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Wednesday 9 June			
All Day	Delegates arrive in Bonn Registration of Delegates	Fact Sheet	http://www.cms.int/species/siberian_crane/sib_7th_meeting.htm
Thursday 10 June	Day 1		
08.15-08.45	Heads of Delegations Meeting		This brief 30-minute meeting will discuss <i>inter alia</i> chairmanship of the meeting, rules of procedure, opening statements, meeting flow and other organisational matters
08.30-09.00	Registration of Delegates		
Morning 09.00-13.00	Agenda items 1.0 – 6.0		Coffee break from 10.30 – 10.45
09.00-9.15	1. Welcoming remarks		Representatives of the City of Bonn, CMS Secretariat and the International Crane Foundation (ICF) will provide some introductory remarks.
9.15–9.20	2. Election of officers		The meeting will be invited to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from among the representatives of the Signatory States in attendance. Expected outcome: Chairpersons are elected.
9.20-9.30	3. Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule	Provisional Agenda UNEP/CMS/SC-7/1/Rev.2	The meeting will be invited to agree informal rules of procedure. The meeting will also be invited to review the provisional agenda

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		Provisional Annotated Agenda UNEP/CMS/SC-7/2/Rev.5 List of documents UNEP/CMS/SC-7/3 Provisional List of participants	and schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. The documents list for the meeting will be introduced. A provisional list of participants will be circulated to collect any additional information/updates. Expected outcome: Informal rules of procedure agreed; agenda and meeting schedule adopted; document list introduced; provisional list of participants circulated and updated.
9.30-9.45	4. Opening statements		Representatives of the Signatories may wish to make brief opening statements (no more than 2-3 minutes) to indicate <i>inter alia</i> any support or assistance (financial or in-kind) their country has provided or intends to provide towards the MoU's implementation. Collaborating organisations that have signed the MoU will also be invited to make short (2-3 minute) interventions. NOTE: It is <i>not</i> envisaged to have presentations of national activities at this stage of the meeting.
	5. Report of the Secretariat		
9.45-9.50	5.1 Status of signatures	Report of the Secretariat UNEP/CMS/SC-7/4/Rev.1 Status of signature to the MoU UNEP/CMS/SC-7/Inf/2	The meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat's brief report concerning the status of signatures and recruitment efforts. Organizations meeting the criteria listed in Document 4 will be invited to express their interest in signing the MoU in the future as a collaborating organization. Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the Secretariat's report; potential collaborating organisations express their interest to sign the MoU.
9.50-10.00	5.2 List of designated competent authorities and national focal points	Report of the Secretariat UNEP/CMS/SC-7/4/Rev.1 List of administrative and technical focal points as of 2010 UNEP/CMS/SC-7/Inf/5	The meeting will be invited to consider a provisional list of officially designated administrative and technical national focal points and provide any updated information. Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the updated list of officially designated administrative and technical national focal points.
	6. Review of MoU and Conservation Plan implementation		

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10.00-10.30	6.1 Conservation status of Siberian Cranes within the agreement area	<p>Overview Report UNEP/CMS/SC-7/5</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/SC-7/Inf.8 UNEP/GEF SCWP brochure “Saving Wetlands across Eurasia: Inspired by the Siberian Crane</p>	<p>ICF will introduce the section of the Secretariat’s Overview Report addressing the conservation status of the Siberian Crane (<i>Grus leucogeranus</i>) for the eastern, central, and western populations. Signatories, collaborating organisations and observers will be invited to contribute their comments. Conclusions will be drawn.</p> <p>Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the Secretariat’s Overview Report; additional information and guidance on how it could be improved if necessary; information shared on the conservation status of the three populations of <i>Grus leucogeranus</i>.</p>
10.45-11.30	6.2 Overview of the UNEP/GEF Siberian Crane Wetlands Project achievements and lessons learned	UNEP/GEF SCWP Final Report	<p>ICF will present report on achievements and lessons learned under UNEP/GEF SCWP in support of Siberian Crane, migratory birds, protected area management, and flyway conservation goals. This is relevant to the status of implementation of the Conservation Plans and planning of future activities.</p> <p>Expected outcomes: Final outcomes and lessons learned from the UNEP/GEF project are shared with participants.</p>
11.30-12.00	6.3 Status of MoU implementation	<p>Overview report UNEP/CMS/SC-7/5</p> <p>The “Lily of Birds”. A Journey to Help the Most Unique and Endangered of Cranes UNEP/CMS/SC-7/Inf.9</p>	<p>ICF will introduce a summary of the information received and available as of 24 May 2010 with regard to the status of the MoU and Conservation Plans’ implementation.</p> <p>Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the Secretariat’s Overview Report.</p>
12.00-13.00	6.3 (cont.) Status of MoU implementation (Range States: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, India)	<p>Country reports UNEP/CMS/SC-7/Inf/7.X</p> <p>Template of presentations</p>	<p>The Siberian Crane Range States and MoU partners will be invited to make brief verbal reports (no more than 15 minutes each) to share (a) highlights on their Siberian Crane-related activities in support of the MoU and Conservation Plans’ implementation, (b) major problems/gaps in their implementation and (c) their priority activities for the next 3 years. The MoU signatories have been provided with a Power Point presentation template (5-6 slides), to assist them in compiling their brief presentations.</p> <p>The meeting will be invited to consider how best to measure progress under the MoU and Conservation Plans and, in particular, whether the Overview Report’s present format is appropriate.</p> <p>Finally, the meeting will be invited to provide guidance on whether additional tools are necessary to implement the MoU and</p>

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			<p>Conservation Plans in order to achieve desired conservation and management outcomes for the Siberian Crane, keeping in mind that the draft Conservation Plans for 2007-2010 will be discussed and finalized under agenda item 8.5.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Information shared on the status of MoU and Conservation Plan implementation within the agreement area and at national levels; confirmation that activities are underway nationally; implementation gaps by country and possible means to fill gaps are identified; country-level priorities for the next 3 years identified; suggestions provided on how best to measure progress under the MoU and Conservation Plans and the extent to which the present Overview Report format is appropriate or needs to be improved; guidance given on whether additional tools are needed to implement the MoU and Conservation Plans.</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch break		
Afternoon 14.00-18.00	Agenda items 6.3 (continued.), 7.1 and 7.2		Working coffee break from 16.30-16.45 (people get up, take what they need, and return to conference table).
14.00–16.30	6.3 (cont.) Status of implementation (Range States: Iran, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Russia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, ICF , WI, CBCC)		Expected outcome: As above.
	7. Future implementation and further development of the MoU and Conservation Plans		
16.45-17.15	7.1 Responding to hunting along the Siberian Crane flyways and its impact on waterbird populations	Hunting along the Siberian Crane Flyways and its impact on waterbird populations UNEP/CMS/SC-7/8	<p>ICF will present a draft strategy/options paper on how the MoU might seek to address hunting challenges, especially in W/C Asia. This is viewed as a prerequisite for the successful reintroduction of the species in this region, with benefits to many other waterbird species.</p> <p>Expected outcome: The meeting will be informed about possible strategy/options for addressing hunting challenges, especially in W/C Asia. Some discussion of the options is expected, leading to suggestions for inclusion in the conservation plans and possible development of new initiatives under the framework of the MoU.</p>

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17.15-18.00	7.2 Challenges of the Siberian Crane reintroduction to West/Central Asia	Article by Sadeghi Zadegan et al. "Western flyway of the Siberian Crane (<i>Grus leucogeranus</i>): further releases of captive-reared birds in Iran"	Russian and Iranian delegates will present reports on reintroduction activities and challenges. The meeting will be invited to comment and make suggestions. Expected outcome: The meeting will be informed about reintroduction challenges. Some discussion of the options is expected, leading to suggestions for inclusion in the conservation plans and possible development of new initiatives under the framework of the MoU.
18.00-19.00	Meeting of the interim WCASN-SC Site Network Review Working Group	Any new WCASN sites proposals for review from countries	The interim WCASN-SC Site Network Review Working Group was established by the Meeting to Endorse the Proposed Western/Central Asian Site Network for the Siberian Cranes (and other waterbirds), Almaty, 19 May 2007. The interim Working Group will meet to review officially nominated sites for the WCASN-SC Site Network Venue: Main meeting room
Evening 19.00-20.00	Dinner		
Friday 11 June	DAY 2		
Morning 09.00-13.00	Agenda Items 7.3 (continued), 7.4 and 7.5		Coffee break from 10.30 – 10.45.
09.00-09.30	7.4 Future activities under Western/Central Asian Site Network for the Siberian Crane and Other Waterbirds (WCASN-SC)	Report on WCASN for 2007-2009 UNEP/CMS/SC-7/9 Draft WCASN Action Plan 2010-2012 UNEP/CMS/SC-7/7 Atlas and Bibliography on CD	ICF will give an update on the development of the WCASN. Range States that have responded to the Secretariat's 22 January 2010 letter and nominated their sites will be invited to provide comments on their nominations. WCASN-SC Site Network Review Working Group will report on deliberations on any reports received, as well as plans for nominations during the coming triennium. Report on country activities at network sites under small grants under SCWP and future goals, website improvements on WCASN, SC atlas/GIS. Evaluate options to develop WCASN further through new flyway level initiative connected with CAF.

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			<p>Expected outcome: WCASN site list and plans for nominations during the coming triennium endorsed by the meeting. Draft Action Plan for WCASN sites. Development of activities under the framework of the MoU for inclusion in the conservation plans.</p>
09.30-09.45	<p>8. Future funding of MoU activities</p>		<p>ICF will provide overview and lead discussions on funding needs. Funding opportunities such as increased country support, international trust fund, hunting proposals, and GEF proposals will be explored.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Funding needs and options identified for consideration in Conservation Plans.</p>
10.00 -13.00	<p>9. Conservation Plan (2010-2012) development</p>	<p>Draft CPs for each flyway working group based on country reports received (to be provided just prior to this session)</p>	<p>Participants will split into three flyway level working groups corresponding to the three Siberian Crane populations to discuss specific activities and priorities for their populations. A draft flyway level conservation plan (in the structure of the Conservation Plan Template) will be distributed to each group, instructions will be given; working group members will be identified; a facilitator, reporter, and timekeeper will be identified for each WG.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Each working group revises draft flyway level conservation plans for each population. Comprehensive lists of activities for 2010-12 developed for all 3 populations along with corresponding priorities defined.</p>
13.00-14.00	<p>Lunch Break</p>		
14.00-16.00	<p>9. Conservation Plan (2010-2012) development (continued)</p>		
	<p>7.5 Relationship with other processes and initiatives</p>		
16.15-16.30	<p>7.5.1 East-Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership</p>		<p>A short presentation on the EAAFP will be given. Building cooperative links between the EAAFP and the MoU, including the development and implementation of the East Flyway Conservation Plan will be discussed.</p> <p>Expected outcomes: Delegates are aware of the objectives, scope and operational procedures of EAAFP, and its relation to the MoU.</p>

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16.30-16.45	7.5.2 Central Asian Flyway		<p>The CMS Secretariat will summarise the status of the CAF Action Plan and the establishment of the interim coordination mechanism. Building cooperative links between the CAF Action Plan and the MoU, including the development and implementation of the Conservation Plans for the Siberian Crane's West and Central Flyways, will be discussed.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Delegates are aware of the current status of the CAF Action Plan and interim coordination mechanism.</p>
16.45-17.00	7.5.3 African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement		<p>The AEWA Secretariat will update on activities under AEWA related to MoU conservation goals including Wings over Wetlands (WOW) project and hunting issues.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Possibilities for cooperation with MoU on flyway conservation.</p>
17.00-17.10	7.5.4 World Migratory Bird Day		<p>The AEWA Secretariat will present the World Migratory Bird Day initiatives <http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/> and its goals. The meeting will discuss how the MoU and the UNEP/GEF SWCP could make a contribution to the event.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Possibilities for coordination of MoU activities with the World Migratory Bird Day activities are identified.</p>
17.10-17.40	7.5.5 Integration of MoU with Regional Flyway Programmes		<p>Based on the presentations under previous relevant agenda items, the meeting will review options/possibilities of integration of the MoU with regional flyway programmes.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Options for more efficient administration of MoU through more effective integration with regional flyway programmes explored.</p>
17.40-18.00	7.3 Updating reporting and information management		<p>The National Report format was approved by the signatories at MoU6. The meeting will be invited to provide feedback on its usefulness, to discuss any difficulties encountered, and suggest any needed revisions.</p> <p>The reporting database will be presented and plans for its further development including reporting system will be discussed.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Refinement of the national report format; guidance provided on the reporting database.</p>

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19.00-20.30	Reception		Hosted by the City of Bonn
Saturday 12 June	DAY 3		
Morning 09.00-13.00	Agenda item 9 (continued)		Coffee break from 10.30 – 10.45.
09.00-13.00	9. Conservation Plan (2010-2012) development – Flyway level working group reports		Presentations of completed conservation plans on future activities by flyway discussion groups. Meeting participants endorse the revised conservation plans. Expected outcome: Conservation plans endorsed by meeting.
13.00-13.45	Lunch Break		
Afternoon 14.00-17.00			Coffee break from 16.00-16.15.
14.00-14.10	10. Next meeting of the Signatories		The Signatories will be invited to consider the desirability of continuing to hold future stand-alone MoU meetings. Financial implications will be considered. The frequency of meetings and a possible date for the next meeting of the Signatories will be discussed. Finally, expressions of interest to host the next MoU meeting will be considered, along with any other pledges for financial or in-kind support. Before scheduling the next meeting, the participants will consider relevant meetings scheduled for 2012-2013, to avoid conflicts or to use the opportunity to hold back-to-back meetings. Expected outcome: Recommendations made on whether the next meeting should be a stand-alone meeting; cost implications noted; the general frequency of MoU meetings considered; tentative date set for the next meeting of the Signatories and any expressions of interest to host the next meeting reviewed welcomed along with any other pledges for financial or in-in-kind support.

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14.10-14.40	11. WCASN Dedication Ceremony for newly nominated sites	Certificates Updated list of WCASN sites	Presentation on newly nominated or proposed sites
14.40-16.15	12. Conclusions: Discussion of meeting outcomes and confirmation of next steps		Presentation on key outcomes for review and endorsement by participants. Expected outcome: Endorsement of outcomes. Outstanding issues identified as well as any follow-up actions required
16.15-16.30	13. Any other business		The meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other issues not covered under the former agenda items. Expected outcome: Other issues discussed and decisions are made in regard of those.
16.30-17.00	14. Closure of meeting		
19.00-20.00	Dinner		
20.00-21.00	Informal discussions on Siberian Crane activities around the distribution range		
Sunday 13 June	Departure of delegates and Internal Meeting of the ICF and CMS		
Sunday 13 June – Monday 14 June	Excursion to Weltvogelpark, Walsrode		Cracid & Crane Breeding and Conservation Center
Monday 14 June – Tuesday 15 June	Departure of meeting participants		