
- Resolution 10.18: Guidelines on the integration of Migratory Species into NBSAPs

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(Prepared by the UNEP/CMS Secretariat)

Introduction

1. UNEP/CMS Resolution 10.6, CMS Strategic Plan Objective 3 (target 3.1) and Objective 4 (targets 4.5 and 4.7) as well as CMS Future Shape Mandate 13.2 request the Secretariat to work with the Standing Committee, the Scientific Council and Secretariats of the CMS Family instruments and their scientific and/or advisory bodies in developing tools that would strengthen the capacity of CMS instruments.

2. The Capacity Building Work Plan for the triennium 2012-2014 aims at identifying capacity building needs of Parties and the CMS Family instruments and further addressing them through various capacity building activities, encouraging exchange of resources, experience and information among all stakeholders and partners as well as guiding decision-makers to create and maintain successful conservation of migratory species at national and international level.

3. In order to address the identified capacity building needs of the National Focal Points (NFPs) for CMS Family instruments, comprehensive tools (CMS Family Manual and an interactive e-community platform) as well as complementary training workshops have been designed. The main objective of developing learning tools and delivering supplementary training is to strengthen the capacity of National Focal Points for CMS Family instruments, which in turn should strengthen the national institutions responsible for managing the conservation of migratory species.

4. The above-mentioned activities are implemented through a participatory, bottom-up approach by giving targeted Member States the opportunity to reflect the actual needs of the region. With respect to the technical capacity, the knowledge concentrated among the advisory bodies of CMS and its instruments is utilized. The progress of the activities will be monitored and the activities carried out will be evaluated.

5. The implementation of these activities has been made possible through a generous contribution by the European Commission-Directorate General Environment and UNEP under the Thematic Programme for Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources including Energy (ENRTP) Strategic Cooperation Agreement (SCA). These activities are being implemented under the project name of *Effective Implementation of CMS, AEWA and Other CMS Family Instruments through Capacity Building during the Period 2012-2014*.

Further information on the project deliverables

6. The project deliverables are being implemented as planned. The development of the CMS Family Manual and the outline of an interactive e-community platform have been completed. The tools aim to support the CMS Family NFPs by providing information on how to contribute more effectively to the implementation of the CMS Family instruments. As an

additional but external activity to this project the interactive e-community platform will be implemented as a part of the CMS Family Website project (see UNEP/CMS/StC41/16.1).

7. To address the priorities of the European Commission as donor, supplementary training workshops will be organized mainly for the African region. Depending on the availability of additional funding, further training workshops will possibly be held in the other regions, such as Asia and Latin America.

8. In addition and in order to provide some direction to Parties of CMS Family and Range States, guidelines on the Integration of Migratory Species into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) have been prepared. These guidelines, http://www.cms.int/bodies/COP/cop10/docs_and_inf_docs/doc_27_guidelines_nbsap_e.pdf have been circulated and presented in different occasions to all CMS National Focal Points and members of other MEAs in order to share information and promote the use of the guidelines when revising the NBSAPs.

9. The status of the remaining project deliverables can be found below:

Deliverables	Completed by
1. CMS Family learning tools designed (CMS Family Manual and outline for the interactive e-community platform).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed (7/2013)
2. Selected CMS Family National Focal Points trained in their roles and responsibilities with the support designed learning tools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q3-Q4/2013
3. Improved knowledge on waterbird and wetland conservation and improved capacity for training at the national level by the trained personnel. (Two TOTs to be delivered by AEWA).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First one completed (5/2013) Second one to be completed by Q1/2014
4. Enhanced participation of National Focal Points of CMS from the Africa region in the COP11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q3/2014
5. Enhanced participation of National Focal Points of CMS from the Latin America region in the COP11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q3/2014

Action requested:

The Standing Committee is invited to:

- Note the progress made and advise the Secretariat where necessary in its implementation of Capacity Building in this inter-sessional period.
- Encourage the CMS Standing Committee members, in their capacity as regional representatives, to work closely with national focal points in their regions dealing with

biodiversity-related MEAs, including CBD and CITES, to ensure they play a proactive role and liaise with their counterparts for further consideration on the integration of measures to conserve migratory species into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and national implementation of national biodiversity targets and plans.

Annex

This Annex gives further details on the implementation status of the CMS Capacity Building Work Plan 2012-2014 that is embedded in the project *Effective Implementation of CMS, AEWA and Other CMS Family Instruments through Capacity Building during the Period 2012-2014*.

I. CMS Capacity Building Work Plan 2012-2014

1. Development of National/Regional Capacity Building Training Programmes			
<i>Objective: Strengthening institutional capacity of the NFPs to implement CMS instruments</i>			
Activities undertaken	Responsibility	Methodology and expected (M&EO) outcome	Implementation status
1.1 Needs Assessment conducted	CMS Sec., NFPs, other relevant partners	Tools, such as surveys and questionnaires to identify prioritized training needs/requirements designed. Respective CMS Family NFPs and other partners' responses collected and analyzed.	Completed and reported at StC40
1.2 Clarified objective for specific training	CMS, NFPs	Binding constraints and gaps impeding from effectively implementing the CMS instruments identified from the collected feedback; Objective for specific training clarified and target group for training identified.	Completed and reported at StC40
1.3 Tailor-made training programme designed for different partners	CMS Sec.	Training programme with different modules and tools designed together with a facilitator according to the needs assessments vis-à-vis the CMS Capacity Building Strategy.	To be implemented Q3-Q4 2013
1.4 Tailor-made training programmes conducted	CMS Sec.	Trainings conducted with respective NFPs/other participants.	To be implemented Q3-Q4 2013
1.5 Progress on training programme monitored and impact evaluated	CMS Sec., NFPs	Tools, such as surveys and questionnaires to assess the impact of the training designed. NFPs' responses collected and analyzed.	To be implemented Q3-Q4 2013
1.6 Follow up tailor-made trainings designed	CMS Sec.	Possible follow up measures undertaken. Subject to the results recorded by M&EO.	To be implemented Q3-Q4 2013

2. Development of CMS Family Manual			
<i>Objective: Enhancing the Impact of Capacity Building Activities</i>			
Activities undertaken	Responsibility	Methodology and expected outcome	Implementation status
2.1 Working group on CMS Family Manual formed	CMS Family Sec., NFPs, ScC, StC and other relevant partners	The main content of the CMS Family Manual agreed by the working group and assessment of the CMS Manual's target group conducted.	Completed and reported at StC40
2.2 Surveys conducted on the items to be included in the CMS Family Manual	CMS Sec, NFPs, other relevant partners	Surveys providing suggestions, ideas and themes by the NFPs and other partners to be included in the manual. Content for the CMS Family Manual further developed.	Completed and reported at StC40
2.3 CMS Family Manual designed	CMS Sec.	According to the information obtained, the CMS Family Manual is designed to cater for the intended purposes.	Completed 07/2013
2.4 Tailored training of trainers (ToT) workshops conducted for different CMS partners	CMS Sec, NFPs, ScC, StC	Following an assessment on the target groups for the ToT, in order to ensure effective information dissemination, ToT workshops are designed and conducted.	To be implemented Q3-Q4 2013 (see above no. 1)
2.5 Regular dialogue carried out in order to guarantee satisfactory results on both ends	CMS Sec, NFPs, ScC, StC and other relevant partners	Enhanced dialogue between different partners to ensure CMS Family Manual caters for the intended purposes.	To be implemented Q4 2013 onwards
2.6 Progress monitored of the utilization of CMS Family Manual and impact evaluated of the activity	CMS Sec., NFPs	Surveys developed and assessments conducted on the progress and impact evaluated of the activity.	To be implemented Q4 2013 onwards
3. Improving the Assessment of the Progress and Impact of Capacity Building Activities			
<i>Objective: Monitoring and Evaluation of National Implementation of Capacity Building Activities</i>			
Activities undertaken	Responsibility	Methodology and expected outcome	Budget
3.1 Capacity Building activities' progress monitored and impact evaluated	CMS, NFPs	Tools designed, such as surveys and questionnaires to assess the progress and impact. Responses of respective NFPs and possible other partners collected and analyzed.	budget on-going