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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE TASK
FORCE ON RECONCILING SELECTED ENERGY SECTOR DEVELOPMENTS WITH
MIGRATORY SPECIES CONSERVATION**

(Bonn, Germany, 14 – 15 September 2017)



The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, through the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) were recognized as Champion Plus for their generous support and commitment towards Reconciling Energy Sector Developments with Migratory Species Conservation for the period 2015-2017. The Energy Task Force has been funded with the contribution granted by Germany under the Migratory Species Champion Programme.



2nd Meeting of the Task Force on Reconciling Selected Energy Sector Developments with Migratory Species Conservation *Bonn, Germany, 14-15 September 2017*

Executive Summary of the Outcomes of the Meeting

The 2nd Meeting of the CMS Task Force on Reconciling Selected Energy Sector Developments with Migratory Species Conservation (the Energy Task Force) was held from 14-15 September 2017. It was attended by over 30 participants, including representatives from national governments across Africa, the Middle East and Europe, the private sector, international financial institutions, the Secretariats of AEW, CMS and EUROBATS, and civil society organizations.

The meeting provided an opportunity to welcome four new members to the Energy Task Force – Saudi Arabia, EUROBATS, the Africa Sustainable Energy Association and WindEurope – and to introduce the new Energy Task Force Coordinator, Mr Edward Perry (BirdLife International). Mr Jürgen Friedrich reaffirmed Germany's support for the initiative, announcing that the German Government would continue to fund the Energy Task Force for a further three years.

The first objective of the meeting was to review progress of the Energy Task Force and CMS Parties to reconcile energy developments with migratory species conservation. The participants reported and discussed progress on implementing the activities outlined in the [Energy Task Force work plan](#) adopted at the first meeting. Some of the activities completed since the previous meeting included the development of an [information package](#) on relevant tools and guidelines for integrating conservation considerations into energy developments; a [side event](#) held at the UN climate change meeting in Bonn; an analysis of [2014 and 2017 CMS national reports](#) to assess efforts taken by Parties to implement CMS [Resolutions 7.4](#), [7.5](#), [10.11](#) and [11.27](#), and a global analysis of the impact of renewable energy developments on birds and bats, the results of which were presented at the meeting by Mr James Pearce-Higgins (British Trust for Ornithology).

The second objective of the meeting was to exchange experience, lessons learned and information on ongoing or planned initiatives. National case studies on implementing CMS Resolutions and relevant guidelines were presented by Mr Andreas Klepke (Germany), Mr Nana Kofi Adu-Nsiah (Ghana), Mr Stephen Manegene (Kenya), Mr Mohammed Shobrak (Saudi Arabia) and Mr Constant Hoogstad (South Africa). Mr Adamczyk (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development) presented on actions taken by EBRD to avoid or mitigate the impact of electricity

power grids and renewable energy projects on migratory birds, and some of the issues that can arise. Mr Chris Edeh (Africa Sustainable Energy Association) and Ms Mihaela Dragan (WindEurope) provided case studies and perspectives from the energy industry. The Energy Task Force members were joined by guest presenters Mr Agustin Riopérez (DTBird&DTBat) and Mr Miguel Repas Goncalves (STRIX), who presented remotely on mitigation technologies such as radar-assisted shutdown on demand for wind turbines. The presentations will be made available on the [meeting website](#).

The third objective of the meeting was to identify priorities for future work of the Energy Task Force, and opportunities for collaboration. The meeting considered the niche of the Energy Task Force, as well as opportunities for improving internal and external communications, and strengthening networks. Ms Karin Sinclair (IEA Wind Task34) provided a presentation on the work of IEA Wind Task34 (WREN) and potential synergies with the Energy Task Force. Participants also discussed and made recommendations on [research gaps and priorities](#), based on a paper and presentation prepared by James Pearce-Higgins (BTO) and the Coordinator. The 2017-2018 work plan was revised and Members agreed to extend the timeframe of the work plan to 2020.

Mr Constant Hoogstad (South Africa) was appointed as the new Chair of the Energy Task Force, and Mr James Pearce-Higgins (British Trust for Ornithology) as the Vice-Chair.

The Energy Task Force agreed that the 3rd meeting would be held in the second half of 2018. The location and specific date will be confirmed later in 2017.