

**2nd Meeting of Range States of the
Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivore Initiative (ACI2)**

Entebbe, Uganda, 1 – 4 May 2023

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

(As at 30 April 2023 / Prepared by the CITES and CMS Secretariats)

Summary:

Please note that some documents may be revised, and new documents may be added before or during the Meeting. Therefore, it is advised to regularly check the website for any such revisions or additional documents.

MEETING SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Monday, 01 May	Tuesday, 02 May	Wednesday, 03 May	Thursday, 04 May
08.00-09.00 Registration	08.30-09.30 Report-back to Plenary from Session 3 & 4 group discussions		
09.00-11.00 Session 1 09.00 START OF MEETING I. Opening of the Meeting, Organizational Matters, and Context of the Meeting	09.30-10.30 Session 5 III. Species-specific conservation: <i>Cheetah and African Wild Dog</i>	09.00-11.00 Session 9 III. Species-specific conservation: <i>Leopard (cont.)</i>	08.30-10.30 Session 13 III. Species-specific conservation: <i>Lion (cont.)</i>
11.00-11.30 Coffee/Tea Break	10.30-11.00 Coffee/Tea Break	11.00-11.30 Coffee/Tea Break	10.30-11.00 Coffee/Tea Break
11.30-13.00 Session 2 II. The ACI Programme of Work and its implementation	11.00-13.00 Session 6 III. Species-specific conservation: <i>Cheetah and African Wild Dog (cont.)</i>	11.30-13.00 Session 10 III. Species-specific conservation: <i>Leopard (cont.)</i>	11.00-13.00 Session 14 IV. Future of the ACI – Modus Operandi, Priorities, and Funding
13.00-14.00 Lunch Break	13.00-14.00 Lunch Break	13.00-14.00 Lunch Break	13.00-14.00 Lunch Break
14.00-16.00 Session 3 II. The ACI Programme of Work and its implementation (cont.)	14.00-16.00 Session 7 III. Species-specific conservation: <i>Cheetah and African Wild Dog (cont.)</i>	14.00-16.00 Session 11 III. Species-specific conservation: <i>Lion</i>	14.00-16.00 Session 15 IV. Funding and partnership options
16.00-16.30 Coffee/Tea Break	16.00-16.30 Coffee/Tea Break	16.00-16.30 Coffee/Tea Break	16.00-16.30 Coffee/Tea Break
16.30-18.00 Session 4 II. The ACI Programme of Work and its implementation (cont.)	16.30-18.00 Session 8 III. Species-specific conservation: <i>Leopard</i>	16.30-18.00 Session 12 III. Species-specific conservation: <i>Lion (cont.)</i>	16.30-17.30 Session 16 IV. Funding and partnership options (cont.) Closing Agenda Items 17.30 END OF MEETING

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Monday, 01 May 2023

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments / Expected Outcomes
08.00-09.00	Registration		
09.00-11.00	Session 1 Opening of the Meeting, Organizational Matters, and Context of the Meeting		
	Opening Remarks and Introductions	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening remarks by the Secretary General of CITES, Ms Ivonne Higuero, and the Executive Secretary of CMS, Ms Amy Fraenkel. Welcome remarks by the Hon. Col. Tom R. Butime, Minister of Tourism Wildlife & Antiquities, Uganda
	Election of Chair	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair is elected.
	Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Schedule	CITES-CMS/ACI2/Doc.1 Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda and meeting schedule are adopted.
	Setting the context of the meeting & reporting Background, objectives and modus operandi of the meeting	CITES-CMS/ACI2/Inf.2 Rules of Procedure - CITES CITES-CMS/ACI2/Inf.3 Rules of Procedure - CMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariats highlight Objectives and Modus operandi of the meeting, and status of the ACI.
11.00-11.30	Coffee / Tea break		
11.30-13.00	Session 2 The ACI Programme of Work and its implementation		
	ACI POW overview	CITES-CMS/ACI2/Inf.7 ACI Programme of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariats present a summary of the ACI POW.
	Update on CITES COP19 Decisions	CITES-CMS/ACI2/Doc.2 Updates to and Prioritization of Activities in the Programme of Work of the Joint CITES- CMS African Carnivores Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CITES Secretariat introduces a revised version of the ACI POW with suggestions to include mandates arising from CITES CoP19.

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		CITES-CMS/ACI2/Inf.4 CITES Decisions from CoP19	
	Stocktake of activities contributing to the broader implementation of the ACI POW	CITES-CMS/ACI2/Inf.1 Stocktake Questionnaire on Implementation of the ACI Programme of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariats present key outcomes of the stocktake survey on ACI POW implementation by Range States Presentations by selected Range States and partners on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures on (illegal) trade: Discussions and outcomes of the Big Cats Taskforce meeting with the CITES Secretariat
13.00-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-16.00	Session 3 The ACI Programme of Work and its implementation (cont.)		
	Stocktake of activities contributing to the broader implementation of the ACI POW (cont.)	As above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transboundary cooperation on big cats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The KAZA Carnivores Coalition, introduced by Dr Nyambe Nyambe of the KAZA Secretariat, Zambia, and Zimbabwe Security challenges in the WAP-complex presented by Niger, followed by a panel discussion of Benin and Burkina Faso (tbc)
	Prioritization of tasks and actions of the ACI POW	CITES-CMS/ACI2/Doc.2 Updates to and Prioritization of Activities in the Programme of Work of the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariats introduce a methodology for the prioritization of ACI POW Results. Range States will work in regional subgroups to prioritize the ACI POW Results.
16.00-16.30	Coffee / Tea break		
16.30-18.00	Session 4 The ACI Programme of Work and its implementation		
	Prioritization of tasks and actions of the ACI POW (cont.)	As above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range States will continue to work in regional subgroups to prioritize the POW Results.

Tuesday, 02 May 2023

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08.30-09.30	Report-back to Plenary from prioritization exercise		
09.30-10.30	Session 5 Species-specific conservation: Cheetah and African Wild Dog		
	Stocktake of activities contributing to the implementation of the ACI POW: Cheetah and African Wild Dog	No document CITES-CMS/ACI2/Inf.10 RLA Cheetah, CITES-CMS/ACI2/Inf.11 RLA Wild Dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IUCN provides an overview on Cheetah conservation activities, the Range-wide Programme and short updates on Red List Assessments IUCN provides an overview on African Wild Dog activities and short updates on Red List Assessments
	Southern African Cheetah Strategy (incl. African Wild Dog)	CITES-CMS/ACI2/Doc.3 Conservation of the Cheetah (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>) and African Wild Dog (<i>Lycaon pictus</i>) under the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative (ACI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of the regional strategy by Zambia. Presentations on Cheetah and Wild Dog conservation activities in Angola, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
10.30-11.00	Tea / Coffee Break		
11.00-13.00	Session 6 Species-specific conservation: Cheetah and African Wild Dog (cont.)		
	East African Cheetah & African Wild Dog Strategy	As above – Annex 2 Cheetah & African Wild Dog Conservation For Eastern Africa - Strategy Document CITES-CMS/ACI2/Inf.8 Regional Conservation Strategy For The Cheetah And African Wild Dog In Eastern Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of the regional strategy by Tanzania. Presentations on Cheetah conservation activities in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, and South Sudan.

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	North, West & Central African Cheetah & African Wild Dog Strategy	As above – Annex 4 Cheetah & African Wild Dog Conservation For North, West And Central Africa - Strategy Document As above – Annex 3 Regional Conservation Strategy For The Cheetah And African Wild Dog In West, Central And North Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the regional strategy by a Range State – Niger • Presentations on Cheetah conservation activities in Algeria, Benin, Chad, Niger
12.00-13.00	Subregional Working Groups on African Cheetah and African Wild Dog		
13.00-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-16.00	Session 7 Species-specific conservation: Cheetah and African Wild Dog (cont.)		
	Report-back to Plenary from Subregional Working Groups on African Cheetah and African Wild Dog	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by Rapporteurs
	North-East African Cheetah	As above – Annex 1 <i>Report on the Situation of the Cheetah Acinonyx jubatus soemmerringii in the Horn of Africa</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by IUCN and presentations by Range States (tbc)
	Conclusions and Recommendations on the Cheetah and African Wild Dog	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions and recommendations are agreed.
16.00-16.30	Coffee / Tea break		
16.30-18.00	Session 8 Species-specific conservation: Leopard		
	Stocktake of activities contributing to the implementation of the ACI POW: Leopard	No document CITES-CMS/ACI2/Inf.12 RLA Leopard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN presents a short update on the Red List Assessment.

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	Discussion on the Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa (RCLA)	CITES-CMS/ACI2/Doc.4 Conservation of the Leopard (<i>Panthera pardus</i>) under the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative (ACI) Annex: Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopard in Africa (RCLA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Roadmap process, status and options of further use.

Wednesday, 03 May 2023

Time	Agenda	Relevant Documents	Comments/Expected outcomes
09.00-11.00	Session 9 Species-specific conservation: Leopard (cont.)		
	West African Leopard Conservation	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to West Africa Leopard survey: Presentation by Panthera • Panel West Africa: Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Nigeria (tbc)
11.00-11.30	Coffee / Tea break		
11.30-13.00	Session 10 Species-specific conservation: Leopard (cont.)		
	Southern African Leopard conservation	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Southern African Leopard survey presented by Panthera and perspectives from South Africa and Zimbabwe (tbc)
	Leopard conservation across Africa	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties' perspectives regarding their needs for Leopard conservation across Africa with Angola, Burundi, Congo Brazzaville, Gabon, Uganda (tbc)
	Conclusions and Recommendations on the Leopard	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions and recommendations are agreed.
13.00-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-16.00	Session 11 Species-specific conservation: Lion		
	Stocktake of activities contributing to the implementation of the ACI POW: Lion	No document CITES-CMS/ACI2/Inf.13 RLA Lion CITES-CMS/ACI2/Inf.14 RLA Lion Suppl. Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN presents a short update on the Red List Assessment.
	Discussion on the Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa (GCLA)	CITES-CMS/ACI2/Doc.5 Conservation of the Lion (<i>Panthera leo</i>) under the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative (ACI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by the Secretariats to the process, status and options of further use of the Guidelines. • Discussion of the Guidelines by the Range States

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	Lion Monitoring Guidelines African Lion Database		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Monitoring Guidelines by the Endangered Wildlife Trust and Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia (tbc) • Introduction of the African Lion Database by the Endangered Wildlife Trust and Rwanda (tbc)
16.00-16.30	Coffee / Tea break		
16.30-18.00	Session 12 Species-specific conservation: Lion (cont.)		
	Non-detriment findings	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Non-detriment findings (NDFs) by the CITES Secretariat and IUCN • Presentation on the Lion NDFs by Zambia (tbc) • Q & A session

Thursday, 04 May 2023

Time	Agenda	Relevant Documents	Comments/Expected outcomes
08.30-10.30	Session 13 Species-specific conservation: Lion (cont.)		
	Conservation of the Northern Lion in Africa	CITES-CMS/ACI2/Doc.5 Conservation of the Lion (<i>Panthera leo</i>) under the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative (ACI) Annex 2: Spatially Explicit Strategic Action Plan for the Recovery of the Northern Lion in Africa 2023-2027 - Part B: Spatially Explicit Conservation Action Plan (SECAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Spatially Explicit Conservation Action Plan (SECAP) by IUCN. • Presentations by Senegal and Benin on Lion restoration projects (tbc).
	Conclusions and Recommendations on the Lion		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions and recommendations are agreed.
10.30-11.00	Coffee / Tea break		
11.00-13.00	Session 14 Future of the ACI – Governance, Funding, and Partnership Options		
	Discussion of a governance and administrative structure including options for a funding mechanism for ACI POW implementation	CITES-CMS/ACI2/Doc.6 Administration of the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of governance options and funding mechanisms.
	Science's contributions to the implementation of the ACI POW	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by WildCRU of the University of Oxford.
	IUCN's Human Wildlife Conflict and Coexistence Guidelines	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by IUCN and plenary discussions on Range States' perspectives.
13.00-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-16.00	Session 15 Future of the ACI – Governance, Funding, and Partnership Options		
	Coexistence initiative: Living With Big Cats	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by WWF / Panthera.

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	Considerations on Animal Health and the ACI	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) (tbc).
	IUCN SOS collaboration with the ACI	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by IUCN SOS.
	Lion Recovery Fund	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Wildlife Conservation Network.
	Cooperation with other institutions and existing campaigns	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of other funding options and partnerships and panel discussion with Range States and partnering institutions (tbc).
16.00-16.30	Coffee / Tea break		
16.30-17.30	Session 16		
	Future of the ACI – Governance, Funding, and Partnership Options (cont.) and closing agenda items		
	Future of the ACI – Governance, Funding, and Partnership Options continued	CITES-CMS/ACI2/Doc.6 Administration of the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range States agree on governance options.
	Any other business	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants may raise other matters.
	Meeting outcome summary and concluding remarks	No document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the meeting outcomes.

MEETING CLOSURE: 17.30